Policy areas influencing urban water management

- Global shocks
- Economic development
- Climate change
- Demographic changes
- Urbanisation
- Food insecurity

Water risks

- Water pollution
- Competition over water allocation
- Ageing or missing infrastructure
- Water borne diseases
- Floods
- Droughts
- Access to water and sanitation

Obstacles to water governance

- Fragmentation of municipal authorities
- Lack of staff
- Lack of funding
- Low level of investment
- Competing water uses
- Incomplete, fragmented data
- Lack of policy coherence
- Weak basin governance
- Weak public procurement processes
- Weak enforcement
- Low citizen awareness
- Political interference
- Lack of conflict resolution mechanism

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Nouakchott, Mauritania

Population (in million)

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National and local policy frameworks

National level
- Dedicated national water and sanitation policy indicating goals, duties and resources
- Recognition of the UN right to Water and Sanitation

Local level
- Existence of a dedicated water and sanitation policy
- Minimum amount of water guaranteed to the population
- Social measures on water and/or sanitation for vulnerable categories

Transparency and accountability mechanisms

- Clear procurement process

Forward-looking strategies

High
- Build capacity of officials and stakeholders
- Build, operate or maintain water infrastructure
- Foster cooperation with cities and/or national government
- Raise citizen awareness on water risks
- Enhance stakeholder engagement
- Catalyse water financing
- Develop legal or regulatory frameworks

Medium

Low