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GRoW – Water as a Global Resource Final Conference

Welcome Note

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WATER AS A GLOBAL RESOURCE

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Challenges & Perspectives for Global Water Resources

Challenges

- Worldwide increasing water demand and overexploitation of water resources
- Lacking access to water and sanitation
- Pollution of water resources
- Extreme weather events, climate change



Perspectives

- Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies
- Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals



BMBF Sustainability Research

FONA Strategy „Research for Sustainable Development“

New research strategy:

- SDGs of Agenda 2030 as guiding principles
- Three strategic targets, eight areas of action, 25 actions
- Four cross-cutting issues (digitisation, transfer, international cooperation, research infrastructure)

Funding Priority

„Sustainable Water Management“ (NaWaM)

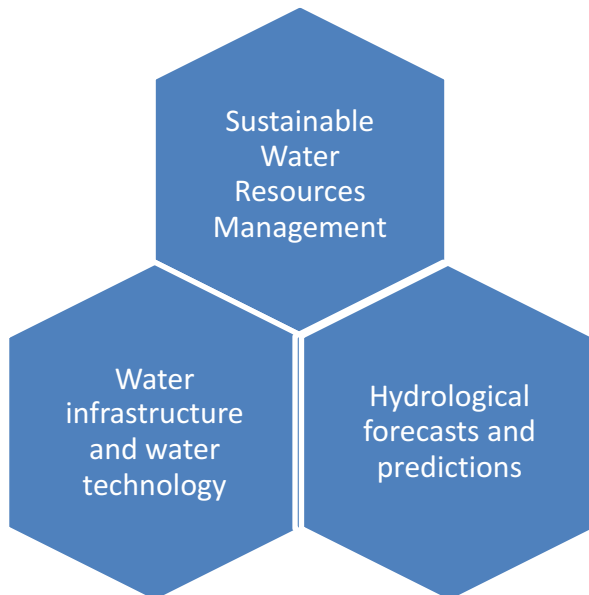
Upcoming Program

„Water Science for Sustainability - WASSER:N“

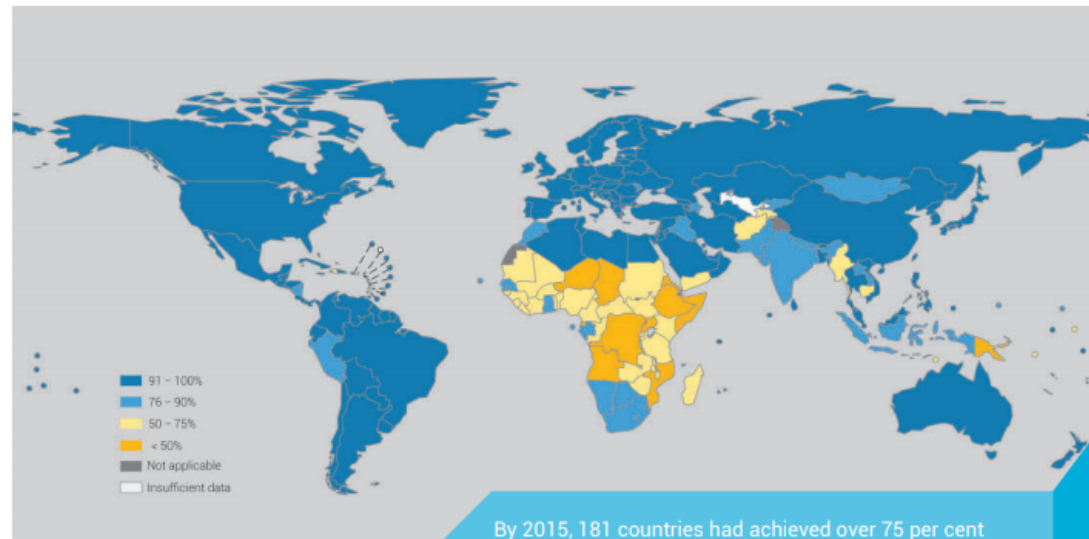


Water Security in Africa (WASA)

- New research program “Water Security in Africa - WASA” developed jointly by German ministries and African Partners as result of a Round Table of the German Government
- Multi-Phase-Concept, with an initial phase to promote co-design
- BMBF Call-for-proposal in preparation, targeting southern Africa as the first focus region



Proportion of population using at least basic drinking water services in 2015



Source: WHO and UNICEF (2017a).

By 2015, 181 countries had achieved over 75 per cent coverage with at least basic drinking water services.

**Let's look forward to an
inspiring conference!**

