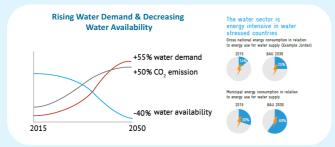
Linking Water and Climate:

Greenhouse Gas Reductions in the Water Sector



THE CHALLENGE

Limiting climate change to 1,5°C requires substantial reductions in greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) in all sectors. The urban water sector shows under-recognized opportunities to reduce carbon emissions, mitigate climate change and contribute to the successful implementation of the Paris Agreement through increasing the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) of supporting countries.



Global demand for water will increase by **55% by 2050**, while water availability will decrease by **40%**. While the water sector has to cope with the impacts of climate change, it also contributes to **3-5%** of global CO₂e from energy consumption as well as methane and nitrous oxides emissions from wastewater treatment processes. If no appropriate measures are implemented, emissions could increase by at least **50%**.



Urban water cycle and mitigation measures

The project uses a circular perspective on water management and considers all components of the urban water cycle from water supply, wastewater to reuse of water.

WHERE ARE WE WORKING?

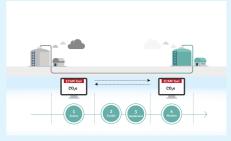


WaCCliM is pioneering GHG reductions in the water sector in Mexico, Thailand, Peru and Jordan. The programme offers utilities a roadmap to achieve energy and carbon neutrality.



Climate neutral water utilities

Wacclim ROADMAP



The Energy Carbon performance and carbon emissions Assessment and Monitoring Tool (ECAM Tool), a carbon footprint tool for water and wastewater utilities is a cornerstone to the roadmap. ECAM helps utilities understand their energy usage and total GHG emissions at system-wide level (water supply and wastewater.

THE IMPACT

A carbon neutral urban water sector would contribute up to 20 percent of the 4 Gto CO_2e of the NDCs being committed by countries. This carbon reduction contribution can be put into motion through working with utilities in emerging economies, where emissions are the highest due to a large portion emissions are the highest due to a large portion of untreated or poorly treated sewage, as well as poorly managed sewage sludge. Based on GHG emission reduction and cost effectiveness measures were prioritized that can lead to a total of ~ 10,000 t CO_2e/a GHG reduction per year in the three cities.

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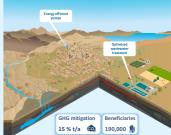
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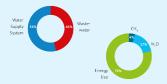
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Global Warming Potential of the urban water cycle in San Francisco del Ricon, Mexico

Benchmarking the Carbon footprint can become a powerful tool to enhance climate mitigation measures in the water sector



Climate proofing utilities and advancing implementationn of SDGs & NDCs



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