



Theme: Nature for Water

World Water Day (22 March) is a day to raise awareness and inspire action to tackle water and sanitation issues. Every year, UN-Water proposes a theme for World Water Day corresponding to a current or future challenge. The theme sets the focus for the World Water Development Report launched annually on 22 March.

This year's theme – Nature for Water – explores how we can use nature to overcome the water challenges of the 21st century. It will show the potential of nature-based solutions for water and how they can be considered for water management policy and practice.

Environmental damage, together with climate change, is driving the water-related crises we see around the world. Floods, drought and water pollution are all made worse by degraded vegetation, soil, rivers and lakes.

When we neglect our ecosystems, we make it harder to provide everyone with the water we need to survive and thrive.

Nature-based solutions have the potential to solve many of our water challenges. We need to do so much more with 'green' infrastructure and harmonize it with 'grey' infrastructure wherever possible. Planting new forests, reconnecting rivers to floodplains, and restoring wetlands will rebalance the water cycle and improve human health and livelihoods.