

Guidance Note on the Development of Action Plans to Ensure Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation

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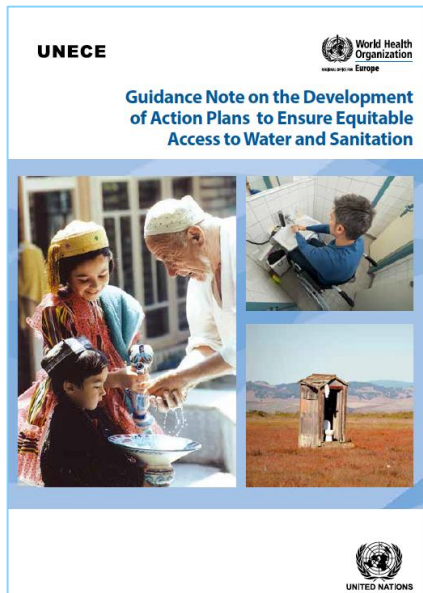
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Rationale and benefits of developing an action plan



- * Translates the findings of the self-assessment exercise to actions to mitigate inequalities
- * Assists the progress towards international commitments
- * Can serve as a basis for attracting funding for achieving access

Content of an equitable access action plan

- * **Objectives**
- * **Brief diagnostic of the situation and priority areas for action**
- * **Policy context** (Overview of relevant policy objectives, policy processes and sectoral strategies)
- * **Priority measures and related cost** (high priority, short/long term measures, for ex. legal and institutional reforms, targeted investments, capacity building...)
- * **Opportunities of integrating priority measures** in existing plans, programmes and projects
- * **Implementation arrangements, including timelines** (Responsible / supporting stakeholders)
- * **Mapping potential funding sources** (User contributions, national public funding, international financial support)

Process of developing an action plan

1. Identification of one or two **leading government agencies**. Key candidates would be the agency leading the implementation of the Protocol and the agency responsible for water and sanitation.
2. Set up of an **inter-sectoral** working group, based on participants in the self-assessment exercise and supported by a national consultant.
3. Engage a broader number of contributing agencies and **stakeholders** through bilateral consultations and requests for information.
4. Draft the Action Plan.
5. Organize a **consultation** workshop.
6. Develop the final version of the Action Plan.