



# Reliable, Resilient, Sustainable and Smart Water in the Urban Water Cycle

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# Global Network for Water Professionals spanning the continuum of research and practice, and covering all aspects of the water cycle

10,000 members in 140 countries

**50 Specialist Groups** 

WATER RESEARCH

A Journal of the International Water Association

14 Journals

40 books/year

Biennial Congress with nearly 10,000 participants



Over 30 conferences/year with over 50,000 participants

Leading edge technologies and best practices



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#### **IWA SPECIALIST GROUPS**



- Advanced Oxidation Process
- Anaerobic Digestion
- Biofilm
- Chemical Industry
- Diffused Pollution and Eutrophication
- Disinfection
- Efficient Urban Water Management
- Ground Water Restoration and Management
- Health Related Water Microbiology
- Hydroinformatics
- Institution Governance and Regulation
- Instrument Control and Automation
- Lake and Reservoir Management
- Membrane Technology
- Metals in Water

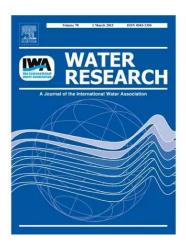
- Microbial Ecology and Water Engineering
- Modelling and Integrated Assessment
- Nano and Water
- Nutrient Removal and Recovery
- Odours and Volatile Emissions
- Rainwater Harvesting
- Sludge Management
- Small Water and Wastewater System
- Strategic Asset Management
- Tastes Odours and Algae Toxin
- Urban Drainage
- Water Loss
- Water Safety and Planning
- Water Reuse
- Wetland System for Pollution Control

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#### **IWA PUBLISHING**

# the international water association

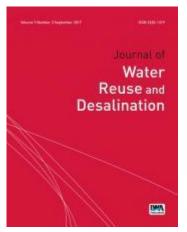
#### 14 journals in IWA

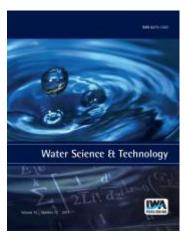


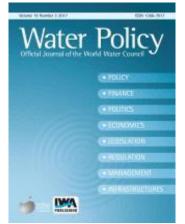
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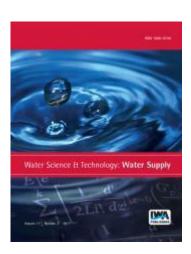
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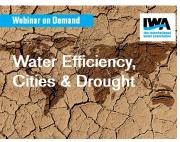
#### **IWA LEARN**



- Learning Hub
  - 238 courses and webinars
  - Courses collected from 22 countries.





















# IWA will help the water sector navigate through a period of rapid change



Global Change and Resilience: adaptative approach



Circular Economy: Resource mindset

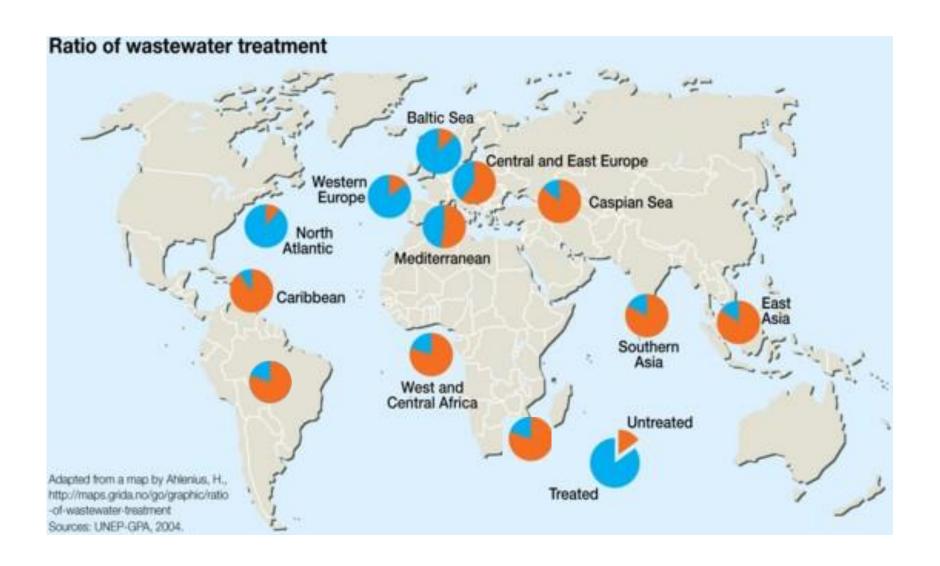


Digital & Innovation: distributed thinking



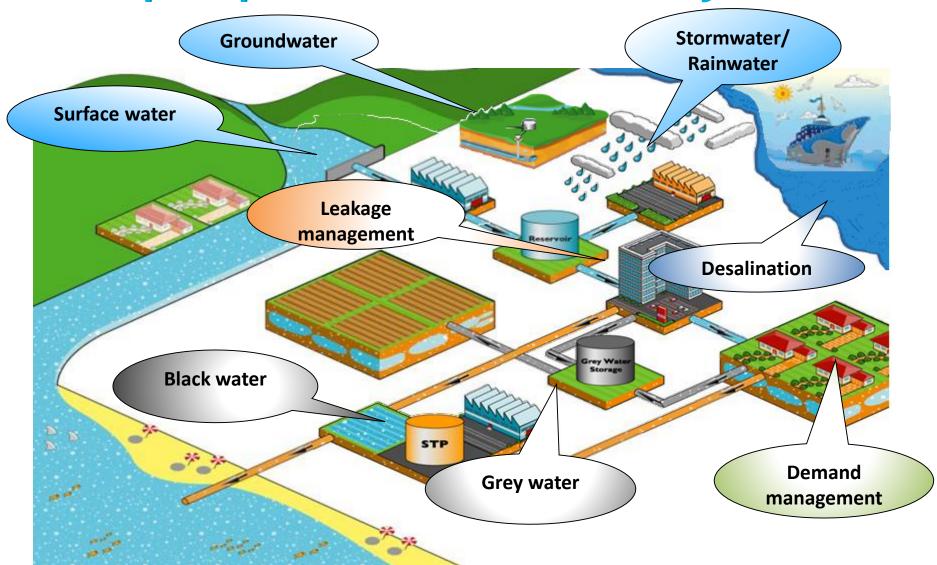
## the challenges

## 85% of wastewater is **NOT** treated



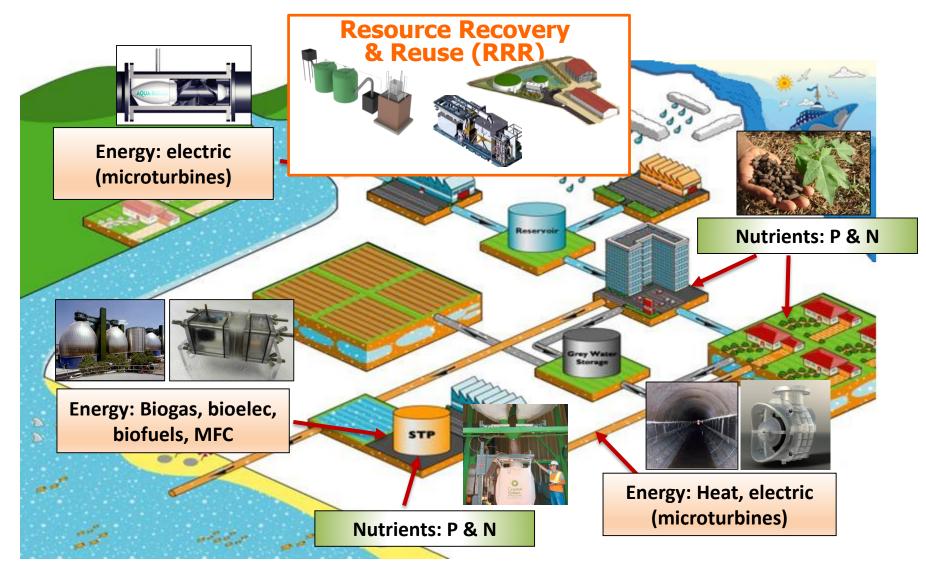
# productive use of water

We need to have a systems perspective of the water cycle



# waste as a resource

# Changing our perspective creates opportunity to do things differently



# digital water programme

## **Digital Water Programme – Journey so far**

Digital additions to the Source (Aug 2018)

IWA World Water Congress (Sep 2018)

Digital Water Programme (Dec 2018) Digital
Water
Programme
Steering
Committee
(Feb 2019)

Digital Water whitepaper (ongoing)











## Moving forward – Digital Water Programme

Activate Steering Committee (Mar 2019)

Launch whitepaper (Jun 2019)

Workshop @ Water and Development Congress (Dec 2019)

Webinar series (2019/2020)

Digital Water Summit (2019/2020)







**IWA Learn** 



## **DWP Steering Committee**

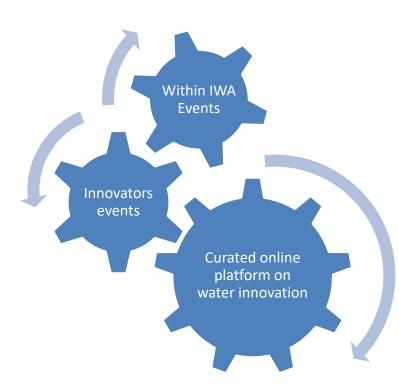


- Water utilities as users of digital water technologies,
- Water technology, and Software & Communication technology companies as digital solution providers
- Water consultancies as strategic partners for utilities,
- IWA Specialist Groups influencing or being influenced by the digital water agenda,
- Research and network institutes with expertise on the development of smart solutions for water utilities.

# innovation programme and platform

# Innovators Platform: planned engagement pathways

- Series of events that integrate the traditional boxes of innovators in 'supply' (e.g. tech. companies/ academic/ financiers) and demand (e.g. water utilities)
- An online platform that provides curated information on innovation
- Highlighting and promoting innovations from IWA specialist groups
- Beyond technology also society, financers, regulators....



Key is converting information  $\rightarrow$  intelligence  $\rightarrow$  insight

# IWA Innovators Platform: the journey so far

IWA World Water Congress (Sep 2018)

Innovators Platform (Nov 2018) Identification of events (Dec 2018)

Guidance paper

– working with

YWPs

(ongoing)

Tokyo- 2018





IWA events



## Innovators Platform Moving forwards

Set-up steering committee (Apr 2019)

Innovator platform events (Sep-Oct 2019) Forum @ Water and Development Congress (Dec 2019)

Innovator platform events (2020) Online platform (2020)











# Innovators Platform: *events in 2019*

| Event   | Date   | Location              |
|---|--|-----------------------|
| Stockholm World Water Week - Co-convening seminar on Innovation with IDB  | Aug. 25 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> 2019      | Stockholm,<br>Sweden  |
| IWA Innovators Conference on Sustainable<br>Wastewater Treatment and Resource Recovery:<br>(Nutrient Recovery SG)                   | Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> 2019     | Shanghai,<br>China    |
| IWA-IDB Innovators Conference on Sustainable Use of Water: Cities, Industry and Agriculture (Sustainability in the Water Sector SG) | Sept. 29 <sup>th</sup> - Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2019 | Guayaquil,<br>Ecuador |
| IWA Water and Development Congress – 1 day Innovators Platform Event  | Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> 2019        | Colombo,<br>Sri Lanka |

# Innovators Platform: proposed events for 2020

| Event /Topic                                 | Date   | Location                      |
|--|--|-------------------------------|
| Innovation in Regulations and Policy         | TBC  | Glasgow, UK                   |
| Decentralized sanitation                     | TBC  | Johannesburg,<br>South Africa |
| Utilities                                    | TBC  | USA/Canada                    |
| Innovative approaches for WWT plant upgrades | TBC  | Buenos Aires,<br>Argentina    |
| IWA World Water Congress                     | Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> 2020 | Copenhagen,<br>Denmark        |

# Utility performance management and transparency



## What is aquarating?





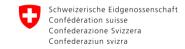
A comprehensive and reliable characterization and assessment system for urban water supply and sanitation management











## Objective I Transparency



# Bring transparency to the water sector



### Objective II Performance improvement

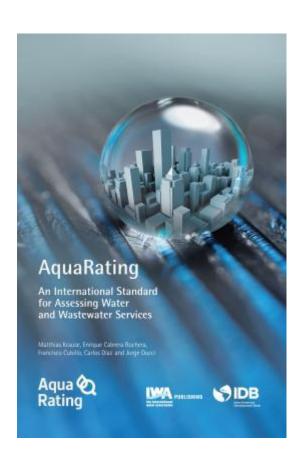




It is a system for improvement, as it builds a complete map of the Key aspects that characterize and determine the management of water and sanitation services

### **AquaRating Standard**





# Performance indicators Best practices Quality of the information

8 Evaluation Areas | 28 Sub-areas | 112 Assessment Elements | 60 Indicators
101 Variables | 52 Groups of practices | 381 Individual practices

**Service Quality** 

Access to Service

Business Management Efficiency

Operating Efficiency

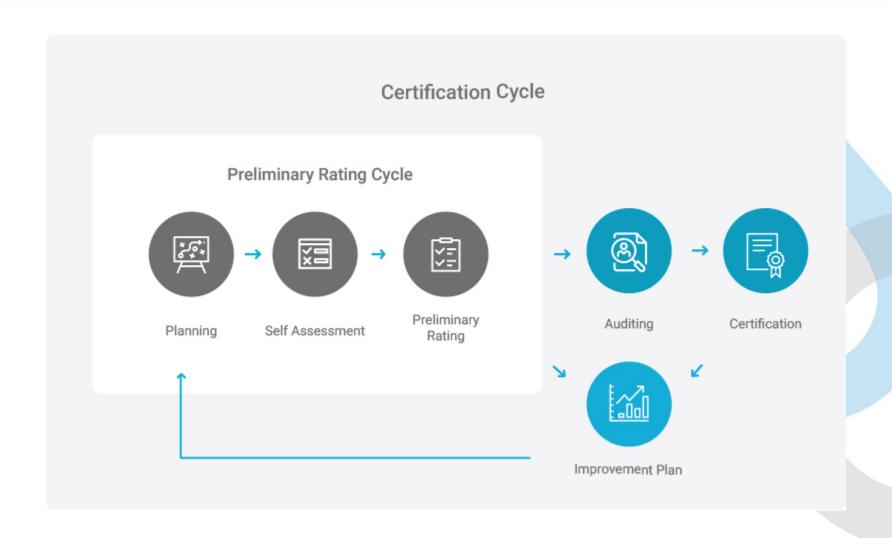
Efficiency in Investment Planning and Execution

Financial Sustainability **Environmental** Sustainability

Corporate Governance

### AquaRating assessment process





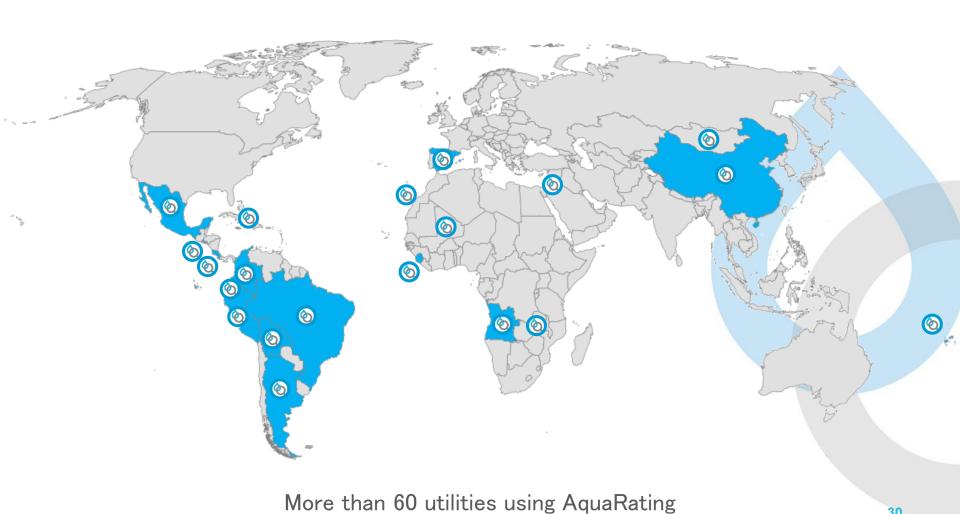
#### Outcomes for utilities



- Reputation and Recognition
- Baseline definition and management plan
- Risk management
- Relationships with stakeholders (municipalities, regulators, etc.)
- Comprehensive market intelligence (benchmarking)

## AquaRating implementation worldwide





# Water-Wise Cities



#### Three paradigm shifts:

- We have limited resources
   planetary boundaries, limited water
   availability in a catchment
- Cities are growing:
   city densification is both an opportunity
   for economic growth and a threat to
   liveability
- An uncertain future underlies the planning of our cities

4 Levels of Action



17 Principles for Water-Wise Cities

#### 1. Regenerative Water Services

- Replenish Waterbodies and their Ecosystems
- Reduce the Amount of Water and Energy Used
- Reuse, Recover, Recycle
- Use a Systemic Approach Integrated with Other Services
- Increase the Modularity of Systems and Ensure Multiple Options

#### 2. Water Sensitive Urban Design

- Enable Regenerative Water Services
- Design Urban Spaces to Reduce Flood Risks
- Enhance Liveability with Visible Water
- Modify and Adapt Urban Materials to Minimise Environmental Impact

#### 3. Basin Connected Cities

- Plan to Secure Water Resources and Mitigate
- Protect the Quality of Water
- Prepare for Extreme Events

#### 4. Water-Wise Communities

- Empowered Citizens
- Professionals Aware of Water Co-benefits
- Transdisciplinary Planning Teams
- Policy Makers Enabling Water-Wise Action
- Leaders that Engage and Engender Trust

#### 5 Building Blocks











Vision Governance Knowledge & Capacity

Planning Tools

Implementation Tools



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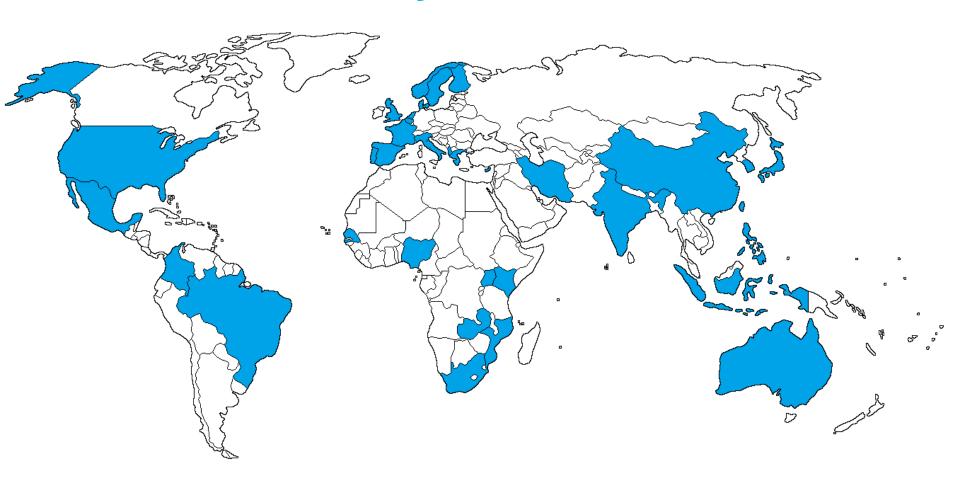
Vision

Governance

Knowledge & Capacity

Planning Tools Implementation Tools

## **Early Endorsers**



32 URBAN REGIONS HAVE ENDORSED



## Thank you!

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IWA-Connect Group: Cities of the Future