



WATER BEYOND BOUNDARIES

Water management is getting increasingly difficult. Growing demand and a changing climate are posing critical challenges for policy-makers, who must grapple both with an uncertain future and competing interests, ensuring enough water for people, cities, agriculture and ecosystems.



Through the **Water Beyond Boundaries initiative (WBB)**, SEI will lead new ways of thinking about sustainable water planning by reorienting the decision-making process to include three pillars of that respond to the local and global challenges of water management.

The Pillars



Water (Tele) Connections

Sustainable water management should reach beyond the watershed, with participatory processes based not only on place but also on impact.



Early ecosystem consideration:

Ecosystems should be considered from the beginning (early stages) in the water management and planning processes.



Multi-interest/scale participatory approaches

Water management should involve the people affected by decisions, recognizing and addressing power imbalances across scales.

The Needs



Water plays a central role in global sustainability agendas, requiring a more effective approach to management.



Water planning needs to consider human populations, economic activities, ecosystem processes and services across countries, regions, users interests and generations.



Conflicts exist at multiple relevant scales and dimensions, requiring a more holistic approach to water use and management.



Poverty alleviation and gender and social equity should be in the centre of every water management process.

The Regions



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