

# GUIDEBOOK

on the methodology for financial assessments to address climate change

**FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE WATER SECTOR**





## Characteristics of the water sector

- Climate change aggravates challenges of water availability, i.e. water shortage or flooding.
- Since watersheds and rivers do not know borders, the water sector requires international cooperation.
- Measures and activities planned in the water sector will have to be coordinated with neighbouring countries.

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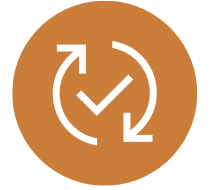
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## Step 1.



### Establish key parameters of the assessment.

- Define scope and boundaries for the assessment
- Define the institutional framework
- Specify the time horizon for the assessment, matching the time horizon of national target being assessed
- Specify base year (latest year with data available)
- Build on existing model/analysis/tracking system as applicable

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## Define boundaries for the assessment

### Scoping the water sector

- Can include:
  - Water supply
  - Demand (growth, management, sector)
  - Groundwater
  - Surface freshwater
  - Flood risk management
  - Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs)



## Define boundaries for the assessment

### Supply side and demand side water sector adaptation measures

#### Supply side

Prospecting and extraction of groundwater

Increasing storage capacity by building reservoirs & dams

Desalination of seawater

Expansion of rain water storage

Removal of invasive non-native vegetation from riparian areas

Water transfer

#### Demand side

Improvement of water-use efficiency by recycling water

Reduction in water demand for irrigation by changing the cropping calendar, crop mix, irrigation method, and area planted

Reduction in water demand for irrigation by importing agricultural products, i.e., virtual water

Promotion of Indigenous practices for sustainable water use

Expanded use of water markets to reallocate water to highly valued uses

Expanded use of economic incentives, including metering and pricing to encourage water conservation



## Define boundaries for the assessment

### Possible adaptation measures in the water sector

Type of measure	Adaptation measure
Increase freshwater supply	Extraction of groundwater
	Increase surface water storage capacity
	Desalination of seawater
Improve quality of freshwater supply	Forest protection, afforestation, reforestation...
	Improve wastewater collection and treatment
	Improve solid waste management systems
Improve efficiency of water use	Improve irrigation efficiency
	Alter crop type mix
	Water conservation improvements
Reduce damages of droughts and floods	Improve seasonal weather forecasting
	Construction of dykes
	Improve flood hazard mapping



## Select analytical approach

- Development of simple spreadsheets based on Excel sheets provided by this financial assessment methodology
- Building on existing transport models, tracking system, budget tagging as applicable
- Use sector projections/trends to determine projected demand & supply in the sector

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## Step 2.



### Compile historical IF, FF and O&M cost data, subsidy cost data (if included explicitly), and other input data for scenarios.

- Gather disaggregated IF and FF data on investment types (e.g. wind energy facilities, biomass fired power plant, etc.), investment entities and funding sources for 3-10 years in the recent past
- Gather socio-economic information (demographic development, economic development etc.) for 3-10 years in the recent past

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## Data sources

### Sources of data:

- Sectoral plans
- Development plans
- Energy sector/econometric models
- National budget tagging/tracking or transparency mechanisms
- Private sector reports
- GHG Inventories, National Communications etc.
- System of National Accounts (SNA), Systems of integrated environmental and economic accounts (SEEA)

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## Data collection

### Examples of IF and FF data disaggregation in each subsector

Category of investment entity	Source of IF and FF	Investment Type 1 (IF, FF, Total)	Investment Type 2 (IF, FF, Total)	Investment Type 3 (IF, FF, Total)	Total investment
Households	Domestic				
Corporations	Domestic				
	Foreign				
	Total Corporation Funds				
Government	Domestic				
	Foreign				
	Total Government Funds				

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## Data sources

### Data sources complementing national sources:

- AQUASTAT: Data & information on water resources and agricultural water management by country and region. Includes data on dams, irrigation system investment costs, and irrigated areas:  
<http://www.fao.org/nr/water/aquastat/main/index.stm>

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## Step 3.



### Define a baseline scenario.

- Define the physical basis for the baseline scenario
- **Baseline scenario:** description of what is likely to occur in the absence of **ADDITIONAL** policies to address climate change; expected socio-economic trends (e.g., population growth & migration, economic growth), technological change and expected business-as-usual investments in the sector.



## Define baseline scenario

- Characterizing each relevant electricity supply and electricity end-use subsector over the assessment period
  - Assuming no new climate change policies are implemented
- Baseline scenario reflects:
  - Current sectoral and national plans
  - Expected socio-economic trends
  - Expected investments in the subsectors



## Define physical basis for the baseline scenario

- Information should be disaggregated by:
  - Year (starting 10 years before the assessment's Base Year)
  - Source (by corporations & government)
  - Type (national funds, foreign direct investment, official development assistance)

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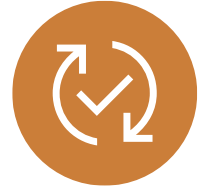
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## Step 4.



Identify the annual IF, FF and O&M costs, and subsidy costs (if included explicitly), for baseline scenario.

- Compile annual data, disaggregated by investment entity, funding source, investment flow type, financial flow type
- Calculate the **total IF and FF** in real, unannualized terms over the planning period
- Define **annual IF and FF** of the baseline scenario

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## Define and project annual IF and FF

Funding entity category	Source of funds	Cumulative IF and FF* 2025-2050 (billion 2025 \$)	
		IF	FF
Households	Domestic		
	Domestic equity		
Corporations	Foreign investment		
	Domestic debt		
	Foreign borrowing		
	Government support		
	Foreign aid (ODA)		
Government	Domestic funds (budgetary)		
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<b>Total</b>			

\*Irrigation channels (2025 \$/meter), water supply and sanitation systems (2025 \$/site)...

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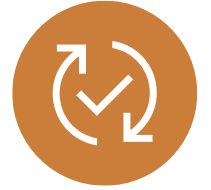
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### Define the target scenario.

- **Target scenario:** incorporates new and scaled-up measures to address climate change
- The target scenario should describe expected socio-economic trends, technological change, relevant measures to increase resilience and the expected investments in the water sector to implement those measures



## Adaptation options

- Investment flows and Financial flows into **adaptation** may include 5 different types of measure
  - **Prevention:** measures taken to prevent the negative effects of climate change & climate variability on water resources management.
  - **Improving resilience:** measures aim to reduce the negative effects of climate change & climate variability on water resources management by improving adaptive capacity; targets long-term development
  - **Preparation:** measures that aim to reduce the negative effects of extreme events on water resources management
  - **Response:** reactive measures that aim at alleviating the direct negative effects in the aftermath of extreme events
  - **Recovery:** aim at restoring the societal and natural system after an extreme event has taken place

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### Example adaptation options

<b>Prevention measures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prevention of urban development in flood-prone areas</li><li>• Development of water efficient methodologies in water-dependent sectors</li><li>• Afforestation to improve the retention of water or prevent landslides</li></ul>
<b>Resilience Measures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Changing agriculture to crops that are less water-demanding or salt-resistant.</li><li>• Tactical level: operate dams in such a way that sufficient water is retained in the wet season to balance for the water needs in the dry season</li></ul>
<b>Preparation measures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establishment of early-warning systems, emergency planning</li><li>• Awareness raising</li><li>• Increasing storage</li><li>• Demand management, technological development</li></ul>
<b>Response measures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establishment of safe drinking water &amp; sanitation facilities</li></ul>
<b>Recovery measures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Activities for the reconstruction of infrastructure</li></ul>



## Two approaches to define target scenario

- Approach #1: assume an end point for electricity supply emissions:
  - E.g. Set a target in 2030 for emissions from the electricity sector
- Approach #2: assume a set of technologies for electricity supply:
  - E.g. Articulate a set of technological options to meet future energy demand

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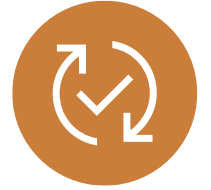
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## Project IF and FF of target scenario

<b>Facility/Technology</b>	<b>Cumulative infrastructure (2015-2030)</b>	<b>Unit cost</b>
Water resource protection	(# activities)	(2025 \$/activity)
Water supply network	(# meter of pipes)	(2025 \$/meter)
Sanitation – treatment plant	(# plants)	(2025 \$/plants)
River development	(# activities)	(2025 \$/activity)
<b>Total</b>		

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## Define and project annual IF and FF

		Cumulative IF and FF 2025-2050 (billion 2025 \$)	
		IF	FF
Funding entity category	Source of funds		
<b>Households</b>	Domestic		
	Domestic equity		
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**Calculate the changes in IF, FF and O&M costs (and in subsidy costs if included explicitly) needed to implement target scenario.**

- Subtract the annual IF and FF of the baseline scenario, by entity and funding source, from the annual IF and FF of the target scenario, by entity and funding source
- Sum incremental amounts over all years, by entity and funding source

**Step 7.** Calculate the changes in IF, FF and O&M costs (and in subsidy costs if included explicitly) needed to implement target scenario.



## Determine changes in IF and FF

IF and FF of target scenario  
**minus**  
IF and FF of baseline scenario  
**= Additional IF and FF**

- For each adaptation option the assessment must identify the additional IF and FF by source (national funds, etc.) throughout the assessment period to implement the national target being assessed.

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## Calculate incremental IF and FF

Funding entity category	Source of funds	Investment (billion 2025 \$)		
		Cumulative (2025-2050)		Incremental
		Baseline scenario	Target scenario	
<b>Households</b>	Equity & debt	Baseline value	Target value	Target minus Baseline value
<b>Corporations</b>	Domestic equity	...	...	...
	Foreign investment			
	Domestic debt			
	Foreign borrowing			
	Government support			
	Foreign aid (ODA)			
<b>Government</b>	Domestic funds (budgetary)			
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	<b>Total</b>	<b>Sum (Baseline)</b>	<b>Sum (Target)</b>	<b>Sum (Target minus Baseline)</b>

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### Identify policy implications.

- Identify the entities responsible for the significant incremental changes in investment and financial flows
- Determine the predominant sources of their funds
- Determine policy instruments and incentives to induce the required changes in investment and financial flows

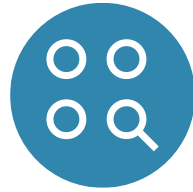


## Identify policy implications

- Identify entities responsible for the most significant incremental changes in investment and financial flows
- Determine the predominant sources of their funds
- Determine policy instruments and incentives to encourage changes in investment and financial flows
- International entities active in water cooperation:  
Asian Development Bank, World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction & Development

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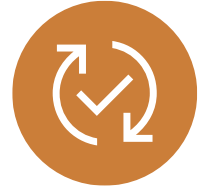
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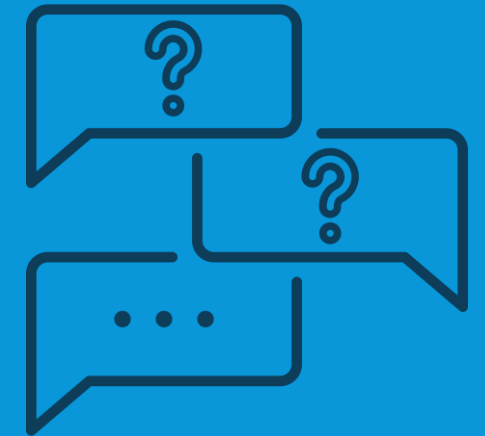


### Synthesize results and complete report.

- Reporting takes place throughout the assessment, does not start at the end of the assessment
- Capturing information and data, decisions and assumptions completely and transparently
- Ensuring credibility of the assessment and enabling follow-up on the assessment results
- The Reporting Guidelines contain key tables required. Excel spreadsheets are available to organize and calculate data.

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# Q&A Clarifications



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This methodology is an update to the first financial assessment methodology, which was released in 2009. The objective of this methodology is to support countries to implement their climate targets and to identify, reallocate, mobilize and manage the required financial resources and to create a fiscal framework conducive for climate action.

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