



# UNEP “Water Accounting & Efficiency Stocktaking” Workshop

WAFNE Component 1: Refinement and promotion of methodologies and tools for water accounting

## Tools for Business/Industry

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# UNEP and UN Global Compact

## **UNGC objectives:**

- Mainstream the ten principles – incl. environmental responsibility - in business activities around the world
- Catalyze actions in support of broader UN goals, incl. Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

## **UNGC participation benefits:**

e.g. “the opportunity to advance sustainability solutions in partnership with a range of stakeholders, including UN agencies, governments, civil society, labour, and other non-business interests”

## **UNGC core UN agencies:**

e.g. UNEP – guardian of the environment principles



# CEO Water Mandate

**A unique public-private initiative designed to assist companies in the development, implementation and disclosure of water sustainability policies and practices.**



The CEO Water Mandate

## 6 Focus Areas:

1. Direct Operations
2. Supply Chain & Watershed Management
3. Collective Action
4. Public Policy
5. Community Engagement
6. Transparency

**Endorsers** have responsibility to make water-resources management a priority, and to work with governments, UN agencies, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders to address this global water challenge.



# UNEP/ CEO Water Mandate Stocktaking Analysis on Water Accounting Methods & Tools

## Project:

Joint UNEP/ CEO Water Mandate Stocktaking Analysis on Water Accounting Methods and Tools as part of UNEP's umbrella project entitled "Water Footprint, Neutrality & Efficiency (WaFNE)"

## Role of Pacific Institute:

Develop stocktaking exercise that will map the state-of-play with regard to water accounting methodologies and supporting tools. The analysis will be finalised, published as a co-branded CEO Water Mandate-UNEP report by the end of March 2010.

## Role of UNEP:

Ensure coordination among this industry focused work and other stocktaking exercises focusing on financial entities and geographical locations.



# Stocktaking Analysis on Water Accounting Methods & Tools



- **Stocktaking exercise mapping the state-of-play with regard to water accounting methodologies and supporting tools**
- **Perceived need:** to align water, carbon and related footprinting initiatives
- **Purpose:** elucidate commonalities and differences among emerging methods and practice, to identify gaps and challenges, and to inform where water accounting methods might benefit from harmonization and increased field testing
- **Process:** to facilitate an objective assessment, the research methodology will emphasize an iterative and inclusive data collection and analytical evaluation process, whereby key stakeholders will be proactively engaged throughout the project
- **Approach:** to collect data, the research methodology will include reviewing current literature, interviewing key academics, industry representatives and practitioners in particular of water and carbon footprint and life cycle assessment tools, attending relevant water accounting gatherings, and collaborating with public agencies and non-governmental organizations working in the field



# Stocktaking Analysis on Water Accounting Methods & Tools

## Timetable of Project

Activity	Description	Target Date
1	Outline of the report on the stocktaking exercise mapping the state-of-play with regard to water accounting methodologies and supporting tools.	31 October 2009
2	Advanced draft of the report adding new information from the data collection and analytical evaluation process.	15 November 2009
3	i) Set up an open, public and internet-based review process of the advanced draft of the report. ii) Contribute to organization of a meeting in Paris to allow consultation by relevant stakeholders.	15 November 2009
4	Pre-final draft of the report.	15 December 2009
5	Preparing the final draft of the report.	31 January 2010
6	Printing and distribution of the report.	31 March 2010



# Your comments are welcome!



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## CORPORATE WATER ACCOUNTING

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