

## **‘Accelerating Gender Equality in the Water Domain’**

Achieving gender equality in the water domain is crucial in view of the global commitments enshrined in the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and in numerous other international gender- and water-related commitments.

Despite this, an extensive analysis carried out by UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP) and a dedicated working group composed of experts from UN Agencies and representatives of water agencies of Member States, universities and NGOs, including Women for Water, has shown that progress towards the realization of these global promises is off-track: gender inequalities in the water domain are deep and persist at all levels, implying serious repercussions on international efforts to the achievement of sustainable development.

Consequently, and in line with the UNESCO’s Gender Equality Priority, WWAP is facilitating a wide scale Call for Action (CfA) for “Accelerating gender equality in the water domain: Bridging the data gap and developing concrete actions”, and catalyse a “multi-stakeholder coalition” consisting of UN agencies, international and regional organizations, ODAs, Member States’ institutions, and civil society. The CfA initiative is being disseminated by the UNESCO regional/cluster offices, Chairs on water and gender, and the Water Family network. The Position Paper ‘Accelerating Gender Equality in The Water Domain – A Call for Action’, prepared by WWAP with the multi-stakeholder coalition, calls upon leaders and key decision-makers to break with business-as-usual, and ensure the swift implementation of concrete actions, including urgent gender-transformative strategies and evidence-based policies emanating from analysis of sex-disaggregated water data, and adequate financing.

**Women for Water supports this call for action wholeheartedly and request you join us!**