

# COP26 Water Pavilion

## Key Messages

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### **Water offers powerful climate solutions and can help us secure a 1.5 degree future.**

Water is vital to limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees, a key target of the Paris Agreement. Many greenhouse gas mitigation measures depend on the availability and abundance of clean water and healthy freshwater systems.

The water sector alone can eliminate 10% of global greenhouse gas emissions. More effective water management will also enable smarter climate adaptation. Revolutionising the way we use, store, distribute, and treat the world's finite amount of freshwater and investing in nature-based solutions, is key to reaching our climate goals.

### **Water resilience builds climate and socio-economic resilience.**

Climate impacts are often felt through water - whether it's too much water, too little water, or too dirty water.

Water, the blue thread that connects all ecosystems and sustains all life on Earth, is the foundation for sustainable development. Building climate-resilient and thriving communities, ecosystems, and economies is only possible with clean, reliable, and accessible water resources and healthy freshwater systems.

### **Building water resilience is crucial to climate justice.**

Forecasts show that the global demand for water will exceed supply by 40% by 2030. Local communities typically bear the brunt of water-related climate impacts and are often responsible for stewarding their water resources. However everyone - including governments, corporations and individuals - has a role to play in building a just, inclusive, and water-resilient future.

We must urgently increase and accelerate climate finance towards building water and climate resiliency to protect vulnerable communities on the frontlines of the climate crisis. Climate finance needs to flow to those who need it most.

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