The Interagency Water Working Group and the Global Water Strategy

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The Interagency Water Working Group

- The IWWG is the primary venue to discuss and coordinate international water policy within the U.S. Government

- The IWWG is chaired by the U.S. Department of State (DOS) and provides a venue for:
  - DOS to communicate water-related foreign policy goals and priorities to other federal agencies
  - Federal agencies to advise DOS on water-related issues
  - Facilitating issue- and initiative-specific discussions such as the Global Water Strategy or World Water Forum
Members of the Interagency Water Working Group

- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Army
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Defense (DOD)
- Department of Energy
- Department of the Interior
- Department of State
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC)
- Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC)
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
- National Park Service (NPS)
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- Office of Management and Budget (OMB)
- Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC)
- Department of the Treasury
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)
- U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)
- U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA)
- Among others…
The Global Water Strategy

• The Global Water strategy envisions a water-secure world where people and nations have the water they need to be healthy, prosperous, and resilient.

• U.S. Government will work with partner countries and key stakeholders to achieve four interrelated objectives:
  • Increasing access to sustainable safe drinking water and sanitation services
  • Protecting freshwater resources
  • Promoting cooperation on shared waters
  • Strengthening water governance and financing

• Reflects contributions from over 17 U.S. government agencies

• Implementation of the Global Water Strategy to be coordinated through the Interagency Water Working Group
Questions?