

WATER SECURITY

[The capacity of a population to safeguard sustainable access to adequate quantities of acceptable quality water for sustaining livelihoods, human well-being, and socio-economic development, for ensuring protection against water-borne pollution and water-related disasters, and for preserving ecosystems in a climate of peace and political stability.” This is the definition proposed by UN-Water to serve as a starting point for dialogue in the UN system. Discover on this infographic the key elements of water security, and the centrality of water to achieving a larger sense of security, sustainability, development and human well-being. UN-Water hence supports the inclusion of water security on the agenda of the UN Security Council and in the post-2015 development agenda as part of the Sustainable Development Goals.](#)

The work of the University covers the full water-use cycle, from source to reuse and disposal. Hydrology, hydraulics and treatment specialists at Dar Al-Handasah ensure that water is directed towards a range of purposes.

[Our engineers work side by side with planners and socio-environmental specialists, applying state-of-the-art technologies and years of practical experience. Our aim is to channel water's potential and enable communities to benefit from it.](#)

What is Water Security?

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Working definition, UN-Water, 2013



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Achieving water security requires collaboration across sectors, communities, disciplines and political borders, to reduce the risk of potential conflicts over water resources, between sectors and between water users or states.



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