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## Accelerating Partnerships to Deliver Smart Liveable Cities

### SDG17 as a Key to Urban Water Action

Water is crucial for the life and functioning of cities. Water's role in cities spans access to safe water and adequate sanitation, protection from flooding, and enjoyment of a healthy environment. **The International Water Association is convening a High-Level Summit to escalate action.** The result will be a powerful message to prompt cities to elevate water as they pursue their ambitions to create smart liveable cities for all.

Cities face growing challenges in meeting the needs and aspirations of their citizens. Population growth, increasing urbanisation and climate change add another level of urgency. With their 2030 deadline the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) require decisive action to address such concerns.

17 PARTNERSHIPS  
FOR THE GOAL



SDG17 marks a key role for partnerships in identifying, developing and delivering responses. Consensus and multi-stakeholder approaches support holistic solutions.

The **IWA Summit** will highlight **opportunities** for action that can help secure progress for cities. In particular, it will facilitate high-level contributions and debate around funding needs, governance, and the roles and input of stakeholders in shaping and sustaining smart liveable cities. These are vital aspects in which partnerships open up the possibilities for progress.

The Summit will inform and be carried forward in IWA's efforts to promote global best practice around water's role as a contributor to sustainable, resilient and liveable cities, ensuring a lasting legacy for the input of participants. The Summit sessions will explore cases and initiatives alongside informed debate.

**Cases** will be drawn from around the world to reflect the diverse needs and circumstances that exist.

**Debates** will integrate Ministerial, city and utility voices, as well as those of other partners such as academia and business.

The **International Water Association** is the leading organisation connecting the water sector professionals around the world who have a fundamental part to play in delivering action in this area.

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