

WATER SECURITY: ISSUES AND OPTIONS

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ABSTRACT

Water Security is basic to human security, fundamental to Green Economy and a key to sustainable human development. Natural, demographic and economic pressures on finite water resource are continuously bracing water economy, more seriously in developing countries, for a turbulent future. The task of fostering water security is not easy for there are no universally accepted definitions of concepts like water scarcity and water security. Moreover, as water is a basic human need as well as a critical resource; its valuation/pricing problem complicates the water resources management issue to a greater extent. The soft path of water resource management relies more on enhancing water productivity, wholehearted participation of stakeholders and adopting an appropriate technology.

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