Anticipated changes in climate: Diminished precipitation (often seasonal)			
Biophysical impacts	Socioeconomic impacts	Need for action	Options for adaptation to climate change
 Declining discharge from watercourses Phreatic decline Declining standing water levels Overall decline in availability of water and deterioration of water quality Progressive desertification and land degradation 	Insufficient drinking water and service water Overuse of existing water resources Decreasing food security due to lack of water and loss of cultivated land Increasing water prices Declining willingness to pay for deficient services Water conflicts	 Lack of know-how for developing additional water resources Lack of knowledge about options for the technically and economically efficient use of water resources and/or insufficient capacities for implementing the requisite measures Lack of political instruments, strategies and capacities for creating incentives to increase water productivity Large proportion of water losses in technical and economic terms (non-revenue water), which results in expensive water Lack of equal access to water for all sections of the population Lack of contingency plans and capacities for reacting to drought Lack of economic and social mechanisms for alleviating the detrimental effects of drought Lack of hydrological observation networks and monitoring / early-warning systems 	Coordination and sector-policy planning Knowledge management Ecosystem-based adaptation Adapted infrastructure Diversification of water resources Generation of added value from water resources Stakeholder dialogue and conflict management Proactive management of floods and droughts

Anticipated changes in climate: Increase in heavy rains and in the intensity of tropical storms			
Biophysical impacts	Socio-economic impacts	Need for action	Options for adaptation to climate change
 Flooding Landslides Overflowing cesspits and sewers, intrusion of wastewater into freshwater systems Soil erosion (mainly on slopes, river banks and seashores) Destruction of fish spawning grounds and other habitats 	Fatal casualties Displacement of poor population groups (informal settlements) Crop losses, less production and, hence, loss of income Loss of cultivated land Collapse of public water supply and infrastructure Contamination of drinking water, with resultant damage to health	 Lack of contingency plans Lack of capacities for implementing contingency plans Lack of flood forecasting and early warning systems Disregard for building regulations No climate-sensitive planning of infrastructure Deficient wastewater disposal and treatment Lack of insurance plans for income security Lack of capacities for interpreting climate-change data and scenarios Lack of hydrological observation networks and monitoring / early-warning systems 	Coordination and sector-policy planning Knowledge management Ecosystem-based adaptation Appropriate infrastructure Proactive management of floods and droughts

Anticipated changes in climate: Rising sea level			
Biophysical impacts	Socio-economic impacts	Need for action	Options for adaptation to climate change
 Altered coastlines and tidelines with associated flooding Soil erosion along altered coastlines Saltwater intrusion (groundwater, estuaries) Soil salinisation Rising water tables 	Deteriorating water quality with associated damage to health and increasing cost of water treatment Lack of drinking water and service water Crop loss, less production and, hence, loss of income Loss of cultivated land	 No climate-sensitive planning of infrastructure Lack of capacities for interpreting climate-change data and scenarios Lack of infrastructure for protection of human life and capital goods Deficient wastewater disposal and treatment Lack of insurance plans for income security No use of ecosystem services for better protection of coasts (mangroves) Lack of hydrological observation networks and monitoring systems 	Coordination and sector-policy planning Knowledge management Ecosystem-based adaptation Appropriate infrastructure Proactive management of floods and droughts

Anticipated changes in climate: Rising temperatures with more hot days and fewer cold days/nights			
Biophysical impacts	Socio-economic impacts	Need for action	Options for adaptation to climate change
Increasing evaporation from water bodies and reservoirs Increasing evapotranspiration Salinisation of near-surface groundwater Higher pathogen counts in water Melting glaciers More erosive rain instead of snow and, hence, increasing soil erosion (primarily on slopes, river banks and seashores)	Deteriorating water quality with associated damage to health and increased cost of water treatment Lack of drinking water and service water Overuse of existing water resources Decreasing food security due to lack of water and loss of cultivated land Increasing water prices Declining willingness to pay for deficient services Water conflicts	 Lack of know-how and capacities for developing additional water resources Lack of knowledge about options for the technically and economically efficient use of water resources and/or insufficient capacities for implementing the requisite measures Lack of political instruments, strategies and capacities for creating incentives to increase water productivity High water losses and high outlays for energy by water utilities, leading to expensive water Unfairly allocated access to water Lack of contingency plans and capacities for reacting to droughts Lack of economic and social mechanisms for alleviating damage Deficient disposal and treatment of wastewater No use of ecosystem services for increasing natural water storage capacities No climate-sensitive planning of infrastructure Infrastructure not planned in a climate-sensitive manner Deficient quality of (drinking) water treatment 	Coordination and sector-policy planning Knowledge management Ecosystem-based adaptation Appropriate infrastructure Diversification of water resources Generation of added value from water resources Stakeholder dialogue and conflict management

Anticipated changes in climate: Overarching aspects			
Biophysical impacts	Socio-economic impacts	Need for action	Options for adaptation to climate change
Uncertainty regarding changes in stimuli and results	Lack of experience and adequate behaviour patterns Difficult decision-making Lack of calculation parameters for infrastructural planning Difficult investment planning	 Lack of capacities for interpreting climate-change data and scenarios Lack of hydrological observation networks and monitoring systems Insufficient incorporation of local know-how in adaptation strategies Lack of information and education for decision-makers representing relevant institutions Lack of public awareness-raising Lack of capacities for dealing with uncertainty 	 Coordination and sector-policy planning Knowledge management Ecosystem-based adaptation Appropriate infrastructure