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The International Court of Justice Climate Change Advisory Opinion: A (Fresh)Water perspective

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Outline

- International Court of Justice (ICJ) Advisory Opinion (AO) and Water
- ICJ AO and implications on water multilateralism



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ICJ AO and Water

- What is the ICJ and what is an ICJ AO?
- What does the ICJ AO say?
- What are the practical consequences of the climate change ICJ AO?



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What does the ICJ AO say?

What do States have to do to protect the climate system?

Stringent due diligence and new fossil fuel related activities



What happens to States if they do not follow the law?

Compensation for climate change related damages



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ICJ AO and implications on water multilateralism

- Relationship with climate change COP process
- Relationship with the UN Water Conference and its six thematic dialogues
- Climate / water related litigation



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- (a) Water for people: the **human rights to water and sanitation**, including for those in vulnerable situations, for healthy societies and economies;
- (b) Water for prosperity: valuing water, **water-energy**-food nexus, advancing integrated and sustainable water resource management, wastewater and water-use efficiency across sectors, and economic and social development;
- (c) **Water for planet: climate**, biodiversity, desertification, environment, source to sea, resilience and disaster risk reduction;
- (d) **Water for cooperation**: transboundary and international water cooperation, including scientific cooperation, and inclusive governance;
- (e) Water in multilateral processes: Sustainable Development Goal 6, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and beyond, and global water initiatives;
- (f) Investments for water: financing, technology and innovation, and capacity-building.



Climate / water related litigation



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Conclusion: Now you know the [International] Law, Now you decide whether you follow it [International Law]....



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