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Since November 2015, Professor Stefan Uhlenbrook is the Coordinator of the UN World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP, UNESCO) and the Director of the Programme Office on Global Water Assessment in Perugia, Italy. Before that he worked at UNESCO-IHE as Professor of Hydrology (since 2005), Deputy Director (Vice-Rector) for Academic and Student Affairs (2000-2014) and Director a.i. (acting Rector; 2014-2015). He is also a Professor of Experimental Hydrology at Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands (since 2009).

Stefan's main expertise includes water assessments, hydrological process research, river basin modelling and water resources management. Many of his research and development projects have demonstrated the impact of global changes on water cycle dynamics in different hydro-climate regions in Africa and Asia. He is keen on translating science-based water knowledge to effective policies and strategies that contribute to environmental, economic and societal sustainability. Therefore, Stefan is involved in supporting Member States in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), particularly SDG 6 on Water and Sanitation. He is the coordinator of the UN-Water taskforce to produce the SDG 6 Synthesis Report (to be launched in May 2018) to inform the High-level Political Forum of United Nations about the status of SDG 6 and related policy perspectives.

Stefan did a MSc (1995, hydrology, statistics and soil sciences), a PhD (1999) and habilitation (2003) at the University of Freiburg, Germany. He worked at this university as assistant professor (2000-2003) and associate professor (2004) before he became full professor in Delft, The Netherlands.