

INCREASING WATER USE EFFICIENCY

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High water demand











Gap between withdrawal and water use



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Examples of existing policies and programs

Global

• Sustainable development goal 6.4.1.



Regional- European Commission

• The Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe.



CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

Local –Australia

 Making every drop count - water efficiency programs.



Local –Colombia

• National Policy for the IWMR- water efficiency programs



Local – Unites States

Promoting an efficient and sustainable water.



Local – United States

• Water efficiency programs.

Inefficient use of water





Farmers

Inefficient use of water

Water use



- High water demand
- Withdrawals vs water consumed





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Objective

Studying the limitations in our understanding of human behaviour underlying water use efficiency from contextual and behavioural factors.

Research question

What are the gaps in understanding the human behaviour underlying water use efficiency from contextual and behavioural factors, and how is human behaviour linked to these factors towards water use efficiency?



Literature review

- Factors and determinants of water use efficiency behaviour
 - Contextual factors
 - Behavioural factors
 - Stakeholders
 - Water users







- An holistic and systematic approach is required to assess factors, and evaluating and understand the linkages between water use efficiency, factors and human behaviour.
 - Isolated assessment of behavioural and contextual factors.
 - A lack of consideration for the influence of institutions on water efficiency.
 - The absence of a systematic method to understand WUE behaviour in terms of contextual and behavioural factors.





Conceptual model



This research proposes the conceptual model in order to:

(I) Connect contextual and behavioural factors .

(II) Represents the prior causaleffect relationships between water users and institutions.



Behavioural factors



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Contextual factors





Conceptual model





Conclusions

- The implementation of WUE is limited, mainly in some developing countries, due to the lack of an integrated framework encompassing major interacting factors driving the actions and behaviour of institution and users.
- The linkages between stakeholders are essential because each has an important role to play in making decisions and taking actions that affect water efficiency.
- The review of WUE presented here was motivated by the need to increase current knowledge and to understand better the human-environmental behaviour, specifically the relation between water use and human being.

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