

## EDITORIAL

**Water: Too wicked to govern?** The world is not on track to reach the Sustainable Development Goal on clean water & sanitation, according to a recent UN-Water Report. Is water too wicked to govern?

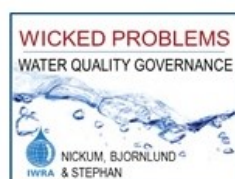
Hear 8 wicked water quality challenges from eight water experts as part of a special edition of Water International. Including pharmaceutical contaminants, economic rebalancing and building trust on reuse.

The wickedness doesn't end there. Water conflicts within countries are increasingly prevalent and have industrial and even transboundary implications. Hear more in our interview with Scott Moore from the World Bank. Also, catch up on the latest challenges in achieving rural water security in China in our reflections from the China Europe Water Platform workshop.

Meanwhile, there are hopes that the rulebook for the Paris Agreement will be adopted this year. Does the US' withdrawal from the Agreement impact this? What can we expect at COP24? We sat down with Professor Daniel Bodansky from Arizona State University to find out.

The good news among this wickedness is that the solutions are already here. Indeed, Scott Moore from the World Bank reminds us that we have the tech and that we need to readjust our political & ethical will. Meanwhile, four years on, Aquatech China and the Industrial Water Leaders Forum are bigger than ever and show an understanding of holistic solutions. See our takeaways for more.

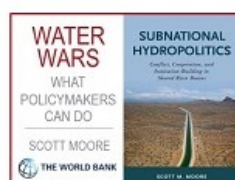
So, it seems the real problem is not quality or scarcity but readjusting our will and governance so that we have water at the right time and place. Governance is therefore key; case in point is China's basin-wide management from mountain to the sea and recently proposed water tariff reform. Policymakers take note.



#### Wicked Problems Of Water Quality Governance

Water quality is a more serious threat to water security than its diminishing supply. Hear 8 points on this wicked problem from 8 water experts, including pharma contaminants & building trust

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Water conflicts within countries are increasingly prevalent with industrial and even transboundary implications. What can policymakers do? We sat down with World Bank's Moore to find out

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Securing rural water supply in China is challenging. CWR's Hu shares 8 key challenges & reflections from the China Europe Water Platform workshop

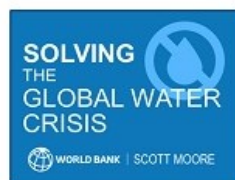
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Most of the world's water woes can be solved with enough money & willpower. The challenges are thus not technical but political & ethical. World Bank's Moore expands

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