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Sustainable Water and Sanitation Governance: Aligning Policies, Institutions and Regulation

Message from the Guest Editors

The public water supply and sanitation sector has undergone significant reforms in recent decades. However, many of these efforts have failed due to persistent challenges, including unimplemented policies, institutional weaknesses, and regulatory models misaligned with national political and institutional contexts. A key factor driving further changes is the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by the United Nations. Among them, SDG 6 aims to achieve universal and equitable access to safe drinking water and sanitation while improving water quality by 2030. This global commitment underscores the need for suitable governance, namely by aligning political, institutional, and regulatory measures to create incentives that encourage stakeholders to work toward sustainable service provision. This Special Issue aims to compile papers that examine political, institutional, and regulatory dynamics influencing the effectiveness, equity, and sustainability of public water supply and sanitation services under different socio-economic, political, and institutional contexts towards achieving SDG 6.

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