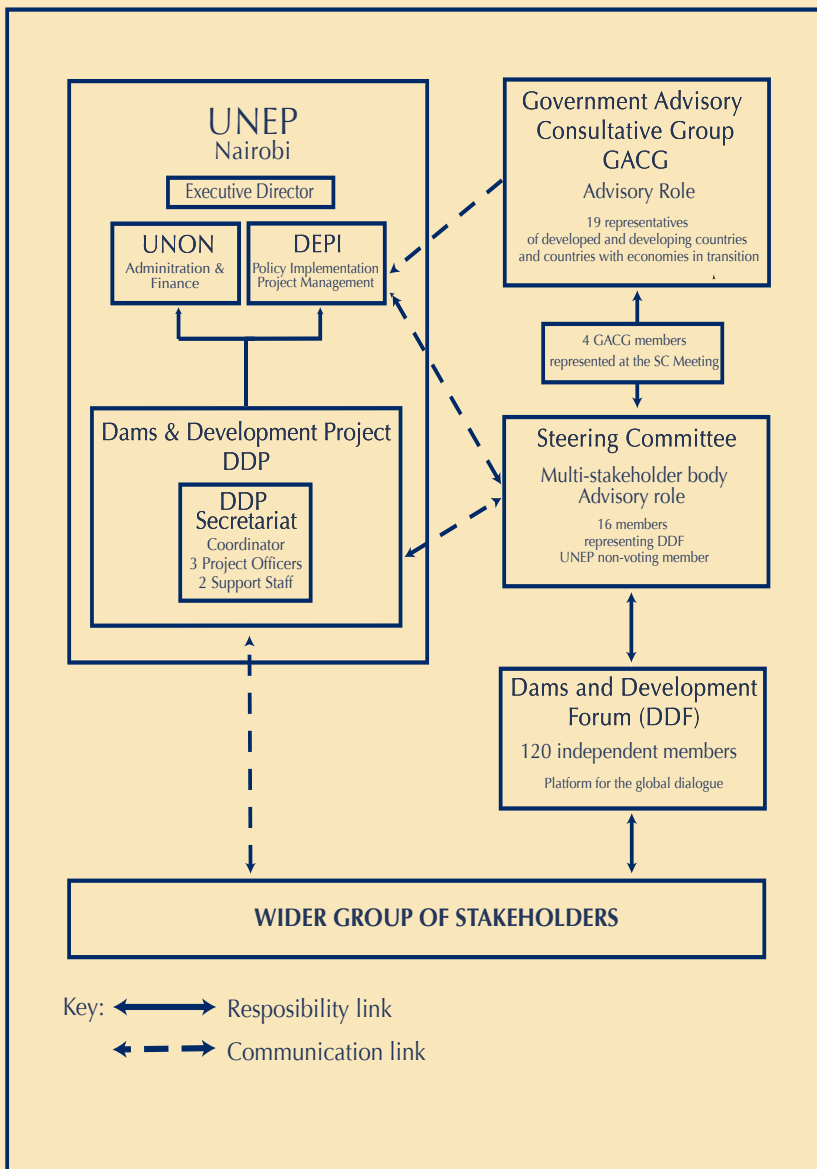


# DDP Governance

The aim of the Dams and Development Project (DDP) is to support the development of an improved decision-making framework for water and energy. Its implementation is the continuing collaboration between the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Secretariat, the Dams and Development Forum (DDF), the Steering Committee (SC) and the Government Advisory Consultative Group (GACG).



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## UNEP

The Division of Environmental Policy Implementation (DEPI) of UNEP is in charge of the overall coordination of the Project’s activities. DEPI ensures the implementation of the Project in the context of UNEP’s work programme, including the water and energy policies and strategies. The work plan is regularly reviewed with advice from the Steering Committee.

## DDP Secretariat

The DDP Secretariat is headed by a Co-ordinator who supervises three project officers and two support staff. This team carries out the daily management of the Project activities. The qualification of the staff covers the disciplines necessary for the execution of the work programme and reflects the regional diversity.

## Steering Committee

The Steering Committee (SC) is comprised of sixteen members representing a number of stakeholder groups: indigenous and affected people, governments and government agencies, international professional associations, multilateral agencies, NGOs, the private sector/industry, research institutions, operators/utilities, and institutions involved in non-dam options, in order to maintain the multi-stakeholder character of the Project. UNEP is a non-voting member of the SC represented by the DEPI Director. The Steering Committee is an advisory organ on substantive matters of the Project and represents the wider Dams and Development Forum (DDF).

It is entrusted with:



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- Providing guidance to the UNEP Executive Director on the substantive content of the Project's work, through review of annual activity and work plan and on other issues of substance;
- Ensuring that the multi-stakeholder consultative character of the post-World Commission on Dams (WCD) process is maintained;
- Convening meetings of the Dams and Development Forum, and reporting back to the Forum; and
- Contributing to the flow of information between the DD Forum members and the DDP Secretariat, ensuring, through the SC advisory function, that the DDP incorporates the views of the DD Forum.

## Dams and Development Forum

The Dams and Development Forum is a broad-based multi-stakeholder group with representatives from thirteen stakeholder categories, including governments, civil society and the private sector. It functions as a global vehicle to carry the constructive discussion on dams and development forward. It seeks to ensure consideration of all perspectives, trying to find a common ground for often very controversial issues (further information can be obtained in the specific DD Forum Infosheet).

## Government Advisory Consultative Group

The Government Advisory Consultative Group is composed of nineteen representatives of governments from developed countries, developing countries and countries with economies in transition. Its role is to provide advice to UNEP in the broader context of the existing and required measures to ensure that the construction of dams necessary for the economic and social development of the population is done in a socially, environmentally and economically sustainable way. The GACG is represented on the Steering Committee by four members.



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