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Water is a unique and vital resource, for which there is no substitute. In Latin America and the Caribbean, major rivers, lakes, and aquifers are shared by two or more countries. The region is characterized by the greatest availability of freshwater resources. However, the distribution of water to all nations is heterogeneous, which increases the risk of being used or adapted inequitably. As a result, the likelihood of tension and conflict rises between nations in the region in the midst of competing use and requirements for the resource by its communities and its ecosystems.

It is estimated that three-quarters (75%) of the water in the region is used for agriculture, while 40% of the total population in Latin America and the Caribbean have access to only 10% of the region's water. Many parts of the region still lack access to good quality water and sanitation.

Sustainable management of this rich resource in the region is complex. Currently, several regional and sub-regional entities are working together to develop, manage, and share multiple-use of the water resource. In recent years the sustainability discourse has broadened to include human systems, at the same time work has increasingly been geared towards identifying indicators of hydropolitical resilience and vulnerability within this broader context. The purpose of this publication on hydropolitical vulnerability and resilience along international is to warrant broader promotion and dissemination of assessed information and data in order to support informed policy-making and provide a model for other regions that face similar water challenges.

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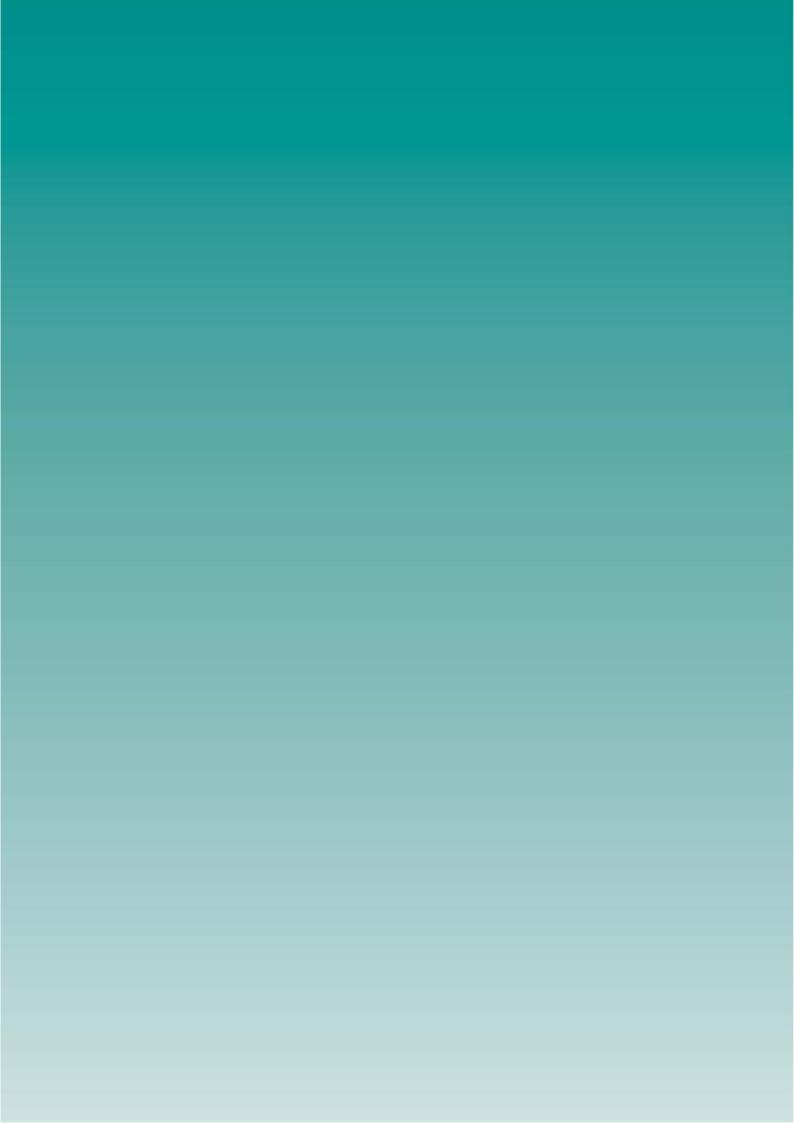
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