

Global workshop for integrated monitoring of Sustainable Development Goal 6 on water and sanitation

21 - 23 November 2017
Circus Theater in Scheveningen, The Hague,
The Netherlands

Concept and agenda

1 Background

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is an ambitious plan of action for “people, planet and prosperity”, and so is the dedicated goal on water and sanitation (SDG 6), which through its many interlinkages with other goals, will play a key role in realizing this Agenda. To ensure progress and strengthen accountability it is essential to set up solid mechanisms for results monitoring and reporting. To this end, UN Member States have developed a set of global indicators through the Inter-agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators (IAEG-SDGs). Based on these indicators, and building on national monitoring efforts, the UN-Water family stands ready to support Member States in monitoring SDG 6.

For each global indicator, the IAEG-SDGs has appointed a custodian agency responsible for compiling and verifying country data for the purpose of global reporting. Recognizing the importance of integration across the goal, the custodians for SDG 6 are collaborating under the UN-Water Integrated Monitoring Initiative for SDG 6. These agencies include UN Environment, UN-Habitat, UNICEF, FAO, UNESCO, WHO, WMO and UNECE.

The Initiative’s long-term goal is to establish and manage a coherent monitoring framework for water and sanitation to inform progress towards the 2030 Agenda, and to contribute to country progress through well-informed decision-making in the water sector. Credible country water and sanitation data can underpin advocacy, stimulate political commitment and public and private investments, and inform decision-making at all levels. The specific objectives of the Initiative are to:

- Develop methodologies and tools to monitor SDG 6 global indicators
- Raise awareness at national and global levels about SDG 6 monitoring

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- Enhance technical and institutional country capacity for monitoring
- Compile country data and report on global progress towards SDG 6

The first phase of work (2015-2018) is focusing on the development of monitoring methodologies and the establishment of a global data baseline for all of the SDG 6 global indicators. During 2016 draft methodologies underwent [pilot testing](#) and [external expert review](#), and were revised based on feedback received. In 2017 efforts are focused on country capacity building and collecting data towards a global data baseline for SDG 6.

2 Purpose and expected results

The purpose of the workshop is to provide a platform, for countries and United Nations entities, for sharing experiences and reviewing results from baseline data collection efforts, and for learning and preparing for future monitoring.

The expected results of the workshop are the following:

1. Exchange of experiences from SDG 6 baseline data collection in countries, including the identification of key success factors and challenges, with a specific focus on aspects related to:
 - a. institutional structures and processes
 - b. the analysis and use of data
 - c. integration across SDG 6
 - d. sustainability of monitoring efforts
2. Feedback on the global compilation of SDG 6 baseline data in 2016/2017 by custodian agencies, both related to the compilation process and to the preliminary results
3. Feedback and awareness-raising on synthesized SDG 6 reporting and the need for alignment of national, regional and global reporting efforts
4. Fostering of communities of practice for SDG 6 monitoring (regional and technical)
5. Awareness-raising for country engagement in global monitoring in 2018 and beyond
6. Advice on priorities for the next phase of work of the UN-Water Integrated Monitoring Initiative for SDG 6 (2018-2021)

3 Participants

The main audience of the workshop is national overall focal points for SDG 6 monitoring, who have been appointed by their respective governments to represent their country in the workshop. Some countries have actively participated in the [2017 integrated baseline process](#), and most countries have received requests for data on the different global indicators.

Also participating in the workshop are representatives from the eight United Nations agencies that are appointed as custodians of the 11 global indicators under SDG 6 (i.e. the partners of the [Integrated Monitoring Initiative](#)), as well as the UN-Water Technical Advisory Unit (as the coordinator of the Initiative).

Further, UN-Water Members and Partners¹ are invited to participate in the workshop, since many are engaged in monitoring and reporting at global, regional and national levels. Likewise regional organizations and development partners have been invited.

A list of participants will be circulated in advance of the workshop.

4 Country data and experiences

In 2017, the focus of the Integrated Monitoring Initiative has been on country capacity building and collecting data towards a global data baseline for SDG 6. The custodian agencies have reached out to countries with requests for data on their individual indicators, while at the same time offering various types of technical support. Many countries have already responded to the requests and submitted national data on the 11 global indicators.

One of the objectives of the workshop is to share, analyse and provide feedback on preliminary results from the baseline data collection. It is recommended that participating countries submit their national data in advance of the workshop.

The countries who have been actively participating in the integrated baseline process will have the opportunity to submit a brief presentation of SDG 6 monitoring in their country in advance of the workshop, following a standard template. The presentations will be converted into posters that will be displayed at the venue during the workshop, to encourage the sharing of experience and lessons learned from the baseline data collection. Country posters can be made available for all workshop participants after the meeting. More information about the country posters, including the standard template, will be circulated in October 2017.

5 Topics for break-out discussions

The topics for all break-out discussions in the agenda will be circulated to participants in advance of the workshop, in early November.

¹ UN-Water is the entity that coordinates the work of the United Nations on water and sanitation. UN-Water is comprised of the United Nations bodies that have a focus on, or interest in, water-related issues as Members and other international organizations as Partners. Learn more about UN-Water on www.unwater.org.

6 Agenda

The final agenda will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

Day 1 - 21 November

Registration 8:30 to 9:00

Start at 09:00

1. **Welcome and ice breaker exercise** [30 min, workshop host]
2. **Introduction SDG 6 monitoring and reporting**
 - a. Water and sanitation in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development [15 min]
 - b. UN-Water Integrated Monitoring Initiative for SDG 6 [15 min]
 - c. Panel discussion: Implementing SDG 6 monitoring at the country level [60 min, six country representatives]

Coffee break between 11:00 and 11:30

3. **2017 integrated baseline process**
 - a. Overall objectives and institutional capacity building [15 min]
 - b. Indicator-specific processes and lessons learned [75 min, custodian agencies]

Lunch between 13:00 and 14:00

4. **Means for monitoring – the importance of political support and institutional capacity**
 - a. Country case studies [30 min, two countries]
 - b. Introduction breakout groups [15 min]
 - c. Discussions in breakout groups on topics related to institutional structures and processes, stakeholder involvement and political support (questions to be circulated before the workshop) [75 min]

Coffee break between 16:00 and 16:30

- d. Reporting back from breakout groups and discussion in plenary [75 min]
- e. Information about evening events and country posters [15 min]

End at 18:00 with display of country posters

Day 2 - 22 November

Start at 9:00

5. **Monitoring for implementation – how to make use of the data**

- a. Introduction [15 min]
- b. Country case studies [30 min, two countries]
- c. Discussions in breakout groups on topics related to data analysis and integration, and links to policy and accountability processes (questions to be circulated before the workshop) [75 min]

Coffee break between 11:00 and 11:30

- d. Reporting back from breakout groups and discussion in plenary [60 min]

6. Preliminary results and experiences from the SDG 6 baseline data collection

- a. Introduction and overview all indicators [30 min]

Lunch between 13:00 and 14:00

- b. Introduction indicator-specific market stall discussions [15 min]

Each indicator/group of indicators will have an own market stall, to which participants can go to discuss preliminary results and lessons learned from the baseline data collection on that specific indicator/group of indicator. Three rounds of market stall discussions will be offered, i.e. participants can chose to attend discussions on three different indicators/group of indicators: 6.1.1 on drinking water; 6.2.1 and 6.3.1 on sanitation and wastewater; 6.3.2 on water quality and 6.6.1 on ecosystems; 6.4.1 on water use efficiency and 6.4.2 on water stress; 6.5.1 on integrated water resources management, 6.a.1 on finance and 6.b.1 on participation; 6.5.2 on transboundary cooperation; 11.5 on disaster risk reduction.

- c. 1st round of market stall discussions by indicator group [50 min, custodian agencies]
- d. 2nd round of market stall discussions by indicator group [50 min, custodian agencies]

Coffee break between 16:00 and 16:30

- e. 3rd round of market stall discussions by indicator group [50 min, custodian agencies]
- f. Wrap-up market stall discussions [40 min, custodian agencies]

End at 18:00

Day 3 - 23 November

Start at 9:00

7. Strengthening capacity for integrated monitoring

- a. Introduction [15 min]
- b. Break-out groups focusing on different topics related to capacity development, partnerships and resource mobilization (questions to be circulated before the workshop) [75 min]

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Coffee break between 10:30 and 11:00

- c. Reporting back from breakout groups and discussion in plenary [70 min]

8. Linking national, regional and global reporting on SDG 6

- a. Presentation on regional reporting [20 min]

Lunch between 12:30 and 13:30

- b. Panel discussion, including questions from the audience [60 min, six participants including regional representatives]

9. Linking across the SDGs

- a. UN-Water SDG 6 Synthesis Report 2018, including discussion with the audience [40 min]

10. Closing [20 min]

Coffee break between 15:30 and 16:00

11. Master classes on innovative monitoring [120 min]

End at 18:00