

## **UNECE Regional Forum on Sustainable Development 2018**

### **Side-Event : How to institutionally support the implementation of SDG 6 on a global level?**

**Organized by:** German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB)

**Title:** How to institutionally support the implementation of SDG 6 on a global level?

**Objective:** The aim of this side-event is to provide a space for discussion to UNECE Member States on current gaps and weaknesses of the UN's institutional set-up in the water sector and possible options for allowing collective review and follow-up of SDG 6 implementation by UN Member States and strengthening coordination of UN support to SDG 6.

**Brief description:** The side-event will introduce results of recent institutional analyses on global water architecture. Based on these findings, it will present recommendations by the UN Secretary General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation to overcome current institutional gaps and weaknesses as well as recommendations by the UN Secretary General for repositioning the UN development system to better deliver on Agenda 2030. Experts from UNECE Member States will discuss how these recommendations might serve to overcome current challenges and how to achieve a transformed global water architecture that is both results-oriented and efficient while allowing for comprehensive stakeholder dialogue.

#### **Programme:**

Facilitation: Jack Moss, former Executive Director AQUAFED

8.30 am – Opening Words: Thomas Stratenwerth, Head of Division, BMUB

8.40 am – Presentation “Current debates on transforming the global water architecture to better support the implementation of SDG 6”, Thomas Stratenwerth/Janine Muzau, BMUB

9.00 am – Presentation on current institutional needs and potentials of the global water architecture, Joshua Newton (Independent Consultant)

9.10 am – Panel discussion, Joshua Newton, Isabella Pagotto (Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation) tbc, NN

9.45 am – End of side-event