

Summary of preliminary results Second reporting exercise under The Protocol on Water and Health

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Schedule of the second reporting exercise

- Announced at the fifth meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health (October 2012)
- Official letters to Parties and other States sent in December 2012;
- Deadline for submission: 29 April 2013; 210 days before MOP-3
- MOP-3: 25-27 November 2013.

Procedural aspects

- 22 out of 26 Parties reported as of 3 July 2013, 3 non-Parties reported
- 14 reports were submitted on time
- 9 reports were submitted with slight delay – 1 month
- 2 reports were submitted with a major delay – 2 months
- 2 reports were very short and 2 others too long
- Most of the reports were submitted in English , for reports submitted only in Russian secretariat provided working translation
- Reports submitted with a major delay could not be translated

General conclusions

- Significant improvement in the quality of reports compared to the first reporting exercise
- Significant increase in the use of the template and guidelines
- Level of public participation in reporting has generally improved
- The use of inter-sectoral coordination mechanisms for reporting has improved

Challenges

- Not clear if countries set official targets under the Protocol
- Failure to set targets
- Failure to set target in all areas
- Incomplete answers
- Public participation needs to improve
- Misunderstanding of some terms
- What to do with achieved/expired targets?

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