

The Protocol on Water and Health and the 2030 Agenda: A Practical Guide for Joint Implementation

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Objectives of the Guide

(1) Highlight benefits of joint implementation of Protocol and SDGs

(2) Provide step-by-step guidance for coordinated action

Audience:

- **Government officials** from different sectors and **focal points** involved in the implementation of the SDGs related to water, sanitation and health
- **National focal points under Protocol**
- Also national decision-makers working on water, sanitation and health, UN and other agencies supporting SDG implementation, water and sanitation service providers, civil society, donors



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Preparation

Programme of work 2017-2019: develop guidance booklet on translating 2030 Agenda into national Protocol targets

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Workshop on setting Protocol targets to support SDG implementation -outcomes endorsed by the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting at 9th meeting

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Drafting Group (Germany, Hungary, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, NGOs Earth Forever and MAMA-86)

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10th meeting of the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting—first draft endorsed and secretariat entrusted with finalizing the Guide

- Practical Guide **finalized** and **translated into Russian and French**
- Printed publication in 3 languages will be **available in July 2019**
- **Financial support:** Germany and Switzerland



Structure

- **Executive summary**
- **Part 1:** Overview of synergies between Protocol and 2030 Agenda. Basic information on the treaty, water sanitation and health targets of 2030 Agenda, follow-up and review processes, procedural synergies between Protocol and 2030 Agenda
- **Part 2:** spells out action for implementation, practical step-by-step guidance. Concrete solutions illustrated by case studies

Complemented with **figures** and **graphs** to make document reader-friendly and visual



Main messages

Protocol provides sound approach, valuable experience and **successful regional platform** for implementation of SDGs on water, sanitation and health

SDG implementation is best achieved by **taking advantage of existing commitments and structures** – Build upon existing Protocol platforms

Protocol **goals and principles** aligned with 2030 Agenda and **target areas** closely related to SDG targets on water, sanitation and health – Protocol **target setting process beneficial for establishing national SDG targets**

Main messages

Protocol provides **tools and guidance**, facilitates sharing of **best practices** and offers **technical capacity building at all levels**

Reporting under Protocol supports **monitoring of water, sanitation and health related SDGs**

Communication mechanisms are important for joint implementation – discussing synergies, potential collaboration and data exchange

Protocol and 2030 Agenda mutually reinforcing – Protocol is **legally binding tool** and facilitates implementation. **SDGs momentum** can be capitalized to promote the Protocol and raise attention on water, sanitation and health



Thank you for your attention!

