



**PAN-EUROPEAN REGIONAL WORKSHOP IN SUPPORT OF THE MONITORING AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SDGs**

Preparation of the second reporting exercise

Geneva, Switzerland 21 October 2019

To be held at the Palais des Nations, room XI, starting at 10 a.m.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The regional workshop will be chaired by *Mr. Aleš Bizjak, Water Agency, Slovenia* and by *Mr. Antton Keto, Ministry of the Environment, Finland*.

Session 1 Introduction

10:00–10:30

Welcome and opening remarks

Mr. Marco Keiner, Director Environment Division, UNECE

Mr. Aleš Bizjak, Water Agency, Slovenia

Overview of the objectives and programme of the workshop

Ms. Sonja Koepfel, Secretary to the Water Convention, UNECE

Introductory tour de table

Session 2 Setting the scene: the results of the reporting on SDG Indicator 6.5.2 and Water Convention and lessons learned

10:30–11:30

Introduction to SDG Indicator 6.5.2 monitoring and review of results and lessons learned of the first reporting exercise

Ms. Sarah Tiefenauer-Linardon, UNECE

Specific challenges identified in the first reporting exercise: aquifers

UNESCO (remote intervention, TBC)

SDG indicator 6.5.1: main results and transboundary aspects

Mr. Gareth James Lloyd, UN Environment DHI Centre

First reporting exercise under the Water Convention: results and lessons learned

Mr. Alistair Rieu-Clarke, University of Northumbria, UNECE consultant

Questions and answers

Session 3 Coordination and compatibility of results: exchange of experiences on the reporting process among riparian countries

11:30–13:00 Presentation on enhancing compatibility of results among countries that are Party to the same arrangement

Mr. Alistair Rieu-Clarke, University of Northumbria, UNECE consultant

Panel discussion on enhancing the compatibility of results based on experience of the first reporting exercise

- Experience from the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine
Mr. Luc Zwank, Water management Agency, Luxembourg
- Perspective from Plenipotentiaries of Moldova
Mr. Radu Cazacu, Acting Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Moldova and Deputy Director of the Agency “Apele Moldovei”
- Experience from countries, including Parties to the Water Convention
Ms. Ulrika Stensdotter Blomberg, Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management
Ms. Gvantsa Sivsivadze, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture, Georgia
- Perspective from an organisation supporting the monitoring and implementation of SDG 6.5
Mr. Gareth James Lloyd, UN Environnent DHI Centre

Plenary discussion on how to improve quality of reporting

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

Session 4 Making the most of the reporting exercise at national, basin, regional and global levels

15:00 – 16:45 Monitoring progress of Agenda 2030: SDG indicators

Ms. Tiina Luige, Secretary to the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians, UNECE Statistical Division

Overview of feedback received from countries on the value of the reporting process
Ms. Tatiana Guimaraes, UNECE

Group discussions by basin/region

- What are the benefits of the reporting process at national level and how might those benefits be maximised?
- What value does reporting have at the transboundary level (basin or sub-basin), and how might any benefits be capitalised on?
- How can the outcomes of the reporting exercise best be used at the regional (Convention) and global levels?

Reporting back from the group discussions

Session 5 Towards the next reporting cycle

16:45 – 17:45 Information on the next reporting cycle, clarification on the changes from the first reporting template to the revised template
Ms. Sarah Tiefenauer-Linardon, UNECE

Presentation of the guidance material, including the Step by step methodology and the Guide to reporting under the Water Convention and as a contribution to SDG indicator 6.5.2

Mr. Alistair Rieu-Clarke, University of Northumbria, UNECE consultant

Tools or materials available to improve the reporting on aquifers
UNESCO (remote intervention, TBC)

Plenary discussion

Session 6 Closure of the meeting

17:45–18:00 Summary of next steps related to the second reporting exercise

Closing remarks