

# **Information on the next reporting cycle, clarification on the changes from the first reporting template to the revised template**

**Regional workshop on SDG indicator 6.5.2 for the Pan-European region  
Preparation for the second cycle of reporting  
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# Revision process of the reporting template

- During the pilot reporting exercise
  - Written feedbacks received from countries, Implementation Committee, experts, custodian agencies
  - Discussions at Technical meeting (Budapest, January 2018), and 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> WG IWRM (Geneva, July 2017 and May 2018)
- Most countries expressed that
  - Demanding but useful to identify good practices, improve coordination nationally and cooperation with riparians
  - Continuity between reporting cycles is needed, and in this respect, making major changes were not desirable, and improving the clarity was preferable
  - In general, template proved robust to capture diverse practice of transboundary cooperation
- Section I on SDG indicator 6.5.2 calculation revised by co-custodian agencies
- Sections II to IV adopted by MOP 8 in October 2018

# Reporting commitments / Template / Guidance

For all States: report on SDG 6.5.2

For Parties to the Water Convention: official report under the Convention  
For all States : additional information additional information to explain, substantiate and complement SDG indicator data

## Section I Calculation of SDG indicator 6.5.2

## Section II Transboundary basin and aquifer arrangements

## Section III National Water Management

*Calculation of SDG indicator 6.5.2 value for a) **transboundary rivers and lake basins** (table 1); and b) **transboundary aquifers** (table 2).*

*Questions to be completed for each agreement or arrangement covering a particular river or lake basin, or aquifer system, as well as sub-basins, parts of a basin or groups of basins where appropriate*

*Questions relate to governance arrangements in place at the national level that concern transboundary waters*

*States can elaborate on transboundary river, lake and aquifers, and their operational arrangements, in section II*

*Consider replies to question 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 to verify the rivers, lakes and aquifers covered by operational arrangements based on “operationality criteria” in SDG indicator 6.5.2 methodology*

## Section IV Final Questions

*Policy-focused summary and questions on how template was completed*

Guidance on completing this section is contained in the *Revised Step-by-Step methodology*

Guidance on completing these sections contained in the *Guide to reporting*

# Section I: main revisions

- For calculation of SDG indicator 6.5.2
  - Introduce limited additional columns in the tables compiling the information necessary for SDG 6.5.2 calculation not to create any confusion
    - On operationality criteria
    - For river or lake basins: basin/sub-basin
    - For aquifers: availability of GIS shapefile
- In addition to the full SDG indicator 6.5.2 calculation
  - calculation for river and lake basins
  - calculation for aquifers
- Discussing with UNESCO how to make sure informal cooperation can be reflected

# Sections II to IV: main revisions

- Avoid overlap and simplify questions rather than make any substantial changes to the template
- Key changes
  - use of consistent **terminology**, e.g. ‘agreement or arrangements’ and ‘joint body or mechanism’
  - introduction of more ‘**tick box**’ answers, e.g. describing the main difficulties and challenges faced in implementing an agreement or arrangement (Sect. II, question 2(e)), and
  - Provide additional opportunities to **explain answers**, e.g. describe relevant laws and policy at the national level, rather than list them (Sect. III, question 1)

# Section II: additional revision

In the case of an aquifer, what is the nature of the aquifer and its relation with the river or lake basin:

Unconfined aquifer connected to ~~the~~ a river or lake

Unconfined aquifer with no or limited relation with surface water

~~Deep~~ Confined aquifer connected to surface water

Confined aquifer with no or limited relation with surface water

Other

Please describe: [fill in]

Unknown ~~No information~~

- Some aquifer extend under more than one river and/or lake
- Avoid possible misinterpretations
- Inability to define aquifer classification or data/info do not exist

# Reporting template: general information

- Aligned **frequency** of reporting under the Water Convention and on SDG6.5.2
  - every 3 years (aligned with MOPs and other SDG6 indicators)
- For Parties combined templates for reporting under the Water Convention and SDG 6.5.2 – alignment of the order of the sections
- Completed reporting forms to be submitted to secretariat in English, French, Spanish or Russian **languages**
- Encourage **drafts** for review to be submitted prior to final submission
  
- **End 2019** Invitation to second reporting cycle
- **30 June 2020** deadline to submit second national report