

Item 6. Reporting on SDG indicator 6.5.2 and under the Convention/ Template for the 2nd reporting exercise

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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 12th and 13th 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, in decision VIII/1

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 operability 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)

Sections 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