



Overview of the objectives and agenda of the workshop

**Workshop on Supporting the monitoring and implementation of the SDGs in the Arab region:
Transboundary water cooperation SDG 6 Indicator 6.5.2**

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Rationale for the workshop

- Second reporting exercise in 2020
- Series of **thematic consultations and sub-regional workshops to build capacity in monitoring progress and reporting on SDG 6.5.2**, within the framework of the UN-Water Integrated monitoring initiative for SDG 6.
- Workshops are requested by governing bodies of UNECE and UNESCO-IHP
 - Decision VIII/1 of the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention (Nur-Sultan, 10-12 October 2018)
 - UNESCO 23rd Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (Paris, 11-15 June 2018)



Main objectives of the workshop

- Overall: assist countries in the Arab region to **collect, report and make use of data** on SDG indicator 6.5.2 measuring progress in transboundary water cooperation, in the perspective of preparing the **second reporting exercise in 2020**.
- Present the **results** of the first reporting exercise on SDG indicator 6.5.2 and the complementarity SDG with indicator 6.5.1 at regional level and identify linkages between the two indicators processes;
- Introduce the **guidance materials** for reporting on SDG indicator 6.5.2, including the revised reporting template for the 2nd exercise, the revised step-by-step methodology for calculation of indicator 6.5.2 and the Guide to reporting under the Convention and as a contribution to SDG indicator 6.5.2;
- **Exchange good practices and lessons learned from riparian countries** in completing the 6.5.2 questionnaire, both from an organizational and institutional point of view (process) and for the calculation of the indicator (data availability and methods);



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- Discuss the types of **gaps and discrepancies in the data provided in the national reports**, in particular concerning aquifers, and possible solutions to increase the rate of responses, the quality of the responses, especially how to increase **coordination** of the answers at basin, aquifer or agreement level;
- **Identify synergies between reporting on SDG indicator 6.5.2 and SDG indicator 6.5.1**, which measures the degree of integrated water resources management implementation (IWRM) at all levels, including at a transboundary level;
- **Reflect and discuss on how the first exercise can serve as a basis for reporting in the next cycle**, including its usefulness in informing decision/policy-making processes related to transboundary water cooperation at all levels;
- Increase the rate of responses and the quality of reports in the second reporting cycle.
- Increase the **usefulness of national data** in informing decision/policy making processes related to transboundary water cooperation at national, basin or aquifer, regional and global levels.



Programme of the workshop

- **Opening** Session and Introduction (9:00–9:30)
- **Session 1** Setting the scene: Reporting on SDG 6 and Transboundary Water Cooperation (9:30–11:45)
- **Session 2** Second Reporting Exercise on SDG Target 6.5 in 2020 (11:45–12:45)
- **Session 3** Benefiting from the Reporting Exercise to Accelerate Transboundary Cooperation in the Arab Region (14:00 – 15:30)
- **Session 4** Coordination and Compatibility of Results: Exchange of Experiences on the Reporting Process among Riparian Countries and Across Indicators 6.5.1 and 6.5.2 (15:30 – 16:30)
- **Session 5** Closure of the meeting (16:30–16:45)