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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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Draft Agenda

Opening Session and Introduction

Moderator: Mr. Ziad Khayat, Economic Affairs Officer, Climate Change and Natural Resources, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and opening remarks

- Mr. Ghaith Fariz, Director of UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science for the Arab States
- Ms. Sarah Tiefenauer-Linardon, Reporting Officer, UNECE
- Ms. Roula Majdalani, Climate Change and Natural Resources Cluster Lead, ESCWA

9:15 - 9:25 Tour de Table

9:25 – 9:30 Overview of the objectives and agenda of the workshop

- *Ms. Sarah Tiefenauer-Linardon, UNECE*

Session I Setting the Scene: Reporting on SDG 6 and Transboundary Water Cooperation

Moderator: Mr. Ragab Abdel-Azim, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt

09:30 – 9:40 Monitoring Progress of Agenda 2030 and UN-Water Integrated Monitoring Initiative for SDG 6

- *Ms. Sarah Tiefenauer-Linardon, UNECE*

9:40 – 9:55 Reporting on the SDGs in the Arab Region

- *Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, Chief, Water Resources Section, Climate Change and Natural Resources Sustainability, ESCWA*

09:55 – 10:15 Introduction to SDG Indicator 6.5.2 Monitoring, Review of Results and Lessons Learned of the First Reporting Exercise at Global and Regional Level

- *Ms. Chantal Demilecamps, Environmental Affairs Officer, UNECE*



- 10:15 – 10:35 SDG Indicator 6.5.1: Main Results, Transboundary Aspects and Regional Report
- *Mr. Gareth James Lloyd, Deputy Chief Manager, UNEP-DHI Centre*
 - *Mr. Ziad Khayat, ESCWA*
- 10:35-10-45 Discussion
- 10:45 – 11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:15 – 11:25 Specific Challenges Identified in the First Reporting Exercise: Aquifers
- *UNESCO (remote presentation TBC)*
- 11:25 – 11:35 Tools or Materials Available to Improve the Reporting on Aquifers
- *UNESCO (remote presentation TBC)*
- 11:35 – 11:45 Discussion

Session II Second Reporting Exercise on SDG Target 6.5 in 2020

Moderator: Ms. Chantal Demilecamps, UNECE

- 11:45 – 12:05 Information on the Next Steps in Monitoring Indicator 6.5.2, Material Available to Support Reporting
- *Ms. Sarah Tiefenauer-Linardon, UNECE*
- 12:05 – 12:15 Regional Materials Available to Improve the Reporting on Shared Water Resources
- *Mr. Ziad Khayat, ESCWA*
- 12:15 – 12:30 SDG 6.5.1 Survey Instrument 2020 and Supporting Materials
- *Mr. Gareth James Lloyd, UNEP-DHI Centre*
- 12:30 – 12:45 Plenary discussion
- 12:45 – 13:00 Group photo
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

Session III Benefiting from the Reporting Exercise to Accelerate Transboundary Cooperation in the Arab Region

Moderator: Mr. Gareth James Lloyd, UNEP-DHI Centre

- 14:00 – 14:10 Country Perspective: How Reporting was Useful to Assess the Status of Transboundary Water Cooperation
- *Mr. Peter Kovacs, Hungary*
- 14:10 – 14:20 Overview of Feedback Received from Countries on the Value of the Reporting Uptake of the Results in the Programme of Work of the Water Convention
- *Ms. Sarah Tiefenauer-Linardon, UNECE*

14:20 – 15:15 Discussion on the eventual challenges to report and opportunities derived from reporting on the SDG target 6.5

15:15 – 15:30 Coffee Break

Session IV 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

Moderator: Mr. Ziad Khayat, ESCWA

15:30 – 15:40 Enhancing Compatibility of Results among Countries Sharing the Same Basin or that are Party to the Same Arrangement

- *Ms. Sarah Tiefenauer-Linardon, UNECE*

15:40 – 15:50 Example of Hungary Dialogues with Riparian Countries

- *Mr. Peter Kovacs, Hungary*

15:40 – 16:00 Highlights of the Linkages between SDGs Indicators 6.5.1 and 6.5.2

- *Ms. Sarah Tiefenauer-Linardon, UNECE*
- *Mr. Gareth James Lloyd, UNEP-DHI Centre, UNEP-DHI Centre*

16:00 – 16:30 Plenary discussion:

Enhancing the compatibility of results and on how to improve quality of reporting, based on experience of the first reporting exercise and in view of the second reporting exercise

Session V Closing Reflections and Next Steps

16:30 - 16:45 Summary of next steps related to the second reporting exercise and closing Remarks

- *Ms. Sarah Tiefenauer-Linardon, UNECE*
- *Mr. Gareth James Lloyd, UNEP-DHI Centre*
- *Mr. Ziad Khayat, ESCWA*