



# Asia Region Online Workshop

## Supporting the Monitoring and Implementation of SDG indicator 6.5.2 on Transboundary Water Cooperation

17<sup>th</sup> September 2020



**SDG INDICATOR 6.5.2**  
TRANSBOUNDARY WATER COOPERATION





# Rationale for the workshop

- Achieving SDG6 requires effective transboundary governance since **60 % of the world's freshwater flows in shared basins**.
- Transboundary cooperation is crucial for **other SDGs** including peace, health, food, energy, climate change etc.
- **SDG Target 6.5** asks countries to implement IWRM at all levels, including through transboundary cooperation.
- 1<sup>st</sup> reporting round showed that great progress is needed : **only 17 of the reporting countries** had all their transboundary basins covered by operational water arrangements in 2018, none located in Asia
- **Second reporting exercise in 2020**
- Part of a series of **capacity building activities in monitoring progress and reporting on SDG 6.5.2**, within the framework of the UN-Water Integrated monitoring initiative for SDG 6.



# Main objectives of the workshop

- Overall: **support countries** in the “SDG Regions”: South-eastern Asia, Eastern Asia, Southern Asia, and Oceania to **collect, report and make use of data** on SDG indicator 6.5.2 measuring progress in transboundary water cooperation, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reporting exercise in 2020
  - Introduce the **methodology for calculation** of indicator 6.5.2 value and the guidance documents materials for reporting;
  - **Highlight good practices and discuss challenges** 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);
  - **Identify gaps of data**, in particular concerning **aquifers**, with emphasis on the component dedicated to improve the participation of Member States in the second monitoring cycle of the indicator 6.5.2;



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- **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;
- **Discuss how to benefit from and use the reporting process** and cooperation actions that could improve transboundary water cooperation by 2030;
- **Discuss the role of partners** in supporting countries in their reporting efforts;
- **Increase the rate of responses and the quality of reports** in the second reporting exercise in 2020.



# Workshop Agenda

Time	Agenda item
(Session duration: 65 minutes)	<p><b>Session 1:</b> Setting the Scene: SDG 6 &amp; Transboundary Water Cooperation</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Hans Thulstrup – UNESCO Djakarta Office</i></p> <p><b>Session objective:</b> ‘Grounding’ session to introduce participants to the workshop, get them to think about the topic and their engagement, introductory background information.</p>
10 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome and Opening Remarks <i>Shahbaz Khan – Director of UNESCO Djakarta office</i></li> <li>Introduction to the objective and the programme of the workshop, Online workshop organisation rules <i>Alice Aureli – UNESCO and Sonja Koepfel – UNECE</i></li> </ul>
10 minutes	Integrated monitoring of SDG 6 and introduction to SDG Indicator 6.5.2, <i>Sarah Tiefenauer-Linardon – UNECE and Aurélien Dumont – UNESCO</i>
5 minutes	Reporting on SDG 6 in the Asia and Pacific – <i>Solene Ledoze, UN ESCAP</i>
10 minutes	Ice Breaker – <i>Fany Wedahuditama, GWP &amp; Adhitya Wirayasa, GWP</i>
15 mins	Most common difficulties in completing the National Reports on Surface Water and Groundwater <i>Alistair Rieu-Clarke – UNECE and Aurélien Dumont – UNESCO</i>
7 minutes	Transboundary aquifers in the Asia region – <i>Neno Kukuric, IGRAC</i>
7 minutes	Reporting on SDG 6.5.1. and linkages to SDG 6.5.2 – <i>Yumiko Yasuda, GWP &amp; Gareth James, UNEP</i>
5 minutes	Summary and Q&As
10 minutes	Break



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(Session duration: 80 minutes)	<p><b>Session 2:</b> Countries Experiences in Asia</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Yumiko Yasuda, GWP</i></p> <p><b>Session objective:</b> ‘Engagement’ part of the workshop.</p> <p>The purpose is to exchange on experiences from SDG 6.5.2 within Asian countries, and discuss challenges and opportunities, identify possible areas of improvement or collaboration in the future, <i>participants will be able to interact with the organizers</i></p>
5 minutes	Introductory Exercise, <i>Fany Wedahuditama, GWP &amp; Adhitya Wirayasa, GWP</i>
25 minutes	Countries’ presentation on their reports in the first phase and second phase of the monitoring of the SDG 6.5.2: challenges and opportunities
5 minutes	Perspectives and experiences from outside of Asia region in SDG 6.5.2 reporting - <i>David Molefha, Botswana</i>
35 minutes	<p>Break-out session</p> <p>Discuss in groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the common challenges and opportunities that you face in completing the 6.5.2 survey?</li> <li>• How can we help countries to complete the report in this remaining time of 2020?</li> <li>• How can neighbouring countries collaborate while filling in the report?</li> </ul>
10 minutes	Break



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(Session duration: 60 minutes)	<p><b>Session 3:</b> Next step</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Alistair Rieu-Clarke, UNECE</i></p> <p><b>Session objective:</b> This session aims to ‘<u>harvest</u>’ the workshop result, digest them together and agree (or get ideas) for the next step</p>
25 minutes	Reporting back from each group ( <i>Group representative appointed rapporteur</i> )
30 mins	<p>Plenary discussion "<i>Towards enhanced transboundary cooperation</i>"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How partners can support the strengthening of transboundary water cooperation reporting</li> <li>- Regional efforts strengthen transboundary water cooperation</li> </ul> <p><i>UNESCO, UNECE, ESCAP, GWP, UNEP, Countries’ Representatives</i></p>
5 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Next steps and closure of the meeting</b></li> </ul> <p><i>Alice Aureli – UNESCO and Sonja Koeppel – UNECE</i></p>



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## Further information

**UNECE:** [www.unece.org/water/transboundary\\_water\\_cooperation\\_reporting.html](http://www.unece.org/water/transboundary_water_cooperation_reporting.html)

**UNESCO:** <https://en.unesco.org/themes/water-security/hydrology>

**UN-WATER SDG6 monitoring:** [www.sdg6monitoring.org/indicator-652](http://www.sdg6monitoring.org/indicator-652)

**UN-WATER SDG6 data portal:** [www.sdg6data.org/indicator/6.5.2](http://www.sdg6data.org/indicator/6.5.2)



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