

Background, objectives and expectations of the drafting group meeting

First meeting of the Drafting group on the Guide to reporting under the Water Convention and as a contribution to SDG indicator 6.5.2
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Background on the elaboration of the Guide to reporting under the Water Convention and contribution to SDG indicator 6.5.2

- 2015 Decision to report under the Water Convention MOP7 with pilot reporting exercise in 2017-2018
 - 2016 Adoption of the indicator framework, including SDG indicator 6.5.2 for which UNECE and UNESCO are co-custodians
 - 2017-18: reporting exercise under the two processes, data and information collection through questionnaire/ reporting template
 - 2018 analysis and progress reports under the Convention and SDG indicator 6.5.2, and revision of the questionnaire for reporting under the Convention
 - 2018 MOP8 Adoption of the revised questionnaire and decision to guide for reporting under the Convention
- ⇒ 2019 Preparation of a guide to reporting under the Convention also supporting reporting on SDG indicator 6.5.2

Objectives of the 1st Drafting group on the Guide to reporting under the Water Convention

- **Draw lessons from the first reporting exercise**, in particular discuss issues in the reporting template highlighted in the reports submitted by the countries, together with specific comments received and lessons drawn from the analysis of the reports by UNECE and UNESCO, which require development of guidance and clarifications, focusing on the template for reporting under the Convention (sections II to IV of the template on SDG indicator 6.5.2);
- Discuss and agree on the **scope and objectives** of the guide, including its relationship with other relevant guidance material for reporting on SDG indicator 6.5.2, in particular the step-by-step methodology for the calculation of the indicator;
- Discuss and **further elaborate a first draft** of the guide to reporting, prepared for the drafting group meeting, and provide suggestions to its further development;
- Compile **examples** of transboundary cooperation illustrating the concepts and meaning of several questions in the template, as reported in the national reports and based on the experience of the participating experts.

Process to draft the Guide to reporting under the Water Convention and as a contribution to 6.5.2

- May 2019: 1st drafting group: extended outline of the Guide to be discussed and further elaborated
- Broader consultation on the guide:
 - Dissemination by email to all countries of a zero draft of the guide prepared on the basis drafting group inputs (June/July 2019)
 - Regional workshops on reporting on SDG indicator 6.5.2: Asia (July 2019) and Central America (September/October 2019)
- 3-4 September 2019: 2nd drafting group meeting to review draft and comments received and guide finalization of the guide
- 22-24 October 2019: Presentation and discussion at the Working Group on IWRM under the Convention
- End of 2019: guide to reporting under the Convention available together with specific guidance document on 6.5.2 to support second reporting exercise under the Convention and on 6.5.2
- 30 June 2020: deadline for second reporting exercise under the Water Convention and SDG indicator 6.5.2

Reporting commitments / Template / Guidance needed

For all countries: report on SDG 6.5.2

For Parties to the Water Convention: official report under the Convention
For non-Parties : additional information on cooperation to clarify and complement SDG indicator

- Calculation of SDG indicator 6.5.2 - methodology
- Table 1 - Transboundary river or lake basins
- Table 2 - Transboundary aquifers
- **Consider the transboundary river, lake and aquifer basins listed to approach Section II.**

Section I
Calculation of
SDG indicator
6.5.2

Section II Questions for each transboundary basin, sub-basin, part of a basin, or group of basins (river, lake or aquifer)

- Questions 1 - 13 to be completed for each agreement or arrangement in place covering a transboundary basin (river or lake basin, or aquifer), sub-basin, part of a basin, or group of basins.
- Consider your replies to questions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 to verify which transboundary basins are covered by a cooperation arrangement that is operational (cf. criterion set out in the Methodology for the calculation of SDG indicator 6.5.2).

Section III Water management at the national level

- Questions 1 and 2 relate to general information on water management at the national level as it relates to transboundary waters.

Section IV Final questions

- Overall assessment and main messages
- Some of the questions relate to who filled out the questionnaire and should be completed for SDG indicator 6.5.2 and reporting under the Convention.

Improved methodology for the calculation of 6.5.2 (to be developed by UNECE and UNESCO)

For Parties: Guide to reporting under the Water Convention

For non-Parties: Guide to sections II to IV of the template for reporting on 6.5.2

Role of the drafting group

- Guide secretariat in the development of the guide
- Provide written inputs:
 - Comments to different drafts
 - Written contributions to be agreed during the meeting, in particular in relation to possible examples to be included

Questions?