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REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON LINKAGES WITH OTHER EXISTING MONITORING AND REPORTING MECHANISMS RELATED TO WATER AND HEALTH

Geneva, 3 July 2014

Palais des Nations, Room VIII, starting at 10:00 a.m.

I. BACKGROUND

At its third session in November 2013, the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health mandated the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting to implement a number of activities to improve the quality of reporting at the regional level, in particular by supporting the establishment of linkages with other monitoring and reporting mechanisms.

The review of national summary reports submitted by Parties and other countries during the second reporting exercise¹ in 2013 indeed indicated that the countries participate in a number of other monitoring and reporting mechanisms related to water and health. They specifically referred to the frameworks provided by the EU Directives (Water Framework Directive, Drinking Water Directive and Groundwater Directive) for reporting about the quality of the drinking water supplies or the effectiveness of management, protection and use of freshwater resources, and the World Health Organization (WHO) / United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply and Sanitation (JMP) for reporting about access to drinking water and sanitation.

II. OBJECTIVES OF THE REGIONAL WORKSHOP

The regional workshop aims to (i) support the establishment of linkages between the reporting mechanism under the Protocol on Water and Health and other existing regional and global monitoring programmes such as the WHO/UNICEF JMP, the UN-Water Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water (GLAAS) and the European Environment and Health Information System (EHIS); (ii) discuss possible ways to link target setting and reporting under the Protocol with existing national monitoring and information systems; (iii) inform about proposed post-2015 development goals and indicators on water and sanitation and discuss the possible ways to integrate these into the national target setting process.

¹ Available at : www.unece.org/env/water/protocol_second_reporting_cycle.html

The regional workshop will provide a platform for interactive discussion on possible synergies related to data sources, data processing and reporting, by focusing on the following questions:

- How can data gathered through existing national and international monitoring mechanisms on water, sanitation and health help countries in setting a baseline situation and defining priority targets under the Protocol?
- In what extent and what indicators could Parties use from the data produced under existing reporting mechanisms in preparing the national summary reports?
- What is the added value of the Atlas on Water and Health to the target setting process and how could it support reporting under the Protocol?
- How can the reporting under the Protocol be linked with global monitoring efforts (for example potential linkage with the post-2015 monitoring of water, sanitation and health)?

The outcomes of the discussions should provide guidance for defining a strategic vision for future reporting under the Protocol on Water and Health. The suggestions and proposals from the workshop will be discussed during the seventh meeting of the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting (4 July 2014) and be considered for a possible revision of the *Guidelines on Target Setting and Reporting*.²

III. PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting (10:00 – 10:15)

Introduction to the objectives and programme of the workshop (Pierre Studer, Switzerland)

2. Linkage between existing monitoring and reporting mechanisms related to water, sanitation and health and target setting and reporting under the Protocol (10:15 – 15:45)

Chairperson: Oliver Schmoll, WHO/Europe

Target setting and reporting under the Protocol: achievements, lessons learnt and needs (UNECE secretariat)

Highlights from UN-Water Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water (GLAAS) and overview of GLAAS country fact sheets (Fiona Gore, WHO)

Highlights of the WHO/ UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply and Sanitation (JMP) (Rifat Hossain, WHO)

Progress on water and sanitation in the European region and WHO/Europe activities to support global monitoring on water and sanitation (Enkhtsetseg Shinee, WHO/Europe)

Questions and answers

Coffee break (11:30-11:45)

² Available at: www.unece.org/index.php?id=11644

Group work to discuss how to link the reporting under the Protocol on Water and Health with global monitoring programmes on water, sanitation and health and added value of GLAAS and JMP in baseline and target setting and in reporting under the Protocol (11:45-13:00)

- ✓ Question 1 – At the national level, what reporting and monitoring mechanisms exist on water, sanitation and health, what are the responsibilities of different institutions involved, and how is the produced data shared and used?
- ✓ Question 2 – How can data gathered through existing international monitoring systems on water, health and sanitation help countries in setting a baseline situation, defining priority targets and reporting under the Protocol?
- ✓ Question 3 – In what extent could indicators set at the national level to monitor progress under the Protocol be harmonized with indicators of existing global reporting mechanisms?
- ✓ Question 4 - Are the common indicators (part two of the template for national summary reports under the Protocol) sufficient to reflect the situation of water, sanitation and health? What are the gaps and needs?

Lunch time (13:00-15:00)

Reporting back by the groups and question and answers (15:00-15:45)

3. Proposed post-2015 development agenda related to water, sanitation and health (15:45-17:00)

Chairperson: Nicholas Bonvoisin, UNECE

Proposed post-2015 global goal for water: synthesis of key findings and recommendations from UN-Water (Federico Properzi, UN-Water)

Proposed post-2015 monitoring mechanism for wastewater management, water quality and water resource management (Kate Medlikott, WHO)

Moderated open discussion: How could target setting and reporting under the Protocol be better integrated within the post-2015 development agenda and monitoring framework? Would there be opportunities to adjust national indicators to future global indicators?

4. Atlas on Water and Health: One-stop information source on water, sanitation and water-related diseases (17:00-17:40)

Chairperson: Enkhsetseg Shinee, WHO/Europe

Atlas on Water and Health in support to the Protocol: a tool for presenting regional data on water and health (Andrea Rechenburg, WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Promoting Water Management and Risk Communication, Bonn University)

Moderated open discussion: What is the added value of the Atlas on Water and Health to the target setting and how could it support reporting under the Protocol?

5. Main messages and vision for future reporting under the Protocol (17:40 – 18:00)

Chairperson: Pierre Studer, Switzerland

Summary of the discussion

Closing

IV. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The Regional workshop on linkages with other existing monitoring and reporting mechanisms related to water and health will be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva, on 3 July 2014, back to back with the seventh meeting of the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting (Geneva, 4 July 2014).

The working languages will be English, French and Russian.

All relevant documentation for the meeting will be made available in due course at:

www.unece.org/env/water/workshop_reporting_mechanisms.html

The meeting is open to experts from Parties to the Protocol and other UNECE member States, representing governmental (ministerial) authorities, water and health managers, the private sector, international organizations and non-governmental organizations, as well as other interested stakeholders.

Participants requiring entry visas should inform the secretariat as soon as possible. Due to the entry of Switzerland in the Schengen Zone, visa procedures have become more complicated. The minimum amount of time needed for obtaining a visa is 15 working days. Participants needing a visa are therefore requested to submit their application as soon as possible and initiate visa procedures at least three weeks before the meeting.

In accordance with the United Nations accreditation procedures, participants are requested to complete the registration form available online (www.unece.org/env/water/workshop_reporting_mechanisms.html) and transmit it to the UNECE secretariat (Nathalie.Halm@unece.org). On their way to the meeting, participants should obtain an identification badge at the Pass and Identification Unit of the United Nations Office at Geneva Security and Safety Section located at the Pregny Gate, 14 Avenue de la Paix (see map on the UNECE website). Please allow time for this. In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone at +41 22 917 1911.

Practical information on the Palais des Nations, as well as on transport and accommodation in Geneva, is available at: <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html>.