Item 11
Third Reporting Exercise

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Overview

- Integrated Monitoring Initiative for SDG 6 – third data drive
- SDG indicator 6.5.2 & results of the 2\textsuperscript{nd} reporting round
- Third reporting exercise 2023/24
- Coordination of the replies
- Capacity-building and support activities
IMI-SDG 6: 2023 Data Drive

Reporting on SDG 6.5.2 is part of UN Water’s Integrated Monitoring Initiative for SDG6 (IMI-SDG6)

Objectives for the third data drive:

• Close data gaps, improve data quality
• Enable analysis of trends and acceleration needs
• Data requests and capacity building support to countries on indicators 6.3.1, 6.3.2, 6.4.1, 6.4.2, 6.5.1, 6.5.2 and 6.6.1.

Increased focus on:

• Water basin work to pilot approaches for data collection, reporting, analysis and planning at basin level; and to develop SDG 6 basin map for use across SDG 6.

• Gender contextualization work to pilot and scale up tool for countries to identify what gender information they need to gather, based on policy needs.

Support planned to encourage coordination and collaboration across countries, including:

• Cross-cutting communication, kick-off webinar, country focal point directory etc.

Overview available at:

SDG 6.5.2 indicator monitoring process & reporting under the Convention

- Data on indicator 6.5.2 collected **every 3 years** by UNECE and UNESCO (as for other SDG6 indicators):
  
  2017 => 2020 => 2023 => 2026 => 2029

- Parties report under the Convention and on SDG indicator 6.5.2 through **one template**

- Submitted data is analyzed & used feed into political dialogue at global & regional level
  - HLPF, UN Statistical Division, SDG databases
  - reports on *Progress on transboundary cooperation worldwide*
  - reports on *Progress on cooperation under the Water Convention*

- Reporting results also used to define the future Programme of Work under the Water Convention and feed into the 10th Meeting of the Parties
Results of the 2nd reporting 2020/21

• Increase in response received and high level of engagement
129 out of 153 countries submitted reports in 2020 (108 in 2017)
all Parties to the Water Convention responded

• Not on track
Only 24 countries report all transboundary surface waters and groundwaters covered by operational arrangements. And 32 have 90% or more of their transboundary waters covered.
Progress must be accelerated to ensure that all transboundary basins are covered by operational arrangements by 2030

SDG indicator 6.5.2 values and responses received during the 2nd exercise

80% of countries

Value of SDG indicator 6.5.2
- 90-100%
- 70-90%
- 50-70%
- 30-50%
- 10-30%
- 0-10%
- Final indicator value not available
- No response received
- Indicator not applicable
Third reporting round 2023
Progress to date & use of data

• Request to report for the 3rd exercise sent to countries in March 2023

• As of 20 June 2023:
  ✓ 21 responses (incl. 10 draft reports)
  ✓ Communication with 90+ countries

Deadline to submit national reports:

30 June 2023

• Data collection and validation in 2023, and analysis in late 2023-early 2024

• Reported data to be used to prepare a new report on the progress on transboundary cooperation worldwide, as well as a report on progress among Convention parties

• Submitted data to be eventually integrated in an online reporting system and portal
Coordination of the replies
Discussing responses with riparian countries

We recommend, where possible, coordinating responses at the level of basins and arrangements:

• Look at opportunities to share draft national report with other riparian countries

• Use existing joint bodies or mechanisms, or regular meetings at bilateral, basin or regional level for co-ordination

Sometimes alignment might not be possible due to differing perspectives, especially in relation to the degree of implementation of an arrangement (e.g. section II, questions 4-13).

(See Guide to Reporting, p.7)

For more information, see:

Document on the opportunities to coordinate with neighbouring countries when completing SDG 6.5.2 national report
(available on the reporting webpage)
Other guidance documents prepared by the co-custodians

**Template for the 3rd reporting exercise**

**Step-by-step methodology for the calculation of the value of SDG indicator 6.5.2 ‘2020 version’**

**Guide to reporting under the Water Convention and as contribution to SDG indicator 6.5.2**
NOTE!

Two components necessary for indicator value

- Transboundary River and lake basins
- Transboundary aquifers

Aquifer component:
- Directly (= a dedicated arrangement about the aquifer)
- Groundwater / Aquifers included in river basin/ upper level (binational) arrangement

Aquifer component: data gathering and indicator calculation

- Collecting data from relevant (national) source; ministries, geological surveys, etc.
  - First step: identification / existence of a transboundary aquifer;
  - Second step: delineation and calculation of the aquifer area.
- Possibility to use the Transboundary Aquifers World Map (new version 2021)
  [https://ggis.un-igrac.org/view/tba](https://ggis.un-igrac.org/view/tba)
- Flexibility:
  - General delineation;
  - Strip at each side of the border where transboundary impacts are plausible.
Activities related to SDG 6.5.2.

- Provided inputs on SDG 6.5.2 to UN regional commissions in preparation for the UN 2023 Water Conference
- Participation and/or organization of global and regional events, workshops, webinars
- Support for the third data drive in 2023:
  - Overall SDG6 outreach
  - Global webinars
  - Latin American, Arab, Asia-Pacific regional webinars/workshops, in cooperation with partners
  - Countries discussion
  - Review of draft reports
  - Responses to countries’ queries
Thank you!

WEB
https://unece.org/environmental-policy/water/transboundary_water_cooperation_reporting

https://en.unesco.org/themes/water-security/transboundary_water_cooperation_reporting

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RESOURCES
https://sdg6data.org/en/indicator/6.5.2
Appendix

Countries that have responded to the invitation to report on SDG indicator 6.5.2: (as of 20.06.2023)

Andorra
Armenia
Germany
Guinea-Bissau
Iraq
Kenya
Kuwait
Lebanon
Liberia
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Mongolia
Myanmar
Portugal
Qatar
Russian Federation
Senegal
South Africa