

Concept Note

“Pan Asia Learning Exchange Workshop on Monitoring and Reporting of SDG Indicator 6.5.1 Degree of Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) Implementation”

10 December 2020

14.00 – 17.30 GMT+7 (Jakarta Time);
08.00 – 11.30 GMT+1 (Stockholm Time);

Background

In 2015, the Member States of the United Nations adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The 2030 Agenda comprises 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 targets addressing social, economic and environmental aspects of development, and seeks to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure prosperity for all. The SDGs include aspirational global targets that are intended to be universally relevant and applicable to all countries. Goal 6 is to “Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all”, and it includes targets addressing all aspects of the freshwater cycle. In relation to water, the SDGs build on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which focus primarily on water supply and sanitation, to consider a more holistic approach to water management.

Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) provides an essential framework to achieve not only Sustainable Development Goals 6, but also to achieve all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Integrated approaches help to coordinate sustainable development and water management for the full spectrum of users: residents in urban and rural areas, agriculture, industries and natural ecosystems. This coordination is critical for the full 2030 Agenda. SDG Target 6.5 calls on countries by 2030 to implement integrated water resources management at all levels, including through transboundary cooperation as appropriate.

The degree of implementation of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM), which is encapsulated in SDG indicator 6.5.1, is evaluated every three years through a self-evaluation based on a pre-defined survey instrument, which all UN Member States are requested to carry out. The baseline for SDG indicator 6.5.1 was established in 2017, and the update is being carried out in 2020, to be reported in 2021.

In 2020, Global Water Partnership (GWP) in collaboration with The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as the custodian agency, which coordinates reporting on SDG 6.5.1 indicator, together with UNEP-DHI Centre and Cap-Net, operates the SDG 6 IWRM Support Programme, to support 60 countries in implementing the survey.

This Asia region online workshop is designed to evaluate and share experiences between countries on the implementation of SDG 6.5.1 IWRM survey in 2020 and to discuss the challenges and opportunity towards the achievement of SDG in Asia region. This inter-regional workshop is co-organized by Global Water Partnership, and UNEP.

Objective

The focus of this online workshop is to provide opportunities for Asia Pacific countries to exchange lessons learned both in terms of survey process and substance in Integrated Water Resource Management, which has been carried out in 2020, and also to discuss the way forward towards the achievement of SDG indicator 6.5.1 Integrated Water Resource Management.

Specifically, the objectives that will be obtained from the workshop are:

1. Highlight good practices and discuss challenges in completing the 6.5.1 questionnaire in round 2020 survey.
2. Identify and discuss any possible adjustments that need to be incorporated in the next round of survey.
3. Identify common challenges and opportunities to advance on IWRM that were identified through the survey, and to establish collaboration at Asia Pacific level to move forward together.

Workshop Methodology

The online workshop will be divided into two main sessions, taking place one day. In the first session, participants will share **the reflection on the implementation of SDG 6.5.1 survey process in 2020**. Three country focal points on SDG 6.5.1 will present and share their experience on survey process, their country challenges and best practices in reporting IWRM in 2020. Then in the breakout group discussion, all participants will have the opportunity to share their country experience in implementing survey and giving recommendation for next round.

The second session will be organised to mainly discuss on **Advancing on IWRM toward the achievement of SDG**. In engaging way, participants will be asked to discuss on common challenges and opportunities of advancing on IWRM to take action on the way forwards as identified in the survey, and to discuss possible collaboration at the Asia Pacific level. The session will be continued with panel discussion from regional organizations involved in water management to discuss on how to helping countries in implementing IWRM and potential common approaches within the region.

Output

Inter-regional report on “Key Lessons Learned on SDG 6.5.1 Survey and The Way Forward in Asia Pacific”.

Participants

The targeted participant are country focal points on SDG 6.5.1 (1 person) and country water partnership representative (1 person) in **47 countries** in Asia Pacific including East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, Caucasus and Pacific. Estimated number of participants: 80 people from Asian region.

Schedule and Time

The workshop will be held on **10 December 2020 14.00 – 17.30 (GMT+7) Jakarta time**.