

SDG 6 IWRM Support Programme

IWRM Action Planning

Requests for additional assistance from the Support Programme



About the SDG 6 IWRM Support Programme

The **SDG 6 IWRM Support Programme** assists governments in designing and implementing country-led responses to **SDG indicator 6.5.1**, which measures the degree of IWRM implementation.

The Support Programme aims to monitor and measurably accelerate progress towards water-related SDGs and other development goals, in direct support of the official SDG monitoring and reporting processes.

Under the guidance of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and coordinated by the Global Water Partnership (GWP) in collaboration with the UNEP-DHI Centre and UNDP Cap-Net, the Support Programme brings together partners in each country representing governments, civil society, academia and the private sector, in the spirit of **SDG 17** “Partnerships for the Goals”.



How the Support Programme works



Stage 1 – Identifying challenges: Employing the SDG 6.5.1 national monitoring and reporting framework to identify, through multi-stakeholder consultations, critical areas for attention that hinder progress on IWRM. This Stage is conducted through the periodic completion by countries of a survey on SDG indicator 6.5.1 designed to allow countries to evaluate the degree of IWRM implementation. Periodic monitoring of this indicator provides a window of opportunity to revisit and revise IWRM Action Plans.



Stage 2 – Developing IWRM Action Plans: Using the key IWRM challenges identified in Stage 1, the aim of this stage is to facilitate a government-led multi-stakeholder process to formulate and prioritise appropriate responses to those challenges. The result of Stage 2 is typically an IWRM Action Plan (the name might be adapted for each country), which includes a series of priority IWRM acceleration actions which constitute attractive investment opportunities to systematically guide the implementation of solutions to IWRM challenges.



Stage 3 – Implementing solutions: Support countries in implementing IWRM solutions aimed at achieving SDG 6 and other water-related goals as a measurable contribution to progress towards countries' development objectives

What is an IWRM Action Plan and what should it include?

- A shared **multi-annual commitment** from different stakeholders in the country to **advance IWRM implementation** as a contribution to achieving the water-related SDGs.
- It should contain a **limited number of priority interventions** designed to help solve some of the country's **greatest water-related challenges**. These actions should be **ambitious investment opportunities** that shift the needle on SDG 6.5.1 and other water-related SDGs.
- It should contain a **portfolio of government-endorsed IWRM actions** defined through a multi-stakeholder dialogue process.



What shouldn't it be?

- A new fully-fledged national IWRM plan. Instead, it should be **subordinate and supportive** to the existing policy framework for IWRM.
- A stand-alone document. Instead, it should be **aligned with ongoing efforts** to reach the water-related SDGs, climate adaptation goals, biodiversity targets and other relevant frameworks.



Technical assistance for developing and implementing IWRM Action Plans (1/2)



Any country interested in advancing on IWRM based on the approach of the Support Programme can freely use the methodology contained in the [Acceleration Package](#) (available in English, French and Spanish), which provides a suite of **guidance materials and templates** to support countries to design and implement an IWRM Action Plan.



You can **view the existing actions** defined by countries on the [IWRM Action Searcher](#), which is continually updated and which allows you to see which countries have prioritised actions by IWRM dimension, by question of the SDG 6.5.1 survey, or by associated SDG goal.



Technical assistance for developing and implementing IWRM Action Plans (2/2)



An **online course on SDG 6.5.1 IWRM Action Planning** will be available through the Cap-Net Virtual Campus from March 2022, and will cover the basics of IWRM action planning as well as useful techniques for facilitation, negotiation and project implementation. The course is free of charge and available to anyone interested.



A **Community of Practice** will be available from March 2022 on the updated IWRM Action Hub that will facilitate the active engagement of and interaction between IWRM practitioners working to advance on the implementation of IWRM within the context of SDG 6.5.1.



Funding the development and implementation of an IWRM Action Plan (1/2)

Defining an IWRM Action Plan through Stage 2 of the SDG 6 IWRM Support Programme typically has a cost of approximately 40,000 Euros, between in-cash and in-kind contributions. Support options include:

- **Financial and technical support:** the SDG 6 IWRM Support Programme has limited funding available (normally under a 50/50 co-funding arrangement) to assist countries in following Stages 2 and 3, which is typically channelled through GWP regional and country offices.
- **Joint fundraising:** the country and the Support Programme could also fundraise together to be able to conduct Stages 2 and/or 3. The Support Programme is currently piloting the Funding Matchmaking Initiative, which aims at matching actions from the Stage 2 Action Plans with potential funding resources, and the experiences will be shared in 2022 with interested parties.
- **Hiring assistance:** the technical assistance of the Support Programme may also be hired to carry out Stages 2 and/or 3. If a country or another stakeholder wishes to engage the Support Programme's assistance, that may be arranged through the provision of financial resources from the country or from external funders.



Funding the development and implementation of an IWRM Action Plan (2/2)

Defining an IWRM Action Plan through Stage 2 of the SDG 6 IWRM Support Programme typically has a cost of approximately 40,000 Euros, between in-cash and in-kind contributions. Support options include:

- **Self-funded:** any country interested in following the methodology is free to do so with its own funding or external support, and can access guiding material through the Acceleration Package. In that case, we only request that the SDG 6 IWRM Support Programme be informed about the development of the Action Plan, by writing to sdg6iwrmsp@gwp.org. If needed, some technical assistance may be available through GWP to support this effort.
- **Other funding modalities** (such as for instance collaboration with regional partners or economic commissions) can be discussed on an individual basis with the Support Programme.





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