

Concept Note

Country stakeholder workshop for SDG 6.5.1

The aim of this Concept Note is to provide information on the country stakeholder workshop supporting the national submission of data on Sustainable Development Goal indicator 6.5.1 on IWRM implementation.

Background

The 2030 Development Agenda, adopted by member States at the UN General Assembly in September 2015, will drive development actions for the next 15 years. The Global Water Partnership (GWP) 2016-2019 Work Programme is strongly focused on supporting countries to achieve the water-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly via the SDG 6.5 target on integrated water resources management.

In this context, GWP is using its unique partnerships to help countries immediately set out to implement the 2030 Development Agenda. In particular, GWP is enhancing its work at the country level through its network of CWP in order to provide direct, in-country support to national institutions responsible for SDG implementation. A very first step in the process is to ensure that a proper baseline on SDG 6.5.1 is conducted and analyzed to identify water governance status and priorities. This groundwork is framed as a collaborative project with UN Environment-DHI. This collaboration with UN Environment-DHI will include the organization of up to 30 stakeholder meetings in selected countries with a view to recover completed SDG indicator 6.5.1 questionnaires and provide targeted support to countries to identify and prioritize guidance for subsequent IWRM implementation programmes.

Approach to workshop

The national IWRM Focal Point has the responsibility of managing a process that results in one completed questionnaire, which reflects the country's current IWRM implementation status. The workshop content will depend on the status of the SDG 6.5.1 data collection process of the respective country.

Pakistan Water Partnership (PWP), a country chapter of GWP, will support the initiative by organizing the stakeholder workshop together with the relevant ministries and appointed IWRM Focal Point, to facilitate the necessary discussion between stakeholders, provide guidance on survey interpretation, if needed, and help consolidate stakeholder inputs into single country submission.

To ensure focused workshop discussions the SDG 6.5.1 questionnaire will be shared with the invited stakeholders prior to the workshop, so as to allow time for them to be completed beforehand. The final score of the questionnaire will be calculated by the IWRM Focal Point, together with the Facilitator and the PWP representative in conclusion of the workshop.

The workshop will ensure that the IWRM Focal point and its team has a thorough understanding of the SDG 6.5.1 questionnaire methodology and the approach to how results are calculated by the end of workshop, to ensure that the scores of the submitted questionnaire are selected and calculated correctly.

The workshop outputs are listed below and a suggested agenda is attached as Annex 1.

Outputs

SDG Indicator 6.5.1 questionnaire (one per country) – completed and submitted by the PWP Representative in collaboration with the National IWRM Focal point:

- This will include the rationale for the set scores in the narrative section of the questionnaire. This should also capture: i) References, where applicable; ii) Rationale for the decision; iii) Divergence in views of the set scores, where applicable, e.g. between different stakeholder groups; and iv) Differences in scores from different areas/levels;
- The final score of the questionnaire will be calculated by the IWRM Focal Point, the Facilitator and the CWP representative in conclusion of the workshop.

Country stakeholder workshop report (one per country) – completed and submitted by the PWP representative in collaboration with the IWRM Focal point:

- This brief report that should capture the meeting participants, issues on which agreement was not made, or strongly diverging opinions were noted, as well as suggestions for next steps and follow up action for the continuous monitoring of the SDG 6.5.1 indicator in the specific country.

Participants - Stakeholder Workshop

Ensure a wide representation of stakeholders from various groups, sectors and levels.

- **Government:** representatives from the main ministry/ministries responsible for water resources, as well as those from other ministries involved in water resources (e.g. agriculture, energy, environment, tourism, urban planning, finance).
- **Basin and aquifer level:** e.g. organizations with responsibility for water resources management at river basin, lake basin, or aquifer level.
- **Other stakeholders:** community groups, water user associations, private sector, academia, NGOs, environmental organizations and water resources management practitioners.

ANNEX 1

Draft Agenda - Country stakeholder workshop for SDG 6.5.1
At Office of the Chief Engineering Advisor, Ministry of Water Resources
6-Attaturk Avenue, G-5/1, Islamabad
On Wednesday 20 December 2017

09:30-10:00 Welcome and Introduction (45min)

- Welcome and Introduction to the meeting
- Official Opening of the meeting
- Brief presentation of the stakeholders participating

10:00-10:15 SDG 6.5.1 - Background and overview (15min)

- Background to SDG 6.5.1 and the survey, and an overview of the questionnaire

10:00-13:00 Facilitated discussions (3h)

Section 1 and 2: 'Enabling Environment' and 'Institutions and Participation'

Q1: What is the status of policies, laws and plans to support IWRM at national & other levels?

Q2: What is the status of institutions for IWRM implementation at national and other levels?

- introduction and support to understand the sections (30 min)
- roundtable discussions (1h)
- reporting back and discussion - including agreeing on scores for the questions under section 1 and 2 in the questionnaire and capture 3-5 key points from the discussion for the narrative sections to support the rationale or capture divergences (1h30min)

13:00-14:00 LUNCH

14:00-17:00 Facilitated discussions cont. (3h)

Section 3 and 4: 'Management Instruments' and 'Financing'

Q1: What is the status of management instruments to support IWRM implementation at national level and other levels?

Q2: What is the status of financing for water resources development and management at national level and other levels?

- introduction and support to understand the section and the questions (30min)
- roundtable discussions (1h)
- reporting back and discussion - including agreeing on scores for the questions under section 3 and 4 in the questionnaire and capture 3-5 key points from the discussion for the narrative sections to support the rationale or capture divergences (1h30min)

17:00-18:00 Wrap up and Closing of the meeting (1h)

- Follow up on any loose ends from the previous discussions
- Agree on next steps for follow up and monitoring of the SDG 6.5.1 indicator
- Wrap up and closing of the workshop