

Draft programme of work for 2017-2019 under the Protocol on Water and Health

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How was the draft programme of work put together?

- * Builds on lessons learned, challenges and successes in the programme of work for 2014-2016
- * Discussions under different bodies
- * Strategic workshop (7-8 March 2016)
- * Endorsed by the Working Group on Water and Health (29-30 June 2016)

Overarching objectives

- * Support implementation and compliance and assist accession
- * Address main water, sanitation and health challenges by
 - * Building evidence on problems and solutions and tracking progress
 - * Strengthening political commitment through policy dialogue, advocacy and awareness-raising
 - * Developing policy and technical tools and supporting their use
 - * Building capacity and fostering exchanges and partnerships
 - * Providing assistance to countries in implementation
 - * Ensuring long-term impact by fostering adoption of measures, including the setting of targets

Relevance to the 2030 Agenda and other commitments

- * Protocol as a powerful tool to operationalize the achievement of the SDGs in country contexts: SDG 6 and water, sanitation and health related targets in other SDGs
- * Protocol will also support
 - * Fulfilment of the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation
 - * Paris Agreement, AAAA, Sendai Framework
 - * Rio+20 outcome
 - * WHA resolution of drinking water, sanitation and health
 - * RPG1 of the Parma Declaration
 - * European health framework, Health 2020
 - * Future water, sanitation and health commitments deriving from 6th Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health

Programme area 1: Improving governance for water and health - Support to setting targets and implementation of measures

- * Responsible body: Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting.
- * Lead Parties: Romania and Switzerland.
- * Objectives and expected outcomes: Reinforce the implementation articles 6 and 7 by:
 - * Providing support to set targets and establish action plans
 - * Promoting networking to exchange experiences
 - * Increasing awareness of the importance of public participation
 - * Ensuring coordination with other areas of the PoW to the translate findings into targets and measures
 - * Supporting in translating the SDGs into national targets
 - * Strengthening reporting capacity
- * Linkages to 2030 Agenda: all SDG targets relevant to water, sanitation and health

Programme area 1: Improving governance for water and health - Support to setting targets and implementation of measures

1. Setting targets and implementing measures

- * Build capacity to address specific issues and common challenges related to setting targets and implementing measures, through regional, subregional and national workshops (Task Force meetings oriented towards thematic exchanges)
- * Support organization of national and subregional workshops to support target setting, implementation of measures and public participation
- * Promote good practices on setting targets and implementing measures, including through twinning
- * Foster exchange of experience and analysis of the benefits, outcomes and concrete results achieved through the implementation of the Protocol
- * Develop a guidance booklet on how to translate Agenda 2030 into national targets set under the Protocol

Programme area 1: Improving governance for water and health - Support to setting targets and implementation of measures

2. Strengthening reporting capacity

- * Support improvement in the quality of reporting, including through exploring possibility of electronic tool
- * Raise awareness on the linkages between Protocol reporting and Agenda 203 monitoring
- * Support compliance with reporting obligations
- * Regional implementation report

Resource requirements PA1: 642,300 USD (725,800 including overheads)

Programme area 2:

Prevention and reduction of water-related diseases

- * **Lead Parties:** Belarus and Norway.
- * **Objectives and expected outcomes:** support implementation of article 8:
 - * Strengthen national capacities for surveillance and early warning systems of water-related disease, preparedness and contingency planning and outbreak response and investigation
 - * Support building effective systems for surveillance of drinking water quality
 - * Foster setting targets to improve surveillance
- * **Linkages to 2030 Agenda:** 3.3, 3.9, 3.d, 6.1

Programme area 2:

Prevention and reduction of water-related diseases

1. Strengthening capacity in surveillance of water-related diseases and outbreak management

- * Develop training modules including the establishment of a website where materials can be accessed in English and Russian
- * Support national capacity-building activities on surveillance and outbreak management
- * Revise the technical guidance document on WRD surveillance (technical review, expert consultations, feedback from national capacity-building activities, inclusion of good practice case studies)
- * Create a roster of experts to support national responses to outbreaks and emergencies

Programme area 2:

Prevention and reduction of water-related diseases

2. Strengthening capacity in uptake of risk-based approaches in drinking water quality surveillance

- * Develop advocacy and guidance materials on the principles of risk-based approaches in drinking water quality surveillance
- * Conduct national and subregional capacity-building to capacitate and support Parties and other States in long-term uptake of risk-based surveillance approaches in regulations and practice.

Resources requirement for PA 2:

398,000 USD (450,000 including overheads)

Programme area 3:

Institutional water, sanitation and hygiene

- * **Lead Parties:** Hungary, Georgia and the Republic of Moldova
- * **Objectives and expected outcomes:** improve WASH in educational and health care facilities:
 - * Prioritize, monitor and improve
 - * Promote cooperation with health systems and education sectors to foster health and educational outcomes
 - * Support translating regional and global commitments on institutional WASH into national targets and actions according to article 6
- * **Linkages to 2030 Agenda:** 2.2, 3.2, 3.3, 3.8, 4a, 6.1 and 6.2
- * Linkage to RPG1 of Parma Declaration and global action plan on WASH in health care facilities

Programme area 3:

Institutional water, sanitation and hygiene

1. Strengthening WASH in schools

- * WASH in schools expert group will guide the work
- * Conduct regional and subregional workshops to disseminate evidence, promote cooperation between the education and health sectors, facilitate sharing of good practices and support target setting and policy uptake
- * Develop a practical tool for public health authorities to improve surveillance and adequate monitoring of WASH in schools
- * Develop a “WASH toolkit” for school administrations to promote good practices and improve operation and maintenance of WASH facilities in schools

Programme area 3:

Institutional water, sanitation and hygiene

2. Strengthening WASH in health-care facilities

- * Support baseline analysis in two countries to inform national target setting and action planning.
- * Organize a regional workshop to raise health sector leadership and to call for national action and support uptake in target setting and policies
- * Support pilot projects in selected health-care facilities to apply a WHO risk-based tool for improving and maintaining WASH service

**Resources requirement for PA 3:
439,500 USD (496,600 including overheads)**

Programme area 4:

Small scale water supplies and sanitation

- * **Lead Parties:** Germany and Serbia
- * **Objectives and expected outcomes:**
 - * Increase policy attention to small-scale water supply and sanitation systems
 - * Support policy uptake and implementation of good practice-based approaches
 - * Assist countries in improving access in rural areas, small towns and peri-urban areas
 - * Foster consideration of small-scale system issues in national target setting under article 6
- * **Linkages to 2030 Agenda:** 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.b

Programme area 4:

Small scale water supplies and sanitation

1. Strengthening capacity for policy development

- * Promote tools and good practices supporting formulation of national road maps, policies, regulations and programmes through consultations and national and subregional workshops
- * Support analysis of gaps and needs and encourage Parties to set targets in this area
- * Build capacities, share and promote good practices and tools on sustainable financing of small-scale water supply and sanitation, including the development of a guidance document

Programme area 4:

Small scale water supplies and sanitation

2. Improving the evidence base and implementing field demonstration projects

- * Assist countries in undertaking situation analyses, for example through rapid assessments at the national or subnational level
- * Support field projects on improved planning, operation and management, with a particular focus on integrated water safety and sanitation safety plans in rural areas (in cooperation with programme area 5)

Programme area 4: Small scale water supplies and sanitation

3. Regional networking

- * Support regional networking and collaboration, including through study visits and facilitating access of to the WHO-hosted Small Community Water Supply Management Network

**Resources requirement for PA 4:
333,800 USD (377,200 including overheads)**

Programme area 5:

Safe and efficient management of water supply and sanitation systems

- * **Lead Parties:** Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Netherlands and IWA
- * **Objectives and expected outcomes:**
 - * Ensure safe and efficient management of water supply and sanitation services by strengthening capacities, scaling up risk-based management approaches
 - * Consider of impacts of water-related natural disasters
 - * Promoting cooperation and exchange of experiences
- * **Linkages to 2030 Agenda:** 3.3, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3

Programme area 5:

Safe and efficient management of water supply and sanitation systems

1. Scaling up the adoption of water and sanitation safety plans

- * Build capacity on WSP and SSP approaches in policy and practice, in particular to promote uptake in national legislation and support development of national roadmaps towards long-term uptake
- * Support implementation of pilot projects on integrated water and sanitation safety plans with focus on small systems (linkage to PA4)
- * Promote mainstreaming in decision-making and policy uptake through target setting under article 6 (linkage to PA1)
- * Organize a regional symposium on extreme weather events and safe water supply and sanitation, focusing on WSPs and SSPs in the light of climate change, floods and droughts (PA 7)

Programme area 5:

Safe and efficient management of water supply and sanitation systems

2. Focusing policy attention and technical efforts on sanitation

- * Review existing challenges and practices in sanitation management, including reuse through a scoping study
- * Organize a regional workshop on safe and efficient management of sanitation, including reuse
- * Based on workshop results, an expert group on sanitation will guide the development of further policy and/or technical guidance and practical tools (e.g. a self-assessment tool)
- * Foster adoption of targets under article 6
- * Linkages with PAs 1, 4, 6 and 7

Resources requirement for PA 5:

577,600 USD (652,700 including overheads)

Programme area 6: Equitable access to water and sanitation: Translating the human right to water and sanitation into practice

- * Lead Parties: France and Hungary
- * Objectives and expected outcomes: ensure access to water and sanitation for all, including those suffering a disadvantage or social exclusion (article 5) and, thereby, the progressive realization of the human right to water and sanitation.
 - * Priority attention to equity aspects in policymaking;
 - * Development of baseline studies
 - * Strengthen capacity to ensure equitable access
- * Linkages to 2030 Agenda: 1.4, 4a, 6.1, 6.2, 11.1

Programme area 6: Equitable access to water and sanitation: Translating the human right to water and sanitation into practice

1. Enhancing knowledge of the situation of equitable access to water and sanitation through assessments and awareness-raising

- * Scale up application of the Equitable Access Score-card and supporting baseline analysis
- * Facilitating the exchange of experience on the use of the Equitable Access Score-card
- * Further developing training materials
- * Promoting political awareness on existing inequities based on the outcomes of self-assessments and raising awareness on the need for action

Programme area 6: Equitable access to water and sanitation: Translating the human right to water and sanitation into practice

2. Fostering the adoption of measures to ensure equitable access to water and sanitation

- * Support the development of national or local equitable access action plans, on the basis of the Strategic note and on the results of self-assessments
- * Share lessons learned and promote good practices on the process of development of equitable access action plans and measures implemented to improve equitable access through the expert group on equitable access and thematic regional, subregional and national workshops

Resources requirement for PA 6: 525,700 USD (594,000 including overheads)

Programme area 7:

Increasing resilience to climate change

- * **Lead Parties:** Italy and Spain
- * **Objectives and expected outcomes:** Strengthening resilience of communities to water-related disasters and other effects induced by climate change, particularly in urban areas.
 - * Building awareness, evidence and capacities in addressing the issues of water scarcity and wastewater reuse in agriculture ;
 - * Build on previous work (*Guidance on Water Supply and Sanitation in Extreme Weather Event*)
 - * Synergies with work of ECE Committee on Housing and Land Management, Water Convention, European Environment and Health Process on cities and climate change, and WHO Healthy Cities Network
- * **Linkages to 2030 Agenda:** 6.3, 6.4, 11.5, 13

Programme area 7:

Increasing resilience to climate change

1. Building capacity to deal with water scarcity and its health impacts

- * In cooperation with the Water Convention, increase capacity of authorities and water operators to manage water scarcity and prevent and mitigate related health impacts.
- * A regional workshop to review evidence related to the effects of water scarcity and identify good practices and lessons learned in water resource management, including wastewater reuse, to address water scarcity at the institutional, policy, scientific and technological levels (cooperation with PA 5)

Programme area 7:

Increasing resilience to climate change

2. Exchanging experience on building resilience to climate change in urban areas

- * A regional workshop addressing disaster preparedness and response, adaptation, wastewater management, recycling and reuse
- * A regional symposium on extreme weather events and safe water supply and sanitation, specifically focusing on WSPs and SSPs in the light of climate change, floods and droughts (in coordination with PA 5)

Resources requirement for PA 7:

336,000 USD (436,800 including overheads)

Programme area 8: Assistance to support implementation at the national level

- * **Responsible body:** Bureau and the joint secretariat
- * **Objectives and expected outcomes:** Assisting countries in setting targets, establishing action plans and implementing measures providing tailor-made support at the national level
 - * Support activities under Programme Area 1 and promote approaches and tools developed under Programme Areas 2 - 7, including capacity-building and exchange of good practices
 - * Countries that have not set targets will be supported in the process
- * **Upon demand and pending the availability of resources**
- * **Linkages to 2030 Agenda:** 6a

Programme area 8: Assistance to support implementation at the national level

1. Using existing platforms to promote the Protocol

- * National Policy Dialogues and WHO Biennial Collaborative Agreements used to secure commitment to the Protocol

2. Support to accession, target setting and implementation

- * Upon demand and pending availability of resources, support for accession to the Protocol, setting targets and implementation

Resources requirement for PA 8:

91,800 USD (103,700 including overheads) for establishing/maintaining dialogue with partners/donors and preparing assistance-related activities (not for activities implementation)

Programme area 9: Compliance procedure

- * **Responsible body:** Compliance Committee
- * **Objectives and expected outcomes:**
 - * Monitor and facilitate compliance with the Protocol in accordance with Decision I/2
 - * Assistance to parties through Consultation Process

Resources requirement for PA 9:

373,700 USD (422,300 including overheads)

Overall resource requirements

- * Total requirements: **4,841,259 USD (including overhead)**
- * Less than 2% increase compared to previous programme of work