



TECHNICAL MEETING ON THE TEMPLATE FOR REPORTING ON SDG INDICATOR 6.5.2 AND UNDER THE WATER CONVENTION

Budapest, Hungary, 16-17 January 2018

*To be held at the Hungarian Ministry of Interior, József Attila u 2-4.
starting on Tuesday, 16 January 2018, at 10 a.m.*

Concept note

Background and objectives

In the course of 2017, the first reporting exercise on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicator 6.5.2 and under the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Rivers and International Lakes (Water Convention) took place. In order to maximize synergies and efficiencies, the two reporting processes were carried out together and a reporting template was sent to all countries, both Parties and non-Parties to the Water Convention.

The main objective of the technical meeting is to draw lessons from the first reporting exercise in order to improve the template for future reporting. The meeting will discuss possible revisions and clarifications to both the section of the template on reporting on indicator 6.5.2 and the relevant methodology, and the sections of the template for reporting under the Water Convention.

The meeting will consider issues in the reporting template that have been highlighted in the reports submitted by the countries, together with specific comments received, and the lessons drawn from the analysis and validation of the reports by UNECE and UNESCO.

The technical meeting will therefore:

- review the reporting process and preliminary results;
- discuss countries' experiences in filling the template and draw lessons from this first exercise;
- revise and clarify the section of the template for reporting on SDG indicator 6.5.2 as well as the relevant methodology;
- revise and clarify the sections of the template for reporting under the Water Convention, and discuss a draft decision on reporting under the Convention for adoption by the Meeting of the Parties at its eight session.

A broader discussion on the template is subsequently foreseen during the thirteenth meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management under the Water Convention, to be held in Geneva on 29 and 30 May 2018. The sections of the template for reporting under the Water Convention will thereafter be submitted to the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention at its eight session, which will be held in Astana, Kazakhstan, on 10-12 October 2018.

Structure of the meeting

Session 1: Introduction

Objectives: introduction to the meeting, describing the status of the reporting on SDG indicator 6.5.2 and under the Water Convention, presenting preliminary results and the different reports under preparation by the custodian agencies building on the national reports received.

Session 2: Revision and clarification of section of the template for reporting on SDG indicator 6.5.2 and relevant methodology

Objectives: (i) present common challenges in the section of the template for reporting on SDG indicator 6.5.2, including challenges linked to the calculation of the indicator; (ii) review, discuss and agree on a revised template and clarified methodology based on a draft version prepared by UNECE and UNESCO.

Session 3: Revision and clarification of the section of the template for reporting under the Water Convention

Objectives: (i) present common challenges in the section of the template for reporting under the Convention highlighted by countries and during the validation of the reports; (ii) review, discuss and agree on a revised template based on a draft version prepared by the UNECE secretariat; (iii) outline a draft decision on reporting to be further discussed at the thirteenth meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management (Geneva, 29-30 May 2018) in view of its submission for adoption at the eight session of the Meeting of the Parties (Astana, Kazakhstan, 10-12 October 2018).

Session 4: Review of the process for reporting

Objectives: build on the first reporting experience to agree on how to improve the reporting process for the next reporting cycle.

Session 5: Next steps

Objectives: Discuss the use of reports at the national, basin, regional and global levels.

Participants

The technical meeting is targeted to experts responsible for completing the reporting template or coordinating the reporting process on SDG indicator 6.5.2 and under the Water Convention. In order to enable an interactive and effective meeting, a limited number of country representatives

from all regions of the world are being invited. Invitees include both Parties and non-Parties to the Water Convention, and both countries which reported and countries which did not submit a report, but might do so in future reporting exercises. The following countries are being invited:

Afghanistan	Costa Rica	India	Romania
Angola	Côte d'Ivoire	Iran	Russian Federation
Argentina	Czechia	Italy	Senegal
Austria	Ecuador	Kazakhstan	Serbia
Azerbaijan	Egypt	Kenya	Slovenia
Belarus	Estonia	Lesotho	South Africa
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Ethiopia	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Botswana	Finland	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Togo
Brazil	France	Malaysia	Tunisia
Burundi	Georgia	Mali	Turkey
Cameroon	Germany	Mexico	Uganda
Chad	Ghana	Netherlands	United States of America
China	Guatemala	Niger	Vietnam
Colombia	Hungary (host)	Portugal	

Practical information

The meeting will be held on 16-17 January 2018 in Budapest, Hungary. It will start at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 16 January 2018 and end at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 17 January 2018. It will be hosted by the Government of Hungary and held at the Ministry of Interior, József Attila u 2-4.

The working languages will be English, French, Russian and Spanish.

Eligible participants from countries with economies in transition and from developing countries may apply for financial support to facilitate their participation in the meeting. Requests for financial support should be submitted to the Water Convention secretariat (katri.veldre@unece.org) as soon as possible, but not later than **10 December 2017**.

Participants requiring entry visas to Hungary should inform the Water Convention secretariat (katri.veldre@unece.org) as soon as possible. Since Hungary is part of the Schengen Zone, obtaining a visa might take up to 5 weeks. Participants needing a visa are therefore requested to submit their application as soon as possible and initiate visa procedures at least five weeks before the meeting.

All participants are requested to register on line at <https://www2.unece.org/uncdb/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=emHxIe> by **31 December 2017**. In case you need practical assistance with registration, please contact the UNECE secretariat by e-mail (katri.veldre@unece.org).

Further information, relevant material and a practical information notice will be made available on the following website in due course: www.unece.org/index.php?id=47476

For any substantial question on the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact UNECE and UNESCO, respectively at transboundary_water_cooperation_reporting@unece.org and transboundary_water_cooperation_reporting@unesco.org.