3rd Reporting cycle and collecting good practices under the Protocol on Water and Health

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Stakeholders meeting

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Reporting under the Protocol

- Art.7: Every three years Parties shall evaluate progress towards the targets set and submit a summary report in accordance with guidelines established by the Meeting of the Parties

- Two reporting cycles have been conducted (2010, 2013). Third cycle – October 2015

- All reports available, Compliance Committee and secretariat developed two analysis of them

- Template adopted by MOP2 – revisions facilitating reporting expected to be endorsed by Working Group
Objectives of reporting

• Assess progress (self assessment by Party and assessment by the Meeting of the Parties)

• Exchange experience, share lessons learned

• Demonstrate the main challenges/obstacles in implementing the Protocol => inform the Protocol’s programme of work

• The aim is not to compare Parties, however there’s the need to have a basis of harmonized information throughout the region

• Reporting is an important moment to reinforce commitment to the Protocol
3rd reporting exercise timeline

- November – April: preparation of summary reports, after receiving an official letter from the secretariat
- 29 Feb-31 March: workshop on good practices in reporting
- 18 April 2016 (210 days before the Meeting of the Parties): submission of summary reports by Parties, Signatories and other interested countries
- May 2016: preparation of the regional implementation report by an independent expert and of the report by the Compliance Committee
- 29-30 June 2016: Working Group on Water and Health reviews results of the reporting exercise
- 14-16 November 2016: 4th Meeting of the Parties
Structure of the summary reports

• Part I: On the process of setting targets and reporting and on national circumstances
• Part II: Common indicators
• Part III: Target and target dates set and assessment of progress towards the targets
• Part IV: Overall evaluation of progress achieved in implementing the Protocol
• Part V: Information on the person submitting the report
Challenges

• Information focuses on legal basis, less on measures implemented, achievements and challenges

• Most information provided under Common indicators

• Information mostly focuses on the description of current situation

• Some countries seem to have bypassed the approach of the Protocol and simply compiled existing strategies/law
Recommendations

• Summary reports should be useful for self-assessment
• Focus on rationale, outcomes, good practices, challenges, further actions needed
• Broad participatory process, involving NGOs and civil society, private sector
• Use the report for communication and outreach (national and international level)
Informal Review Group - Mandate

1. «Mild amendments» of the current template for summary reports in response to feedback from Parties since the last MOP

- Supporting Parties and other countries in the 3rd reporting cycle:
  - No change in substance
  - Editorial changes
  - Clarifications
  - Explanatory notes
Amendments to the current template

- Part One: explanations
- Part Two: the rationale behind
- Part Three: information related to the achievements and progress made
- Part four: Overall evaluation of the implementation of the Protocol
Task Force to the Working Group

The Task Force:

- Endorsed the suggested explanatory amendments to the template for summary reports
- Recommended the Working Group to encourage Parties and non-Parties to the Protocol to use the revised template in the third reporting cycle

Timeline:

- National summary reports to be submitted by April 18, 2016 (i.e. 210 days before the MOP)
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Collection of good practices and lessons learned

- Collection of good practices to be submitted to 4th MOP
- Based on the experience of Parties and non-Parties in setting and implementing targets and reporting
- Draft outline of the good practices document
- Working Group is invited to propose by 30 November 2015 possible good practices to be included in the document;
- Next steps to further develop the good practices document.
**Institutional arrangements for setting and implementing targets**

**Development of baseline analysis and prioritization of issues**

**Definition of draft targets, including:**
- Examples/case studies of targets that have been set under different target areas
- Financial and economic matters related to the setting of targets (including cost-benefit analysis)
- Setting targets under the Protocol in EU countries

**Public involvement in the process of setting targets**

**Official adoption, publication and promotion of the targets**

**Developing national action plans / programmes of measures to implement the targets set**

**Reviewing and assessing progress towards the achievement of the targets, revision of the targets and reporting**

**Raising political awareness, communication and promotion**
Отчетность в рамках Протокола

• Статья 7: Каждые три года Стороны должны осуществлять оценку прогресса по достижению установленных целевых показателей и представлять отчет в соответствии с руководством, установленным Совещанием Сторон


• Все отчеты доступны на сайте Протокола, Комитет по соблюдению и секретариат подготавливают соответствующий анализ

• Окончательный бланк для отчетов принят Совещанием Сторон
Цели отчетности

- Оценка прогресса (самостоятельная оценка Стороны Протокола и оценка Совещанием Сторон)
- Не для сравнения Сторон, хотя помогает создавать основу для гармонизированной информации в регионе
- Цель – это обмен опытом и извлеченными уроками
- Выявление основных трудностей/препятствий для осуществления Протокола => влияние на Программу работы Протокола
Прогресс отчетности: 1 год

- **Ноябрь - апрель**: подготовка страновых отчетов, после получения официального письма от секретариата
- **Январь**: семинар по отчетности
- **Апрель** (210 дней перед Совещанием Сторон): представление отчетов Сторонами, Сигнатариями и другими заинтересованными странами
- **Май**: подготовка независимым экспертом отчета по выполнению на региональном уровне, а также отчета Комитета по соблюдению
- **Июль**: Рабочая группа по проблемам воды и здоровья рассматривает результаты отчетности
- **Ноябрь**: Совещание Сторон