

First reporting on SDG 6.5.2 and under the Water Convention



- Reporting under the Sustainable Development Goals - Transboundary Water Cooperation
 - SDG target 6.5 – ‘implement integrated water resources management at all levels, including through transboundary cooperation as appropriate’.
 - SDG indicator 6.5.2 – measures the proportion of a transboundary basin area within a country covered by an ‘operational arrangement’
 - ‘Operational arrangement’
 - Treaty, convention, agreement or other formal arrangement
 - Joint body for transboundary water cooperation
 - Annual meetings
 - Annual exchange of data and information
 - Adoption of joint/co-ordinated water management plan, or joint objectives
 - UNECE and UNESCO co-custodians for SDG6.5.2
- Reporting under the Water Convention
 - Decision to introduce reporting at last Meeting of Parties in Budapest, 2015
 - Template developed for reporting addressing
 - National law and policy framework relating to transboundary basins (rivers, lakes and aquifers)
 - Transboundary basin arrangements and their implementation
 - Challenges and achievements in transboundary water cooperation
- Invitations to sent out to countries in early 2017 to report
 - Parties report under the Convention and SDG6.5.2
 - Other countries report on SDG6.5.2 and follow a similar template

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- 106 country responses by end of 2017 (out of 153 countries sharing transboundary waters)
 - Indicator 6.5.2 available for 61 Countries (transboundary river & lake basins and aquifers)
 - 86 countries provided accurate data for transboundary river & lake basins, and
 - 63 countries for transboundary aquifers
 - 38 Parties out of 40 reported under the Water Convention and SDG6.5.2
- Unique insight into current status of transboundary water cooperation
- Value of reporting recognized
 - Tool for assessing current status of transboundary water cooperation at the national and basin level
 - Platform for fostering a dialogue on transboundary water issues across government departments and beyond
- Results of initial reporting exercise
 - Global Sustainable Development Report (July '18)
 - UN-Water Synthesis Report on SDG6 (July '18)
 - UN-Water, UNESCO and UNECE Progress on Transboundary Water Cooperation – Global baseline for SDG indicator 6.5.1 (Aug '18)
 - UNECE Report on Implementation of the Water Convention (Oct '18)

