

**Agenda Item (title): Presentation of the UN-Water SDG 6 Data Portal
Background Brief
31st UN-Water Meeting – 23 and 24 August 2019 – Stockholm, Sweden**

Background Brief prepared by: Data Portal Working Group

Main Issues of this Agenda Item:

- Update on SDG 6 Data Portal
- Demonstration of SDG 6 Data Portal
- Feedback on outreach plan

Introduction / Background / Rationale (less than 200 words please):

The SDG 6 Data Portal brings together data on all the SDG 6 global indicators and other key social, economic and environmental parameters. Through maps, charts and tables, the portal offers tailored options for visualization and analysis of the data, including on interlinkages.

The SDG 6 Data Portal is a flagship product of UN-Water's Integrated Monitoring Initiative for SDG 6. The portal complements the Global SDG Indicators Database and indicator-specific databases by offering more in-depth information across all SDG 6 indicators, as well as tailor-made analytical and visualization tools, all in one place.

The objectives of the portal are to:

- Track overall progress towards SDG 6 at global, regional and national levels.
- Enable assessment and analysis of the state of water resources and linkages to other sectors.
- Raise awareness of water and sanitation issues to help catalyse action.
- Encourage and improve SDG 6 monitoring and reporting at all levels.
- Be an entry point to the wealth of water and sanitation information available within the UN system.

Progress Update (less than 200 words please):

The portal development started in 2018, following recommendations by the GEMI Steering Committee (informed by a target audience survey and a custodian agency database inventory) and guided by a dedicated JMP/GEMI/GLAAS Working Group. To test and gather feedback on the portal, custodian agencies have been participating in several rounds of testing throughout the development, an early version of the portal was showcased at the World Water Week in Stockholm in August 2018, and an almost ready version tested by the target audience in April 2019. About 50 people participated in the detailed testing in April 2019 (Google Survey), including representatives from the public sector (at the national level), United Nations, NGOs, academia and private sector, located in Europe, Americas, Africa and Asia (at least 27 different nationalities). The overall feedback was very positive (scope, content, user-

friendliness) and identified a few areas for improvement (tooltips, indicator selection, definitions and bugs). Following the testing, most of the feedback has been incorporated, data sets have been updated, and the portal will be launched on 27 August 2019 at the World Water Week. To support the dissemination of the portal, an outreach plan has been developed, identifying UN-Water Members and Partners as key collaborators.

Proposed Action by UN-Water, if any (less than 100 words please):

UN-Water Members and Partners to support the dissemination of the portal.

Proposed Draft Decision, if any (less than 100 words please):

Annexes (if any):

- SDG 6 Data Portal Outreach plan
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