

THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

Sequel to my letter dated 19 January circulating the preliminary concept note for the one-day high-level meeting on the -related Goals and Targets in the General Assembly Hall,

I have the honour to share the revised Concept Note and draft programme for the meeting.

The high-level meeting will include an opening segment, followed by a high-level plenary segment from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. I strongly encourage Member States to participate at the Head of State or Government or Ministerial level. The afternoon segment will feature two consecutive interactive panels and a closing segment. The panels will focus on the five areas of the SDG 6 Global Acceleration ET

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(2018-2028) must succeed. The meeting will seek to showcase solutions in various contexts, and also identify the lessons learnt and best practices in implementing the water related targets and goals.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the high-level meeting are as follows:

- Raise global awareness among people on the importance and urgency of implementation of SDG6.
- Support the SDG 6 Global Acceleration Framework, the recommendations of the High-Level Panel on Water and encourage announce

All sectors of society depend on water and sanitation and yet policy and institutional fragmentation often means that decisions taken in certain areas (e.g. agriculture, energy, health, environment) often do not consider the associated impacts on water availability and water quality for other sectors. Integration is essential to capture synergies and manage trade-offs among different social, economic and environmental development objectives.

Progress on SDG 6 is everyone's business and depends on commitments and action in other SDG areas as well. Governance and cross-sector collaboration, clear roles, involvement of local authorities, multi-stakeholder involvement and effective and inclusive institutions are needed, as well as improved data generation, validation, standardization and information exchange to build trust. These steps will help leaders to make informed decisions while increasing accountability, commitment and investment. Changes are needed at all levels to generate data and optimize monitoring and assessment, to deepen disaggregation and analysis, especially for vulnerable, marginalized and disadvantaged groups.

In this interactive discussion, panelists will present concrete acceleration actions for water and sanitation focusing on two of the accelerators set forth in the SDG 6 Global Acceleration Framework: data and information and governance. They will demonstrate how to scale-up international cooperation and accelerate concrete action to meet the water-related goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda. The session further aims to generate commitments for the SDG Acceleration Actions on SDG 6.

Objectives:

- Highlight the value of high-quality data and information on water-related goals and targets being generated, shared and made easily accessible for decision makers.
- Showcase the importance of better governance, establishment of efficient mandates for delivery of water-related goals and targets in all sectors, strengthened institutions to deliver and effective intersectoral coordination mechanisms.
- Present solutions proven by evidence and positive outcomes to member states and multi-stakeholders.
- Identify challenges and obstacles with examples and real cases and share various working modalities and know-how to match demands with resources, existing answers with questions.

Guiding questions:

- 1) How can improved data and information enable policy makers to make evidence-based decisions, while increasing accountability and improving water management?
- 2) How can countries set up systems or mechanisms to improve data and information collection, distribution and analysis for decision-making through collaboration across sectors?
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