

Towards stronger implementation of Integrated Water Resources Management in the Arab Region (SDG Indicator 6.5.1)

Date and time: July 26, 12:00-13:30 (GMT+3)

English and Arabic translation will be available

Registration Link:

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1- Background

To meet the challenges and future requirements for sustainable development, the Arab Ministerial Water Council included the advancement of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) principles among the objectives of the 2010-2030 Arab Strategy for Water Security as a key element in water policies in Arab States. The presence of active policies, legislation, and institutional frameworks for IWRM is one of the indicators of this strategy. Furthermore, all Arab countries are committed to the vision of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and most have developed strategies for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in their national development plans, explicitly SDG target 6.5, thus committing to IWRM implementation as an important mechanism for achieving sustainable development and efficient management of water resources.



The “[2021 Status Report on the Implementation of Integrated Water Resources Management in the Arab Region](#)”, a culmination of fruitful cooperation between the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) and UNEP-DHI, provides a progress update on implementing IWRM in the region and identifies priority areas that will help accelerate full implementation. It is based on data from 21 out of the 22 countries in the region that reported on SDG indicator 6.5.1 between 2017 and 2020.

2- Objectives

The webinar will inform on the progress of implementation of IWRM in the Arab region based on the ‘2021 Status Report on the Implementation of IWRM in the Arab Region’ with the aim to:

- Discuss some of the key enablers for accelerating IWRM implementation;
- Encourage countries to initiate a robust national consultation mechanism for the next reporting round on SDG indicator 6.5.1 in 2023, through lessons learned and experience shared by national focal points;
- Inform countries about the support available for reporting, developing an action plan, and implementation, in particular through the [SDG 6 IWRM Support Programme](#).



3- Agenda

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Moderator	Mr. Ziad Khayat, Economic Affairs Officer, Coordinator, IWRM for Improved Water Security, Climate Change and Natural Resource Sustainability Cluster, ESCWA
12:00-12:05	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mr. Ziad Khayat, ESCWA</i>
12:05 – 12:15	Global brief on the progress on Integrated Water Resources Management <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mr. Paul Glennie, Senior Technical Advisor, UNEP-DHI Centre</i>
12:15 – 12:35	Presentation on findings from the “2021 Status Report on the Implementation of Integrated Water Resources Management in the Arab Region” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mr. Ahmed Legrouri, Report lead author</i>
12:35-12:50	Intervention from national SDG indicator 6.5.1 focal points
12:50 – 13:05	Discussion
13:05-13:15	Presentation on support available and way forward <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mr. Vangelis Constantianos, Executive Secretary & Regional Coordinator, Global Water Partnership-Mediterranean</i>
13:15 – 13:25	Discussion
13:25-13:30	Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mr. Ziad Khayat, ESCWA</i>