SDG 6 POLICY SUPPORT SYSTEM

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• The 2030 Agenda established 17 SDGs and 169 global targets, relating to development outcomes and Means of Implementation (MoI).

• These were designed to be integrated and indivisible and to balance the social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development.
The SDG 6 – Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all – reflects the increased attention on water and sanitation issues in the global political agenda.

Other SDGs with specific water-related targets are also critical for achieving SDG 6 by 2030.
The world is not on track to achieve SDG 6 by 2030.

Water resources and population densities are unevenly distributed across the world.

More than two-thirds of the global population is expected to face water scarcity by 2030.

Climate change is leading to rainfall uncertainty and extended drought periods, particularly in dry areas.
ENABLING ENVIRONMENT OF SDG 6

• Using enabling environments developed before SDG era will unlikely lead to successful achievement of SDG 6.

• SDG 17 – *Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development* – offers a framework for enabling and accelerating progress in all aspects of SDG 6.

• MoI for water and sanitation include governance, finance, capacity development and data acquisition and monitoring.
ENABLING ENVIRONMENT OF SDG 6

• Strengthening and realigning the enabling environment of SDG 6 as means of implementation (MoI) are critical for many countries.

• However, evidence and data for policy makers and development actors may still be missing, overlapping or fragmented.

• If countries are to achieve SDG 6 by 2030, they need to assess their current national situations by understanding and defining gaps and weaknesses, and addressing them with workable policies.
ROAD TO SDG-PSS

• UNU-INWEH and UNOSD partnered with K-eco, the Ministry of Environment of Republic of Korea and national partners from Ghana, Tunisia, Pakistan and Costa Rica.

• Partners investigated options to:
  • Support policy and decision making under data-limited situations.
  • Enable cross-sectorial evidence-based collaboration between experts and decision makers.

• The project team developed a key product: the SDG 6 Policy Support System (SDG-PSS).
TRANSITIONING FROM EXCEL TO ONLINE SYSTEM

• Initially, SDG-PSS was developed in Excel.

• In late 2018, steps taken to migrate SDG-PSS to an online system, freely available to all:
  • English version launched on WWD in March 2019.
  • French version available since 3 June 2019.
  • Spanish version to be available in September 2019.
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• SDG-PSS is an online system where countries can enter data and translate it into “fit-for-policy” evidence.

• The system is organized around six critical components, and a component ‘Status’.

• These components are built based on more than 20 well-established tools, processes and practices.

• Data required by the system has been designed to align with international tools that already exist.
The critical components of SDG-PSS were identified using two main criteria:

- First, by its ability to encourage the creation of national enabling environments to implement SDG 6.
- And, second, whether the component is supported by at least one tool, system or framework developed by an authoritative body.
• SDG-PSS aims to **produce evidence at indicator-level** for SDG 6, so the questions repeat for each indicator.

• This means that the SDG-PSS can be complex in its design.
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- SDG-PSS is a collaboration platform.
- The system aims to show strengths and weaknesses, where data is missing, gaps and opportunities.
- Some of these components, indicators and targets will take some years to collect data. **There may be gaps in the SDG-PSS for many years.**
- Countries can aim to collect better data, to create more evidence and to work on the critical data that is missing.
The main outcome of the system is an **evidence framework** at **indicator level** of SDG 6.

The evidence framework allows **tracking the enabling environment** of SDG 6 across the system’s components and for all targets and indicators of SDG 6. It shows strengths and weaknesses, missing data, gaps and opportunities.

It enables Government actors to better collaborate to create one authoritative, national-level evidence base, while getting people from different sectors, different agencies and different institutions to work together.
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NEXT STEPS AND TIMEFRAME OF THE SECOND PHASE

Feb 2019  Preparation for the Phase II
Jun 2019
Jul 2019  Middle East and Africa workshop
Sep 2019  Asia workshop
Mar 2020  LAC workshop
Sep 2020  Final workshop

Tunisia
Republic of Korea
Costa Rica
Regional hubs

12 countries  15 countries  10 countries  37 countries
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