



Side Event Panel Discussion

Dushanbe Water Conference, 12 June, 2pm
Corpus 1, Conference Hall, Kokhi Somon, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Navigating through limited data while aiming at SDG-6 ‘fit-for-policy’ evidence

Conveners:

United Nations Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD)
United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH)
Korea Water Resources Corporation, K-water
UNESCO International Centre for Water Security and Sustainable Management, UNESCO i-WSSM
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Event Description:

While the world has passed through the halfway mark of addressing the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, strengthening enabling environments to drive the achievement of water-related sustainable development is becoming a critical step for many countries, particularly low- and middle-income economies. The evidence for SDG 6 and pertinent data for policymakers to make this happen are missing, overlapping, or fragmented as the urgency for actions grows.

In addressing the need for policy actions under limited data conditions, a multi-institutional team of water professionals and policymakers developed the [SDG 6 Policy Support System \(SDG-PSS\)](#), which is an answer to the challenge of bringing data and information from different sources and translating them into a ‘fit-for-policy’ evidence framework. The critical components of SDG-PSS include Capacity Assessment, Finance, Policy and Institutional Assessment, Gender Mainstreaming, Disaster Risk Reduction/Resilience, and Integrity.

Water professionals and policymakers can use SDG-PSS to translate trends and estimates into collaborative planning to develop, implement, and measure the effectiveness of water-related policies while addressing national-level SDG 6 targets. These aspects are the focus of this event, which starts with introductory talks followed by a moderated panel discussion, open discussion stemming from panelists' contributions, and conclusions/recommendations.

Event objectives and expected outcomes:

The objectives are to (1) highlight the significance of enabling environments for the achievement of SDG 6 targets at the national level; (2) provide insight into the challenges of bringing limited data and information together and translating them into ‘fit-for-policy’ evidence; and (3) offer SDG-PSS as an opportunity to develop and implement effective water policies in the SDG era.

The outcomes are (1) a better understanding of the enabling environments for SDG 6 targets, (2) knowledge of critical issues around translating limited data and information into an evidence framework, and (3) the importance of collaborative planning through SDG-PSS to promote pertinent water policies.

Side Event/Session Agenda

14:00 – 14:10 Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Moderator: Mr. Manzoor Qadir, Deputy Director, United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH)

- Mr. Chun Kyoo Park, Head of Office, United Nations Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD)

14:10 – 15:00 Introductory Talks

Moderator: Mr. Simon Gilby, Sustainable Development Officer, UNOSD

- Navigating through limited data while aiming at SDG-6 ‘fit-for-policy’ evidence, Mr. Manzoor Qadir, UNU-INWEH
- Experiences in using SDG-PSS in Pakistan, Mr. Muhammad Kashif Manzoor, Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR), Pakistan
- Experiences in using SDG-PSS in Uzbekistan, Mr. Sergey Myagkov, Scientific Research Hydrometeorological Institute, Uzbekistan.

15:00 – 15:25 Moderated Panel Discussion

Moderator: Mr. Manzoor Qadir, UNU-INWEH

Panel Members:

- Mr. Chun Kyoo Park, UNOSD
- Mr. Muhammad Kashif Manzoor, Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR), Pakistan
- Mr. Sergey Myagkov, Scientific Research Hydrometeorological Institute, Uzbekistan.

15:25 – 15:45 Open Discussion

Moderator: Mr. Manzoor Qadir, UNU-INWEH

Open discussion stemming from panelists’ contributions, involving panelists, and audience.

15:45 – 16:00 Concluding Remarks

Moderator: Mr. Simon Gilby, UNOSD

- Mr. Chun Kyoo Park and Mr. Manzoor Qadir