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Subject: Reporting request for SDG Indicators 6.3.2 on Ambient Water Quality; 6.5.1 on Integrated Water Resources Management; and 6.6.1 on Water-Related Ecosystems

Dear Madam/Sir,

In 2015 the Member States of the United Nations adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and a set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and targets. Member States also agreed specific indicators to track their progress towards the 17 SDGs.

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is the mandated custodian agency for three of the indicators under SDG 6 on water and sanitation: SDG indicator 6.3.2 on ambient water quality, 6.5.1 on integrated water resources management, and 6.6.1 on water-related ecosystems. As custodian agency, UNEP is responsible for supporting Member States in monitoring these indicators and ensuring these data inform global progress reporting.

As part of a globally coordinated SDG 6 monitoring effort, UNEP is inviting countries to undertake data collection for indicators 6.3.2, 6.5.1 and 6.6.1 during 2026

This is the fourth cycle of global data collection following previous reporting in 2017, 2020 and 2023. This global monitoring has provided the basis for many on-the-ground activities in countries aimed at advancing national progress towards SDG 6 targets.

Indicator specific information on the process of data collection and reporting will be communicated to national SDG indicator Focal Points from UNEPs dedicated indicator Help Desks. These Help Desks stand ready to provide guidance to country focal points throughout the reporting period. Please contact the relevant Help Desk for further information:

- Ambient Water Quality (SDG indicator 6.3.2) contact: sdg632@un.org
- Integrated Water Resources Management (SDG indicator 6.5.1) contact: iwrmsdg651@un.org
- Change in water-related ecosystems (SDG indicator 6.6.1) contact: sdg661@un.org

We encourage coordination between the indicator Focal Points in your country. Monitoring of all SDG 6 indicators is coordinated by UN-Water, through the Integrated Monitoring Initiative for SDG 6 (IMI-SDG6).

On behalf of UNEP, I would like to thank you for your collaboration in respect of this request, and I look forward to working together to enhance the global monitoring of these SDG indicators.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Heidi Savelli-Soderberg'.

Heidi Savelli-Soderberg

Acting Head,

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