



## *SDG 6 IWRM Support Programme*

### Stage 1

# Stakeholder Consultation Report

SDG 6.5.1, degree of implementation of IWRM

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# Stakeholder Consultation Report for SDG 6.5.1

## Executive Summary

The online workshops to evaluate SDG 6.5.1 on implementation Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in Mongolia were organized according to the Guidance note on country stakeholder workshop For SDG 6.5.1 provided by the GWP and UN Environmental Agency. The online consultation workshops were organized during 20-28 July 2020 with the representatives from Department of the water and land coordination of the Ministry of Environment and Tourism and River Basin Administrations (RBAs), Mongolian Hydrologists Association NGO and main water users such as MCS Cola, Energy Resources and other companies.

The main purpose online workshops was to ensure the process that the participants in the IWRM implementation survey precisely understanding the questions and giving the accurate answer, as well support to overcome some issues regarding the proper translation and meaning. The explanations were presented for the unclear questions and guidance provided how to calculate the average scores. The followed process was online survey and feedback questions and answers from a larger group of participants.

The next the meeting was organized on 27 July 2020 with the representatives of ministry, agencies and institutions, river basin administrations and councils, non-government organizations and main water users. During the meeting the questions of the survey were discussed and the participants stated their thoughts and opinions regarding the implementing IWRM in Mongolia.

## 1. Conclusions from facilitated discussions on Section 1: 'Enabling Environment'

The first Section "Enabling Environment" contains two main aspects to focus.

1.1. The overall average score for the question "What is the status of policies, laws and plans to support Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) at the national level?" was 60 which is the highest within the survey's questions. The participants highlighted that overall status of policies, laws and plans to support Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) at the national level is relatively well.

1.2. The overall average score for the question "What is the status of policies, laws and plans to support IWRM at other levels?" was 50.

a) What are the main challenges to progress in the country?

The implementation of water resources legislation depends on the aimag and soum government who have less clear mandates and deficient regulation and weak enforcement which limits the scope for enforcement of water resources plans and water licensing requirements at local levels.

b) How can the main challenges be addressed?

The differences and gaps in water legislation, policies and regulations need to be harmonized and improved.

c) At the question level or in general, what is the perceived rate of progress, and what is the likelihood of reaching High or Very high implementation by 2030? Is there a need for national (interim) target setting (which may be taken up in more detail in Stage 2 of the SDG 6 IWRM Support Programme)?

The overall average score of the Section 1: “Enabling Environment” is 54 which are highest within the survey’s sections. The perceived rate of progress by 2030 will be reaching the high level.

d) What are the major points stakeholders do not agree on and why?

There were not any points that the participants not agreed.

e) Other interesting points of note from the discussion?

The interesting point was focusing the on the overlapping on basin and administration boundaries as it discussed in the previous survey.

## **2. Conclusions from facilitated discussions on Section 2: ‘Institutions and Participation’**

This Section has two main questions to focus as flowing:

2.1 What is the status of institutions for IWRM implementation at the national level? The overall average score for this question is 46.

2.2 What is the status of institutions for IWRM implementation at other levels? The overall average score for this question is 45.

a) What are the main challenges to progress in the country?

There is very weak coordination and linkage between all IWRM stakeholders.

b) How can the main challenges be addressed?

Most of the participants expect that the newly established Water Authority will play a main role in development and implementation of IWRM in Mongolia.

c) At the question level or in general, what is the perceived rate of progress, and what is the likelihood of reaching High or Very high implementation by 2030? Is there a need for national (interim) target setting (which may be taken up in more detail in Stage 2 of the SDG 6 IWRM Support Programme)?

The Overall Average Score of the Section 2: “Institutions and participation” is 45.

d) What are the major points stakeholders do not agree on and why?

Some of the participants were not agree on the issue of gender inclusion or participation of vulnerable groups. One part assumes their involvement in the IWRM open and sufficient while other part considered not sufficient.

e) Other interesting points of note from the discussion?

Water payment including the pollution fees is very low and this limits water development.

### **3. Conclusions from facilitated discussions on Section 3: 'Management Instruments'**

This section focuses on the following issues:

3.1 What is the status of management instruments to support IWRM implementation at the national level?

The overall average score for this question is 42.

3.2 What is the status of management instruments to support IWRM implementation at other levels?

The overall average score for this question is 45.

a) What are the main challenges to progress in the country?

The participants consider that the water ecosystem monitoring and aquifer management instruments are not sufficient.

b) How can the main challenges be addressed?

It is required beginning on the water ecosystem monitoring and enhancement of the aquifer management.

c) At the question level or in general, what is the perceived rate of progress, and what is the likelihood of reaching High or Very high implementation by 2030? Is there a need for national (interim) target setting (which may be taken up in more detail in Stage 2 of the SDG 6 IWRM Support Programme)?

The Overall Average Score of the Section 3: "Management instruments" is 43.

d) What are the major points stakeholders do not agree on and why?

Some participants consider that the ecological monitoring has started as at the water gauging stations taking the biological sampling while other group consider that is not enough at all.

e) Other interesting points of note from the discussion?

The aquatic ecosystem management is absent in Mongolia.

### **4. Conclusions from facilitated discussions on Section 4: 'Financing'**

This section concerns on the following:

4.1 What is the status of financing for water resources development and management at the national level?

The overall average score for this question is 35.

4.2 What is the status of financing for water resources development and management at other levels?

The overall average score for this question is 38.

a) What are the main challenges to progress in the country?

Support the River basin councils to make them operational. Much of the water resources planning and investment is sector-based and decision making is still centralized.

b) How can the main challenges be addressed?

To make the RBAs more proactive and to make the RBCs operational needs additional budget from the water fee funds.

c) At the question level or in general, what is the perceived rate of progress, and what is the likelihood of reaching High or Very high implementation by 2030? Is there a need for national (interim) target setting (which may be taken up in more detail in Stage 2 of the SDG 6 IWRM Support Programme)?

The Overall Average Score of the Section 4: "Financing" is 37 which are the lowest in the survey.

d) What are the major points stakeholders do not agree on and why?

There were not any points that the participants not agreed.

e) Other interesting points of note from the discussion?

No interesting points. The final average score for SDG indicator 6.5.1, the degree of implementation of Integrated Water Resources Management by sections is shown as following:

| Section   | Average Scores |
|---|----------------|
| Section 1 Enabling environment                    | 54             |
| Section 2 Institutions and participation          | 45             |
| Section 3 Management                              | 43             |
| Section 4 Financing                               | 37             |
| <b>Indicator 6.5.1 score<br/>= Degree of IWRM</b> | <b>45</b>      |

The **final average score for SDG indicator 6.5.1**, the degree of implementation of Integrated Water Resources Management in **Mongolia is 45**.

According to the respondents there has been a little progress made in engaging different stakeholders in the basin water management. All RBC s have been established and started to be in operation. On other hand, at the national level, the government has advanced one step up in improvement of policy, law and regulations in water management. For instance, the law on water pollution fees and related regulation has been endorsed. The enforcement of the new law has put in place at the basin level. Therefore, overall the implementation of IWRM has been scored as 45.

However, it has to be highlight that no progress has been made on financial issues. The limited budget is really hindering the successful implementation of IWRM at all level. RBAs currently are complaining about the limited budget that is not enough for fulfilling their tasks in the basin including capacity building.

However, they don't see the possibility to increase budget in water management by engaging different parts and strengthening communication with other line organizations within the basin.

## **5.Next steps**

The main next steps to overcome challenges and further IWRM implementation:

- Establishment of sustainable financing mechanisms and budget allocation, to secure IWRM implementation at all level.
- Improve overall coordination significantly at all level by establishing the National water counsel and strengthening the newly established Water agency towards successful implementation of the national IWRM plan.
- Implement measures to increase public and private participation in water management.
- Strengthening of capacity building at all level.

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## Annex 1: List of participants

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## Annex 2: Agenda

### Agenda of the Stakeholder Workshop for SDG 6.5.1 (Degree of IWRM Implementation in Mongolia)

Workshop host: Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Global Water Partnership of Mongolia (GWP), Association of Mongolian Hydrologists NGO

Workshop date: 2020.07.20

Workshop venue: Tsetsen Khangai centre, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, hall

| Date, time                                       | Activities  | Presenter and organizers  |
|--|---|---|
| Workshop moderator: G.Davaa, Head of the AMH NGO |   |   |
| 10:00-10:30                                      | Opening speech  | Sh.Myagmar, Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET), Head of Department of Land Management, Integrated Water Policy Coordination, |
| 10:30-11:00                                      | Background and overview, Purpose of the questionnaire and international experiences   | D.Basandorj, Science and Technological University, Mongolian Water Partnership (GWP)  |
| 11:00-11:30                                      | Definitions and glossary related to IWRM, SDG and previous survey result  | G.Davaa, Head of the AMH NGO  |
| 11:30-12:00                                      | Guidance for questionnaires completion  | S.Tumurchudur, AMH NGO  |
| 12:00-13:30                                      | Lunch   |   |
| 13:30-15:30                                      | Discussions to IWRM survey components:<br>Section 1: Enabling Environment<br>Section 2: Institutions and Participation<br>Section 3: Management Instruments<br>Section 4: Financing | Facilitators:<br>B.Sarantsetseg<br>D.Basandorj<br>G.Davaa<br>S.Tumurchudur  |
| 15:30-15:45                                      | Reporting procedures and other issues regarding translation   | G.Davaa   |
| 15:45-16:00                                      | Wrap up and Closing remarks   | B.Sarantsetseg<br>D.Basandorj   |

## Agenda of the Stakeholder Workshop for SDG 6.5.1 (Degree of IWRM Implementation in Mongolia)

Workshop host: Global Water Partnership of Mongolia (GWP),  
Association of Mongolian Hydrologists NGO

Workshop date: 2020.07.27

Workshop venue: Workshop venue: Tsetsen Khangai centre, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, hall

| Date, time                                       | Activities  | Presenter and organizers                              |
|--|---|---|
| Workshop moderator: G.Davaa, Head of the AMH NGO |   |   |
| 10:00-10:10                                      | Welcome speech  | B.Oyunbold, Tuul River Basin Administration, Director |
| 10:10-11:30                                      | Background and overview, Purpose of the questionnaire and international experiences   | S.Tumurchudur, AMH NGO Mongolian                      |
| 11:30-12:00                                      | Definitions and glossary related to IWRM, SDG and previous survey result  | G.Davaa, Head of the AMH NGO                          |
| 12:00-13:00                                      | Lunch   |   |
| 13:00-13:30                                      | Guidance for questionnaires completion  | D.Oyunbaatar, AMH NGO                                 |
| 13:30-15:30                                      | Discussions to IWRM survey components:<br>Section 1: Enabling Environment<br>Section 2: Institutions and Participation<br>Section 3: Management Instruments<br>Section 4: Financing | Facilitators: B.Oyunbold G.Davaa<br>S.Tumurchudur     |
| 15:30-15:45                                      | Reporting procedures and other issues   | S.Tumurchudur   |
| 15:45-16:00                                      | Wrap up and Closing remarks   | G.Davaa   |

### **Annex 3: Facilitator's Comments**

During the group discussions it was revealed that IWRM implementation level is weak at the local levels with poor data and information exchange with less financing and much lacks in sufficient knowledge, professional skills and etc.

Annex 4: Photos



