

The Water-related Sustainable Development Goals, Targets and Indicators

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The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger		Water dependent
2. Achieve universal primary education		Water dependent
3. Promote gender equality & empower women		Water dependent
4. Reduce child mortality		Water dependent
5. Improve maternal health		Water dependent
6. Combat HIV/AIDs, malaria and other diseases		Water dependent
7. Ensure environmental sustainability		Water dependent
8. Develop a global partnership for development		

However, most MDGs did not explicitly reference the water sector

MDG Goal 7.

Ensure environmental sustainability

Target 7.A: Integrate the principles of sustainable development into country policies and programmes and reverse the loss of environmental resources

- 7.1 Proportion of land area covered by forest (indicator)
- 7.2 CO2 emission, total, per capita and per \$1 GDP (PPP)
- 7.3 Consumption of ozone-depleting substances
- 7.4 Proportion of fish stocks within safe biological limits
- 7.5 Proportion of total water resources used

Target 7.B: Reduce biodiversity loss, achieving, by 2010, a significant reduction in the rate of loss

- 7.6 Proportion of terrestrial and marine areas protected
- 7.7 Proportion of species threatened with extinction

Target 7.C: Halve, by 2015, the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation

- 7.8 Proportion of population using an improved drinking water source
- 7.9 Proportion of population using an improved sanitation facility

Target 7.D: By 2020, to have achieved a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers

- 7.10 Proportion of urban population living in slums

Plus national reporting until 2005 on the adoption of national IWRM plans

Measuring access under the MDGs was insufficient: Key challenges not represented

- **Arab Ministerial Water Council** recognized that access to improved drinking water & sanitation does NOT necessarily mean access to:
 - ☐ **Regularity water supply** (intermittency challenge)
 - ☐ **Drinking water quality**
 - ☐ **Affordability of the drinking water**
 - ☐ **Wastewater treatment**
 - ☐ **Wastewater reuse**
 - ☐ **Capacity to store and sustainably manage water resources** in face of water security, scarcity, disasters and shared resources.
- **Led to request by the AMWC for a new set of indicators in 2009 & the launching by AMWC of the MDG+ Initiative in 2010.**

MDG+ Indicators

Water Supply

- Water consumption
- Continuity of supply
- Water quality
- Distance to source
- Tariff structure
- Affordability

Sanitation

- Treated quantity
- Treatment type
- Reuse utilization
- Reuse type
- Tariff structure
- Affordability

Water &
Sanitation

Water
Quality

Waste
water

Water
Efficiency

Water
Scarcity

These concerns now reflected in the SDGs



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

1 NO POVERTY



2 ZERO HUNGER



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



5 GENDER EQUALITY



6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



13 CLIMATE ACTION



14 LIFE BELOW WATER



15 LIFE ON LAND



16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS

2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Chapeau: Emphasis on Universality, Inclusiveness & Human Rights

Chapeau emphasizes

“A world where we reaffirm our commitments regarding the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation and where there is improved hygiene; and where food is sufficient, safe, affordable and nutritious. A world where human habitats are safe, resilient and sustainable and where there is universal access to affordable, reliable and sustainable energy”.

United Nations, *Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda For Sustainable Development*
Outcome Document of the United Nations Summit for the Adoption of the
Post-2015 Development Agenda
September 2015



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD



Currently 230 indicators on which general agreement has been reached

All 17 SDGs are Water-related

Dedicated



Explicit



Implicit





1 Dedicated Water Goal

Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

Access to Basic Services

- 6.1 by 2030, achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all
- 6.2 by 2030, achieve access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all, and end open defecation, paying special attention to women and girls and those in vulnerable situations

Water & Sanitation

Water Quality & Wastewater

- 6.3 by 2030, improve water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping and minimizing release of hazardous chemicals and materials, halving the proportion of untreated wastewater, and increasing recycling and safe reuse globally

Water Quality

IWRM, Ecosystems & Shared Basins

- 6.5 by 2030 implement integrated water management at all levels, including transboundary cooperation as appropriate
- 6.6 by 2020 protect and restore water-related ecosystems, including mountains, forests, wetlands, rivers, aquifers and lakes

IWRM & Shared Water

Water Ecosystems

Means of Implementation

by 2030, expand international cooperation and capacity-building support to developing countries in water and sanitation related activities and programmes, including water harvesting, desalination, water efficiency, wastewater treatment, recycling and reuse technologies

Waste water

Water Use Efficiency & Water Scarcity

- 6.4 by 2030, substantially increase water-use efficiency across all sectors and ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater to address water scarcity, and substantially reduce the number of people suffering from water scarcity

Water Efficiency

Water Scarcity



SDG6 Targets and Indicators

6.1 Universal, equitable, safe, affordable Drinking Water for all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.1.1 Population using safely managed drinking water services
6.2 Adequate, equitable Sanitation & Hygiene for all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.2.1 Population using safely managed sanitation services with soap & water
6.3 Improve water quality, wastewater treatment, recycling & safe reuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.3.1 Proportion of wastewater safely treated • 6.3.2 Proportion of water bodies with good ambient water quality
6.4 Increase water-use efficiency; address water scarcity; reduce number of people suffering from water scarcity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.4.1 Change water-use efficiency • 6.4.2 Level of water stress on freshwater
6.5 IWRM, including transboundary water cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.5.1 IWRM implementation level • 6.5.2 Portion of basin area with operational arrangement for water cooperation
6.6 Protect & restore water-related ecosystems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.6.1 change in the extent of water-related ecosystems over time

SDG6.a and SDG6.b identify means of implementation for meeting these targets



Goal 1. End Poverty in all its forms everywhere

Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Target 1.4: By 2030, ensure that all men and women, in particular the poor and the vulnerable, have equal rights to economic resources, as well as **access to basic services**, ownership and control over land and other forms of property, inheritance, **natural resources**, appropriate new technology and financial services, including microfinance

Indicator 1.4.1

Portion of population living in households with access to basic services

Basic services usually includes water, sanitation, waste removal, electricity, healthcare, electricity & roads

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Target 3.3: By 2030, end the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and neglected tropical diseases and combat hepatitis, **water-borne diseases** and other communicable diseases

Indicator 3.3.3: Malaria incidence per 1,000 population

Malaria, the world's most important parasitic infectious disease, is transmitted by mosquitoes which breed in fresh or occasionally brackish water.

Water Ecosystems

Target 3.9 By 2030, substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, **water** and soil pollution and contamination

Indicator 3.9.2 Mortality rate attributed to unsafe water, unsafe sanitation and lack of hygiene (exposure to unsafe WASH for all services)

Water & Sanitation



Goal 4. Ensure inclusive & equitable quality education

Goal 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient & sustainable

Target 4.a: Build & upgrade education facilities that are child, disability & gender sensitive & provide safe, non-violent, inclusive & effective learning environments for all

Indicator 4.a.1 Proportion of schools with access to electricity, computers, infrastructure for disabled, (e) **basic drinking water**; (f) **single-sex basic sanitation facilities**; and (g) **basic handwashing facilities** / WASH indicator definitions)

Target 11.1: By 2030, ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and **basic services** and upgrade slums

11.1.1 Proportion of urban population living in slums, informal settlements or inadequate housing

Target 11.5: By 2030, significantly reduce # of deaths, number of people affected & direct economic losses caused by disasters, including **water-related disasters**, with focus on poor and vulnerable.

11.5.1: Number of deaths, missing persons and persons affected by disaster per 100,000 people

Target 11.6: By 2030, reduce the adverse per capita **environmental impact of cities**, with focus on air quality and municipal and other waste management

No specific wastewater indicator

Target 11.7: By 2030, provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green & public spaces, in particular for women & children, older persons and persons with disabilities

No specific water-related ecosystems indicator

Water & Sanitation

Water + Climate

Waste water

Water Ecosystems



Goal 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient & sustainable

11.a Support positive economic, social and environmental links between urban, peri-urban and rural areas by strengthening national and regional development planning

Indicator 11.a.1 Proportion of population living in cities that implement urban and regional development plans integrating pop projections and **resource needs**, by size of city

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11.b By 2020, substantially increase the number of cities and human settlements adopting and implementing integrated policies and plans towards inclusion, **resource efficiency, mitigation and adaptation to climate change, resilience to disasters**, and develop and implement, in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, holistic disaster risk management at all levels

Indicator 11.b.1 Portion of cities with DRR strategies in line with Sendai

11.b.2 Number of countries with national and local DRR strategies

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Climate



Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

Target 12.2: By 2030, achieve the sustainable management and efficient use of **natural resources**

Target 12.4 By 2020, achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their life cycle, in accordance with agreed international frameworks, and significantly reduce their release to air, **water** and soil in order to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment

Target 12.6 Encourage companies, especially large and transnational companies, to adopt sustainable practices and to integrate sustainability information into their reporting cycle

Indicator 12.2.1 Number of countries with SCP strategies or policies

Indicator 12.2.1 Material footprinting

Indicator 12.2.2 Domestic material consumption patterns

12.4 – no specific water indicator

Indicator 12.6.1 Number of companies publishing sustainability reports

Water
Efficiency

Water
Quality

Waste
water

Water
Efficiency



Goal 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas & marine resources for sustainable development

Target 14.1 By 2025, prevent and significantly reduce **marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities**, including marine debris and nutrient pollution

14.1.1 Index of coastal eutrophication and floating plastic debris density

Waste
water

14.c Enhance the conservation and **sustainable use of oceans and their resources** by implementing international law as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which provides the legal framework for the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources, as recalled in paragraph 158 of “The future we want”

14.c.1 ...ocean-related instruments....for the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans and their resources

Water
Quality



Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

Target 15.1 By 2020, ensure the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial and **inland freshwater ecosystems and their services, in particular forests, wetlands, mountains and drylands**, in line with obligations under international agreements

Target 15.3 By 2030, combat desertification, restore degraded land and soil, including land affected by **desertification, drought and floods**, and strive to achieve a land degradation-neutral world

Target 15.8 By 2030, introduce measures to prevent the introduction and significantly reduce the impact of invasive alien species on land and **water ecosystems** and control or eradicate the priority species.

Indicator 15.1.2 Proportion of important sites for terrestrial and **freshwater biodiversity** that are covered by protected areas, by ecosystem type

Indicator 15.3.1 Portion of and that is degraded over total land area

Indicator 15.a.1 Official development assistance and public expenditure on conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystems

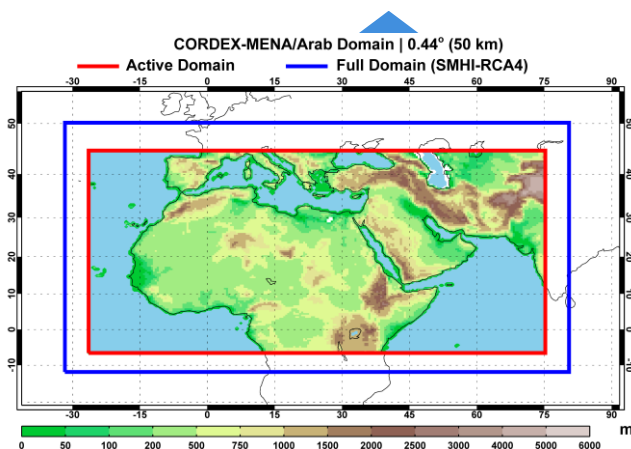
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Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

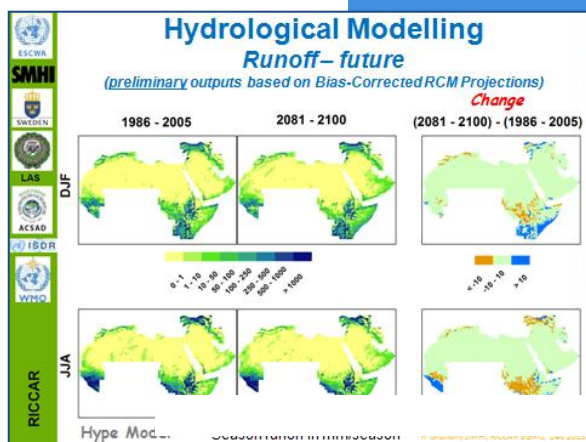


Strengthen **resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters** in all countries

Integrate climate change measures into **national policies, strategies and planning**

Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on **climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning**

Water + Climate



Implement the commitment undertaken by developed-country parties to the UNFCCC to **a goal of mobilizing jointly \$100 billion annually by 2020** from all sources to address the needs of developing countries and **fully operationalize the Green Climate Fund** through its capitalization as soon as possible;

Promote mechanisms for **raising capacity** for effective climate change-related planning and management in LDCs and SIDS.

Implicit Water-Related Goals - selected



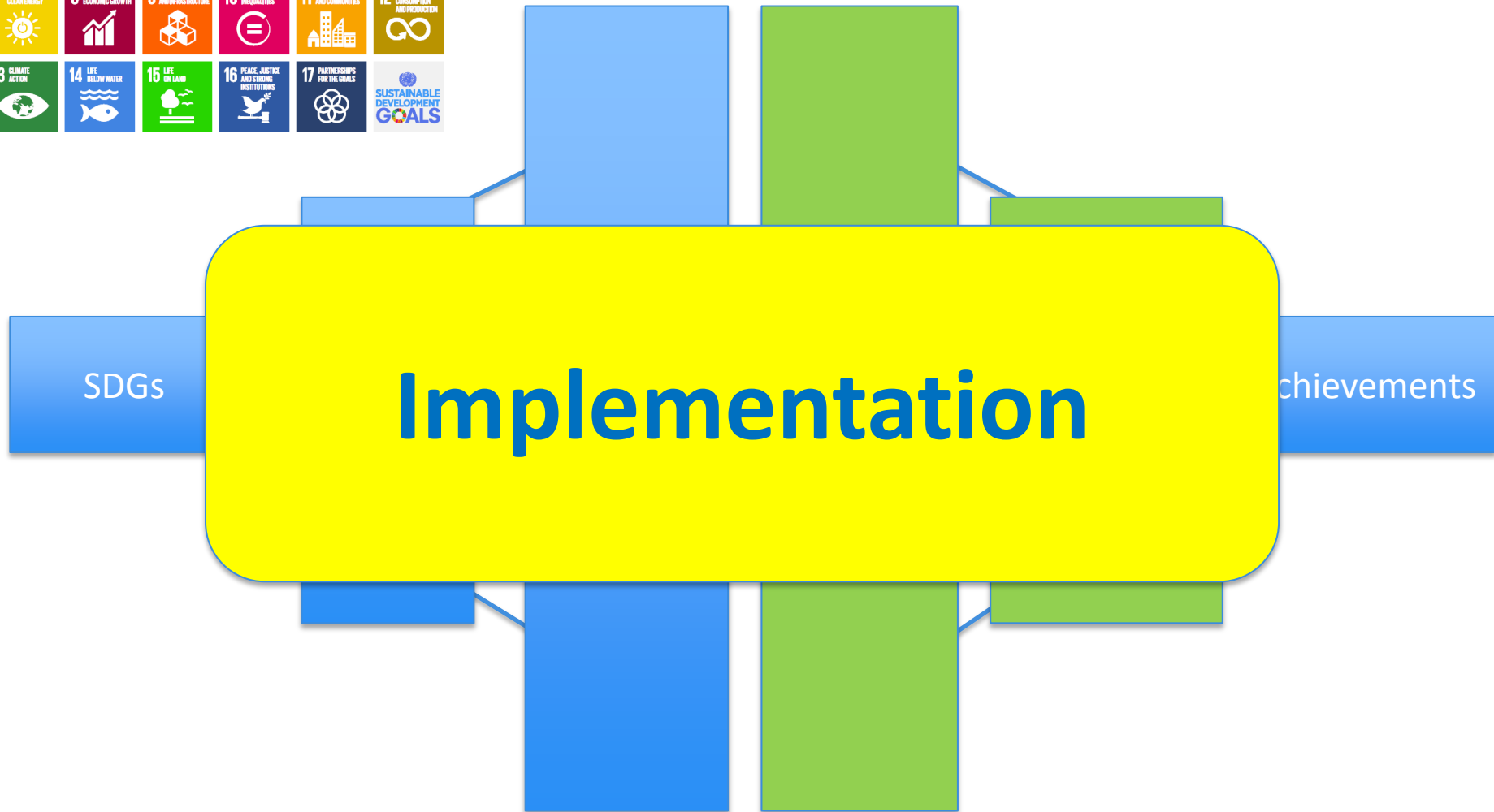
- By 2030, ensure sustainable food production systems and implement resilient **agricultural practices** that increase productivity and production, that help maintain **ecosystems**, that strengthen capacity for adaptation to **climate change**, extreme weather, drought, flooding and other disasters and that progressively improve land and soil quality



- 5.1 End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere



- 7.1 By 2030, ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services
- By 2030, increase substantially the share of **renewable energy** in the global energy mix
- 7.a By 2030, enhance international cooperation to facilitate access to clean energy research and technology, including renewable energy, energy efficiency and advanced and cleaner fossil-fuel technology, and promote investment in energy infrastructure and clean energy technology



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