

## Summary of webinar on Strengthening monitoring and review systems for the water, sanitation and hygiene SDG

The webinar presentations and recordings are available [here](#).

In August 2017, the SWA secretariat hosted the webinar “Strengthening country monitoring and review systems for the water, sanitation and hygiene SDGs.” The webinar included highlights of results from the [UN-Water Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-water \(GLAAS\)](#) on monitoring and review systems and the [Joint Monitoring Programme’s \(JMP\)](#) baseline report for the water, sanitation and hygiene targets (6.1 and 6.2). SWA partners, including national governments and development agencies, provided insights on their efforts to put in place and strengthen monitoring and review systems for the water, sanitation and hygiene targets of the SDGs.

The webinars brought together nearly 140 participants, about a third of whom were government representatives. There were also participants from other SWA constituencies, including private sector, donors, research and learning institutions, and international NGOs and NGO coalitions.

Presentations were made by partners, mostly government representatives, from the following countries: Benin, Costa Rica, Mexico, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Uganda and Viet Nam. These presentations, as well as comments from other webinar participants, helped identify issues and solutions in the monitoring and review of targets 6.1 and 6.2.

Most of the countries which shared their experiences highlighted major challenges with data collection, analysis, use and quality. Additional challenges identified included:

- Difficulty in consistently organizing multi-stakeholder reviews
- Lack of alignment of current monitoring systems with the SDG indicators, particularly where the current system does not fully capture the data required to monitor progress on some aspects of the SDG targets e.g. safely managed services
- Developing a good baseline for the SDGs, in fact, countries such as Nepal are looking for best examples on how to develop a rapid assessment for the baseline

A compilation of the challenges, solutions and requests for additional information as well as good practices can be found [here](#).

In terms of examples of solutions: Sri Lanka provided an example of how they agreed nationally appropriate indicators, and has also put in place a ministerial committee for SDG6 with representation from key stakeholders, while Kenya aligned their national monitoring system to closely mirror the internationally agreed systems. Several countries described working in conjunction with ministries of statistics, planning or the equivalent, to determine their baseline levels; and Mexico described the centralization of strategic oversight of SDG strategy and action from various institutions into one - the Office of the President.

In the next webinar, we will turn our focus on sustainable financing strategies for the SDGs. The webinar will be held on 27-28 September. It will elaborate the various options for financing the SDGs and showcase the strategies and efforts of governments and development partners working together to build sustainable financing strategies.