

## 27<sup>th</sup> UN-Water Meeting

### Expert Group on Water Quality and Wastewater

#### 1. Input prepared by:

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#### 2. If membership is already established, please list the Expert Group member organizations. Please also attach the Expert Group's mailing list.

An Expert Group on Water Quality and Wastewater has not been put in place yet; However since many operational structures addressing water quality are in place in and around GEMS Water and the wider SDG activities it is suggested that while membership should in principle be open initial membership could comprise:

- GEMS Water SC members by expression of interest
- Target teams of the water quality related indicators such as 6.3.1, 6.3.2 and 6.6.1. – other as appropriate
- GEMI partners
- the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land based pollution (UN Environment GPA)

In the first constituting virtual session membership and ToR will be presented and approved and further expressions of interest collected and

#### 3. Please describe the Expert Group's proposed specific terms of reference.

by building on existing structures and partners the Expert Group on Water Quality and Wastewater will form an open, non-operational Community of Practice at disposal to UN Water and members to provide ad hoc expert advice.

The Expert Group will convene upon request to address topical questions under consideration by UN Water as they arise in a virtual way and

- share latest state of information and member expertise
- respond to emerging needs for information
- inform the Chair of UN Water in such issues
- provide presence in events were common UN Water presence is required
- address any other targeted issue upon request and which in case of operational activities will need to be budgeted for by UN Water

The Expert Group will address common UN Water issues as they may arise from UN-Water Work Programme 2016-17 and onwards and may also convene fully or in parts to address specific requests of its members.

The Expert Group will have no own budget and work plan.

Membership is open.

It will be co- chaired by two members and – chairmanship may rotate on an annual basis.

#### 4. If the Expert Group is responsible for delivering an output as per the [UN-Water Work Programme 2016-2017](#), please provide a progress update.

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**5. Any other comments.**

GEMS Water may offer to take on the role of co-chair in the first year; a co-chair will have to be appointed and a suggestion could be Un Environment GPA