Agenda Item (title): **Update on Integrated Monitoring Initiative**

Background Brief
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Main Issues of this Agenda Item:

- WHO/UNICEF JMP Update
- UN Water/WHO GLAAS Update
- UN Water/GEMI Update

Introduction / Background / Rationale *(less than 200 words please)**:***

The UN-Water Integrated Monitoring initiative is an inter-agency partnership for monitoring water and sanitation in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, comprising UN Environment, UNECE, UN-Habitat, UNICEF, FAO, UNESCO, WHO and WMO, operating under the UN-Water umbrella, and comprises the work of JMP, GEMI, and GLAAS.

The WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP) is responsible for global monitoring of drinking water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) including official reporting on SDG targets 6.1 & 6.2 and contributions to reporting on SDG targets 1.4 and 4.a. The interagency initiative GEMI focuses on the targets related to ambient water quality and wastewater management (6.3), water withdrawals and water use efficiency (6.4), integrated water resources management (6.5) and water-related ecosystems (6.6). The UN-Water Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water (GLAAS) is a co-custodian of SDG targets 6a and 6b and monitors the inputs and the enabling environment required to sustain and extend WASH systems and services to all, and especially to the most vulnerable population groups.

Progress Update *(less than 200 words please)**:***

- In August 2018, the custodian agencies for each of the seven indicators under GEMI launched indicator reports presenting and analyzing progress for their indicators using data collected during the 2017 data drive.
- Also in August 2018, the first meeting of the Integrated Monitoring Initiative Strategic Advisory Group was held, and the next meeting has been scheduled for 8 February 2019.

- Following the final report from the midterm external review, in October GEMI produced a management response, highlighting actions to strengthen mechanisms for planning, transparency and accountability, and to increase its scale of outreach and engagement with member states.
- In October 2018, JMP, GLAAS and GEMI concluded the development of the second phase of the Integrated Monitoring Initiative for SDG 6, including for the first time KPIs and targets for each global indicator (pillar) and for joint (roof) activities. As of January 2019, the Initiative has secured $11 million for the 2019-2022 period.
- SDG 6 data portal implementation almost final, target audience testing followed by full launch in the beginning of 2019
- The JMP launched its global baseline report on WASH in schools at World Water Week in Stockholm and expanded the interactive data tool on the JMP website to include data on schools (washdata.org).
- The JMP is scheduled to publish its first global baseline report on WASH in health care facilities at the end of March and will publish its 2019 progress update for WASH in households at the end of May.
- The GLAAS 2018 country survey was launched in July. Thus far, GLAAS has received 77 country surveys and expects to receive over 100. The external support agency survey was launched in November and the deadline to submit is mid-February. Both the country and ESA surveys will provide the basis for the GLAAS 2019 report with a focus on national policies, plans and targets. The report will be launched during Stockholm World Water Week.
- Additionally, GLAAS continues to monitor SDG targets 6.a and 6.b. The study on local participation and 6.b, in collaboration with Stockholm International Water Institute and the Water Institute at the University of North Carolina will be finalized in early 2019. For SDG target 6.a, GLAAS is continuing to work closely with OECD.

Proposed Action by UN-Water, if any *(less than 100 words please)**:***

Continued collaboration by UN Water members and partners to disseminate the SDG baseline estimates, including for WASH in schools and healthcare facilities, and other published materials and to communicate the implications for policy and programming.

UN-Water can continue to provide support to the GLAAS 2018/2019 cycle by reviewing the GLAAS 2019 draft report and providing communications support.

UN-Water will continue to coordinate SDG monitoring across Goal 6 and provide support to the monitoring process and liaise with other UN agencies.

Proposed Draft Decision, if any *(less than 100 words please)**:***

None

Annexes *(if any)**:***

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