Progress Report

30th UN-Water Meeting – 31 January and 1 February 2019 – Rome, Italy

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no later than 28 December 2018

1. Please refer to the draft agenda of the UN-Water Meeting. **Concerning the activity you are coordinating, are there other issues that need to be brought to the attention of the UN-Water Senior Programme Managers for discussion at the UN-Water Meeting?**
No

2. If Yes, please do not complete this Progress Report, but please prepare and submit a Background Brief instead. **If No, please continue and submit this Progress Report.**

3. Please mark your activity with an X in the last column.		
Expert Groups	Drinking-Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)	
	Transboundary Waters	
	Water and Climate Change	
	Water Quality and Wastewater	
	Water Scarcity	
	2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	
Task Forces	Country-level Engagement	
	Inventory	
	Regional-level Coordination	
	SDG 6 Synthesis Report 2018	
	UN High-level Meetings on Water and Sanitation	
	Unconventional Water Resources	X
	Water Action Decade Implementation	
	World Toilet Day 2018	
	World Water Day and World Toilet Day 2019	
	World Water Day 2019	

4. Please provide a narrative progress report (200 words maximum) on the activity's recent milestones and deliverables. Please refer to the UN-Water Results Matrix for the 2018-2019 biennium as necessary.
Initiated on 1 January 2018, the UN-Water Task Force on Unconventional Water Resources (UWR) is closely related to the Results Area 1 (Informing policy processes and addressing

emerging issues). Following are the Task Force Members: UNU-INWEH, FAO, UNCCD, UNDP, UNESCO, UNEP, WMO, and IWMI. Since January 2018, the Task Force has undertaken the following activities, which are at different stages of progress:

1. **Develop global community of practice on UWR**: A web-based platform for the global community of practice as a LinkedIn Group '*Unconventional Water Resources*' (https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8678538) was established in July 2018. With 132 current members, the group is expected to connect the experts, practitioners, young professionals, private sector, media, and policy makers to exchange literature, ideas, presentations, graphics, and capacity development material as well as information on key events and sessions at water related workshops and conferences.
2. **Expert consultation meeting on UWR**: Initial discussions have taken place with potential partners to organize expert consultation on UWR in the first half of 2019. One option under consideration is organizing this consultation back-to-back with the International Symposium on Unconventional Water Resources to be convened by FAO in Spain around April/May 2019.
3. **Organize side events or sessions at international events**: Organized a session '*Looking beyond conventional water resources to address global water scarcity*' at the World Water Week, 26-31 August 2018, Stockholm, Sweden. The session details are available at: https://programme.worldwaterweek.org/event/7856-looking-beyond-conventional-water-resources-to-address-global-water-scarcity

5. If applicable, please provide a specific update on the activity's indicators and means of verification as per the UN-Water Results Matrix for the 2018-2019 biennium.

1.3.2. UN-Water Analytical Brief on Unconventional Water Resources:

An outline and contents of the analytical brief have been prepared in consultation with the Task Force partners. The deadline for its completion and launch is late August 2019.