



Interlinkages between SDG6 and the SDGs: a regional perspective

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Many Arab states have started developing plans and policy settings for the implementation of the SDGs within their national development strategies. Water has a centrality in achieving the 2030 Agenda because of its importance to each of the four dimensions that cut across all SDGs (society, economy, environment and governance). The development and implementation of effective national strategies necessitates to inform policy makers on the importance of water for the achievement of the SDGs. Informing policy makers will help to maximize synergies and address trade-offs between SDG 6 and other SDGs.

First, the interlinkages between SDG 6 (Clean water and sanitation) and the other SDGs will be explored. The

presentation will discuss how SDG 6 connects and contributes to implementing the SDGs for review by HLPF in 2019: SDG 4 (Quality education), SDG 8 (Decent work and economic growth), SDG 10 (Reduced inequalities), SDG 13 (Climate action), SDG 16 (Peace, justice and strong institutions) and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals). Regional challenges, water dependency levels and policy recommendations will be presented to promote discussions on effective water use in implementing the SDGs. Second, the presentation will discuss how the quantitative water, energy and food (WEF) nexus approach is helping to achieve the SDGs by ensuring coherent and integrated SDGs achievement policy settings.