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TERMS OF REFERENCE

TASK TEAM 6.a TARGET “BY 2030, EXPAND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND CAPACITY-BUILDING SUPPORT TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN WATER AND SANITATION RELATED ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMMES, INCLUDING WATER HARVESTING, DESALINATION, WATER EFFICIENCY, WASTEWATER TREATMENT, RECYCLING AND REUSE TECHNOLOGIES

1. BACKGROUND

South Africa has been actively involved in the development of the Post-2015 Agenda and associated Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were endorsed “without reservations” by all Heads of State, including South Africa, on 25 September 2015, at the 70th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), where South Africa embraced the opportunity to deliver on the SDG requirements to improve water security and the provision of water and sanitation services to South Africans. Furthermore the President committed as a Panel member of the UN/World Bank High Level Panel on Water (HLPW) to cast political weight behind South Africa’s commitment for action to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

The SDG goals and targets came into effect on 1 January 2016 and will guide the decisions taken within South Africa over the next fifteen years with the view to be achieved is 2030. The SDG targets are indeed valid for and applicable to South Africa; and in line with the Vision 2030 (the National Development Plan) as well as Medium Term Strategic Framework (MTSF) Outcome targets domestically, regionally with the 2063 African Agenda and internationally to the 2030 Development Agenda.

The DWS is responsible for achieving the sub goals and targets set out within the dedicated water and sanitation goal, Goal 6, with the objective to ensure access to water and sanitation for all. However, it is acknowledged that water is inherently reflected and/or implied in various other goals. SDG 6 contains 8 Targets (6 sub-goals and 2 sub targets), all focusing directly on water and sanitation services and water resource management; for which a Task Team has been developed lead by a Task Team Leader. In addition two (2) Task Teams, one called Sector Support and Coordination (SS&C), and the second called TT Research & Innovation (R&I) has been established therefore 10 Task Teams in total.

Each Goal contains a number of Global Indicators which the respective Task Teams of the Sustainable Development Goals Working Group (SDGWG) will be responsible to report on and are highlighted in each specific ToR. The 8 sub targets include:

- 6.1 achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all
- 6.2 achieve access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all and end open defecation, paying special attention to the needs of women and girls and those in vulnerable situations
- 6.3 improve water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping and minimizing release of hazardous chemicals and materials, halving the proportion of untreated wastewater and substantially increasing recycling and safe reuse globally
- 6.4 substantially increase water-use efficiency across all sectors and ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater to address water scarcity and substantially reduce the number of people suffering from water scarcity
- 6.5 implement integrated water resources management at all levels, including through transboundary cooperation as appropriate
- 6.6 by 2020, protect and restore water-related ecosystems, including mountains, forests, wetlands, rivers, aquifers and lakes
- 6.a expand international cooperation and capacity-building support to developing countries in water- and sanitation-related activities and programmes, including water harvesting, desalination, water efficiency, wastewater treatment, recycling and reuse technologies
- 6. b support and strengthen the participation of local communities in improving water and sanitation management.

To facilitate the implementation of SDG6 programme the DWS Sustainable Development Goal 6 Working Group (SDGWG) has been established within the Branch Planning & Information. The working group is an overarching forum that provides strategic direction to various task teams of various SDG6 Targets. Each task team is therefore expected to develop their own Terms of Reference (ToR) including an action plan on how data specific to its target is going to be collected, processed, analysed, reported, etc. It is also the responsibilities of task teams to develop indicators and monitoring programmes to monitor the achievement of targets of their respective sub-goals and indicators.

2. PURPOSE OF THE TASK TEAM ON 6a

In order for the Task Team to succeed it is important not to be side tracked by reporting but to focus on achieving the 2030 Agenda. Thus it is crucial to formalise an integrated and harmonised approach for international reporting on South Africa's domestication and implementation of Agenda 2063 and the SDGs (2030 Agenda). Such an integrated approach should avoid any duplication of reporting by ensuring South Africa's domestic reporting informs the country's continental reporting obligations and its continental reporting informs its global reporting obligations.

In this regard the Branch International Water Support (IWS) was invited to be part of the departmental SDG working group and tasked to develop a ToR on sub target "(6.a) expand international cooperation and capacity-building support to developing countries in water- and sanitation-related activities and programmes, including water harvesting, desalination, water efficiency, wastewater treatment, recycling and reuse technologies".

3. SDG6.a INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND CAPACITY-BUILDING (ICCB) TASK TEAMSTRUCTURE

With regard to delivering on sub target (6a), IWS will need to take the lead, on convening a Task Team with the objective to identify developing countries of the south to be targeted for engagement; and drive cooperation across national boundaries, through consultation with technical experts and external stakeholders who have vital roles to play. The convened Task team will be known as the International Cooperation and Capacity-Building (ICCB) Task Team. The Action Plan for the ICCB will focus on closing the identified gaps on areas of cooperation but not limited to water harvesting, desalination, water efficiency, wastewater treatment, recycling and reuse technologies amongst others.

The DWS SDG 6.a International Cooperation and Capacity-building (ICCB) Task Team is established within the Branch: International Water Support, and will chaired by the Director: Global Multilateral. The ICCB TT will report to the SDG6 Working Group under the leadership of the Deputy Director General: Planning & Information, who is responsible to oversee the implementation of SDG6 in SA on behalf of the Department and in collaboration with STATSSA.

The ICCB Task Team is lead by:

- Chair: Refiloe Moloi-Owoyomi
- Programme Coordinator: Celiwe Ntuli.

This particular Task Team includes members as detailed in Section 7 of the ToR; Officials from IWS and other related disciplines within the Task Team include:

- Policy Planning;
- Sanitation
- Water Efficiency
- Regulation
- Infrastructure

- International Water Support Participation may be extended to external stakeholders if required.
- Targeted stakeholders will include: AMCOW, AU, SADC, DIRCO, DEA, DPME, CSIR and WRC; international stakeholders (Embassies; UN Agents etc).

The Global indicator for which this Task Team is responsible is 6.a.1 "Amount of water- and sanitation-related official development assistance that is part of a government-coordinated spending plan".

Below is an extract from the report of the final indicators for Goal 6 on Water:

Goals and targets (from the 2030 Agenda)	Indicators
6.a By 2030, expand international cooperation and capacity-building support to developing countries in water-and sanitation-related activities and programmes, including water harvesting, desalination, water efficiency, wastewater treatment, recycling and reuse technologies	6.a.1 Amount of water-and sanitation-related official development assistance that is part of a government-coordinated spending plan

3. FUNCTIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND CAPACITY-BUILDING (ICCB) TASK TEAM

In order to reach the objectives of the 6.a Target and its one associated sub goals, a series of functions have been identified. The key functional areas for which this Task Team is responsible can be unpacked as follows:

1. Review of existing bilateral and multilateral engagements
 - ✓ Stock taking analysis of the existing programmes
 - ✓ Communicate with the Water Sector regarding progress of SDG6
 - ✓ Draft a 3-year Implementable programmes endorsed by key stakeholders.
2. Forging Partnerships
 - ✓ Supporting the sub-region (SADC IV infrastructure Plan, SADC's RISDP;
 - ✓ Assist Africa to achieve the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals, in particular; AMCOW Work plan , NEPAD 's PPP initiatives;
 - ✓ Provide recommendations to the region/sector in terms of how they can close the Gaps identified within the respective Task Teams
3. Monitoring areas of cooperation targeted to achieve SDG6 by 2030
 - ✓ Harness the implementation of the SDG in particular Goal 6 through investment in Africa.
 - ✓ Align processes required to monitor progress regarding achievement of the SDG6a sub target
 - ✓ Report on progress annually
4. General Operations

- ✓ The Task Team meetings will be convened at least once a month to deal with modalities regarding the successful organization and participation of DWS at the targeted water platforms on SDG implementation.
- ✓ The Task Team Leader to participate on the Quarterly SDG6 Working Group meetings.
- ✓ To provide quarterly progress reports to the SDG6 Working Group relating to the Task Team Functions.
- ✓ To consider other areas of importance relating to sub target 6a as they arise and assess the level of support, if any.
- ✓ To review this ToR every year in line with the action plan.
- ✓ To implement the Action Plan of the Task Team.
- ✓ To review this ToR every 3 years in line with Agenda 2063, NDP and the MTEF period and revise accordingly

4. CHAIRING AND SECRETARIAT OF THE ICCB TASK TEAM

- The International Cooperation and Capacity-building (ICCB) Task Team will be chaired by the Task Team Leader.
- The Directorate: Global Multilateral will provide the Secretariat support functions.

5. ACTION PLAN

The Task Team will develop an Action Plan for the year based on what members currently know and understand. The Action Plan is a living document driven by political decisions and strategic prescripts of DIRCO as the foreign policy custodian. The costs pertaining to delivery will be aligned to IWS existing programmes of work. This Action Plan will be reviewed bi-annually in the first year and annually from thereon, as additional content becomes available.

- ✓ The Action plan will be aligned to current and existing programmes of IWS for 2018/19;
- ✓ Identified countries of the south to be targeted for engagements as per the areas of cooperation needed;
- ✓ The targets for sub goals 6.1 – 6.6 should ideally form the discussion points at an international level.
- ✓ In order to strengthen the means of implementing and working towards the achievement of SDG 6, on water the DWS need to encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships;
- ✓ Report on current activities pertaining to the gaps and areas of cooperation needed.
- ✓ Governance, through sustainability and capacity of institutions to remain a priority.
- ✓ Advocate for political commitment, increased fiscus financing for water infrastructure and management, encourage cross sector cooperation, extend informed stakeholders for joint partnerships, encourage water data management, strengthen and resource water-sanitation institutions as well as transboundary management.

The International Cooperation and Capacity-building (ICCB) Task Team Action Plan is as follows:

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND CAPACITY-BUILDING (ICCB) TASK TEAM ACTION PLAN

No	Baseline	Current programmes	Interventions / Activity	Outcome	Responsibility	Timeframe	Risks
Review of existing bilateral and multilateral engagements							
	IWS programmes	Bilateral and multilateral programmes	Stocktaking of existing cooperation	Enhanced cooperation to creating awareness on the content of targets 6.1-6.6 for goal 6	IWS TT-ICCB	Programmes of work for 2018/19-ongoing	Minister availability. Budget availability
		Existing partnerships	Identify developing partners and engagements to be targeted	Identify existing platforms / mechanisms to assist Delivery of statements on related activities and programmes	IWS TT-ICCB	Quarterly reports Annual reports 2018/19	Availability of data/information on cooperation with countries from the south
		AU and UN member states	Intensify efforts to place water on the global agenda, by placing emphasises on cooperation with the developing AU and UN member states Inform the region and sector on the gaps identified by different	Annual status Report Update IWS programmes on DWS website Hold workshops and stakeholder meetings	TT-ICCB	Ongoing - 2030	Capacity and budget

			Task Teams						
			Identify new mechanisms / platforms to enhance engagement opportunities and participate accordingly.	Feedback on participation reports discussing the different opportunities considered and participated on	SWPN, Shared water course structures, AMCOW, SADC, Global partners, WWC	Ongoing - 2030	Capacity and budget		
			Consolidate DWS/ SADC/ AMCOW Draft Implementation Plan with milestones	Milestones reporting	SWPN, Shared watercourse structures, AMCOW, SADC, Global partners, WWC				
Forging partnerships									
South -South cooperation	Supporting the region	Strengthen existing Partnerships within the region	Motivate all water use sectors to embrace water stewardship, strengthen their collaboration, and participate in integrated water resource management.	TT- ICCB AMCOW AU SADC Global partners	Ongoing - 2030				
	Supporting the region	Support regional agenda and scope of work in both bilateral and multilateral fora	Assist Africa to achieve SDG 6	DIRCO DEA	Ongoing - 2030				
Monitoring areas of cooperation targeted									

Develop a Monitoring Framework	Monitor and report on sub target 6a progress towards the 2030 Goal	Monitoring Framework	TT-ICCB	Ongoing	Availability of information on process to achieve sub goals
Existing and new cooperation	Conduct benchmarking and comparison assessments	Annual Progress Report	SDGWG Task teams	June 2018	
Identify existing mechanism/ platform/ tools of engagement	Impart knowledge to stakeholders	Analysis	Information Programmes	June 2018	
General Operations of ICCB					
Developing ToR	Develop indicators for the Task team	Indicators	TT-SS&C	April 2018	
TT and Stakeholder meetings	Hold regular meetings with Task Team Members and attend Quarterly SDG working meetings	Minutes	TT-ICCB	Ongoing 2018/19 (monthly)	
Content	Review the ToR and action plan	Analysis Reports		Aligned to quarterly reports	
SDG website link	Ensure all stakeholders are informed of the initiative		TT-ICCB	Aligned to quarterly reports	
Inform Water sector of UN/ SADC/ AU undertakings & Gap reports	Ensure all stakeholders are informed of the initiative	Analysis Report		Aligned to quarterly reports	

Progress to date:

- ✓ Participated at the High Level Panel on Water as the Sheparing Department to the President
- ✓ Participated in the SDG process where the 2030 Development Agenda was adopted
- ✓ Participated on working groups of the Master Plan
- ✓ Participated in all major water related international platforms
- ✓ Secured the Chairmanship of the SADC

Expected Challenges:

- ✓ The new definitions of the SDG indicators created a changed landscape with regard to the targets to deliver on.
- ✓ Aligning Foreign policy with policy resources management.

Future actions and activities will be focused around:

- The need to ensure reliability and sustainability in water target
- South Africa is self-driven and the DWS has already initiated most of the goal initiatives
- South Africa will need to invest in information management and focussed delivery programmes which will strengthen the water-energy-food security nexus.
- Investment Plan wherein water to be provided with an extensive national budget which will enhance its contribution to socio-economic and environmental impact. And furthermore strengthen the PPP model.
- Water Plan which will also reflect the short, medium and long term targets with the aim of reporting its water performances at the 2030-2063 Heads of Government's meetings respectively.

6. FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

The Task Team shall meet on a monthly basis in its first year of operation prior to the SDGWG meetings and taking into consideration the dates for scheduled Branch meetings of the respective components involved. Thereafter meetings will be held once every two months. Below is the proposed schedule of meetings for the first year:

Proposed Schedule of Working Group meetings

Meetings	Date
1 st meeting	26 April 2018
2 nd meeting	11 May 2018
3 rd meeting	19 June 2018
4 th meeting	12 July 2018

5 th meeting	14 August 2018
6 th meeting	6 September 2018
7 th meeting	11 October 2018
8 th meeting	8 November 2018
9 th meeting	5 December 2018 Review and drafting of schedule for 2019

7. MEMBERSHIP OF SDG6.a TASK TEAM

The IWS team will act as the focal points for international liaison but the Task Team also need the participation of other technical directorates to provide and add to the content and guide the scope on what needs to be prioritised in order to achieve the SDGs targets on water.

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8. DURATION OF THE WORKING GROUP

The International Cooperation and Capacity-building (ICCB) Task Team will continue until instructed otherwise and the ToR will be reviewed every year in line with the action plan

9. ADOPTION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE:

We/I hereby accept this agreement and commit to adhere to the stipulations as set out in the document.

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20 April 2018

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