

Date **15 February 2021**

Dear Dr. Veena Khanduri,

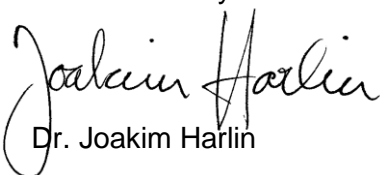
Re: India Reporting on SDG 6.5.1 (IWRM) Progress

The GWP India Water Partnership' efforts in facilitating the national reporting from India for year 2020 were instrumental in establishing a baseline on SDG 6.5.1 indicator for India. This is a significant step towards measuring and encouraging national progress on SDG target 6.5 towards year 2030. GWP was particularly instrumental in facilitating stakeholder inputs on the indicator in the country, stakeholder engagement processes being a cornerstone of integrated approaches to water management, and the official indicator methodology.

We are aware of actions you have taken towards this success, including numerous exchanges with agencies like, Ministry of Jal Shakti; NITY Aayog; Central Water Commission, National Water Mission; Ministry of Statistics & Program Implementation; Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India among others.

As the UN custodian agency for indicator 6.5.1 we want to thank you for your efforts, and we look forward to further collaboration with the GWP India Water Partnership to support India to further advance IWRM implementation and SDG achievement.

Yours sincerely



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