Water-related Monitoring in the Voluntary National Review for LEBANON

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SDGs National Committee Members

- 1. Chair: Prime Minister
- 2. Includes Director General of all ministries and relevant public administrations
- 3. Includes two representatives of the private sector
- 4. Includes two representatives of the civil society

National Water Priorities

- 1. Increase surface water storage and improve its quality, by building dams
- 2. Increase network coverage of water and waste water, reducing losses in the water systems
- 3. Reducing pollution of drinking water reservoirs
- 4. Reforming/reviewing tariffs to improve cost recovery of water establishments

National Water Targets

Are there any national targets that are different than those articulated in the SDGs?

- The National water strategy addresses SDG #6, in particular the following targets:
- **6.1**: achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all
- <u>6.2</u>: 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
- **6.6**: protect and restore water-related ecosystems, including mountains, forests, wetlands, rivers, aquifers and lakes
- <u>6.a:</u> expand international cooperation and capacity-building support to developing countries in water- and sanitation-related activities and programs, including water harvesting, desalination, water efficiency, wastewater treatment, recycling and reuse technologies

Means of Implementation for achieving water targets

- Strategies?: National Water Sector Strategy
- Plans? Capital Investment Plan, which includes priority water projects, divided into three cycles of priority and is regional based.

Thank you