

**Expert Meeting: using International Law to help us understand how to
implement SDG 6.5 and 6.6**

Convened by the Global Institute for Water Environment and Health

**Side Event - Budapest Water Summit 2016
30 November 2016, 11:00-12:00 – Duna Room (Building D)**

Targets 6.5 and 6.6 of the Sustainable Development Goals are challenging targets with many dimensions. What for instance are the parameters that need to be monitored to indicate that a water resources system is being managed in an 'integrated' manner at all levels, including successful cooperation at the transboundary level? What do we need to measure to know that water related ecosystems are being protected and restored? This side event is conceived as an expert meeting which will look at the SDG water targets from a legal perspective, aiming to show that legal analysis helps to develop the road map for implementation of these goals. Three peer reviewed papers will be presented that start with the indicators proposed by UN-Water to monitor SDG 6.5 and 6.6, and which analyse these goals from the point of view of legal commitments of states to help generate a checklist of actions for public officials.

In practice, the side-event consists of a short presentation of each paper, each of which is followed by comments from a first reader. After this questions will be opened to the floor.

The side event is aligned with the objectives of the Budapest Water Summit objectives, as it promotes discussion and debate towards a shared understanding of integrated water resources management, transboundary cooperation, ecosystems protection and restoration, transparency and public participation.