

## UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs Division for Sustainable Development



# Workshop on Capacity Development in Advancing Water and Sustainable Development

**Programme Introduction** 

24-25<sup>th</sup> February, 2015

#### **Workshop Objectives:**

Enhance the capacity of selected countries towards integrating water and sustainable development into their national development strategies

- □ increased understanding of the evolving SDGs and target areas in general and water and sustainable development, particularly including the cross-sectoral linkages;
- better understanding of policy, strategy and practice towards developing integrated sustainable development programmes;
- improved understanding of the major challenges that developing countries face in the implementation of sustainable development specifically in water and sustainable development;
- □ strengthened professional networking to promote active debate on water goal, target areas and cross-sectoral integration and the SD nexus as related to development of indicators, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.

### Workshop Programme

- Opening
- Session 1:
  - ☐ The SDG Process, Role of Water, and Work in Progress
- Special Session:
  - □ Launching of "Water in the World We Want Report"
- Session 2:
  - □ Water Supply, Sanitation, Water Quality & Ecosystem Targets
- Session 3:
  - Water and Sustainable Development Opportunities and Challenges in Regional Contexts
- Session 4:
  - □ Water Resources Sector Efficient Use, Management and Institutions
- Session 5:
  - □ Cross-Cutting Themes and Recent Studies
- Session 6: Conclusions and closing

#### **Major Expected Outcomes**

- Sharing experiences and providing information on best practices, which will be documented for wider knowledge basis on water and SD
- Participants use enhanced awareness in their respective organizations, to prepare their national strategies and implementation of SD sectoral and inter-sectoral development programmes
- Wider sharing of background papers and case studies; building network on water and SD