

Remarks to the IGN Session 5.
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- Thank you Excellencies, WaterAid welcomes Goal 6, and targets 6.1 and 6.2, in particular, which aspire to universal access to water, sanitation and hygiene by 2030.
- We hope States will make clear ambitious commitments based on these targets.
- Goal 6 covers the broad range of needs of the human rights to water and sanitation, which will need to be reflected in a full range of global indicators, that do not sacrifice ambition and equality in the quest for false simplicity.
- On the principle of universality. It is critical that action to progressively reduce inequalities is prioritised alongside the drive for universality. To ensure that there are not perverse incentives to race for the big numbers, without focusing on the poorest and most marginalised people.
- The hardest to reach should be served first, not last, to ensure that no one is left behind by 2030.
- On the principle of integration. The testing ground for the success of the SDGs will lie in how well policy coherence is delivered across the whole framework. This agenda is indivisible, a 2030 score card of 16 out of 17 would not, get a pass mark.
- For example universal health coverage will not be achieved without sanitation, and sanitation will not progress without improvements in education, such as school toilets.
- Clearly each country must be responsible for achieving sustainable development. However no country stands alone in the fight to tackle extreme poverty.
- Multi-stakeholder endeavours, such as the Sanitation and Water for All partnership, which helps to catalyse progress, and promote mutual

accountability between partners, especially where the need is greatest, will be indispensable.

- We would recommend that SDG progress on water, sanitation and hygiene are the subject of frequent review by the HLPF.
- And we call on the co- facilitators to expand on the thematic review processes section of the principles document.
- Thank you.