



Major Group of Children and Youth SDG Recommendations: Water

Honorable Co-chairs,

During the course of these two days, our colleagues have raised valid points when highlighting that water use efficiency, water pollution, and sanitation still represent significant challenges of our current developing model. The adoption of water efficiency goals has the potential to promoting good water governance and improving water use in productive sectors such as energy and water.

Therefore, we support the development of a SDG for water that addresses that highlights:

- The importance of the **right to safe and clean drinking water** and sanitation
- The important role of regulating the **private sectors and supporting civil society** in meeting the water challenge.
- The recognition of the water-energy-food security nexus in water distribution.
- The development of specific **water efficiency measures** to track water use throughout **all sectors** such as agriculture, energy, industrial and urban users.
- The implementation of national and regional **water-basin frameworks** to improve a mechanism for solving conflicts among water-users and promote the participation of all stakeholders particularly women, children, and indigenous communities.
- The reining in of the business sector's effort to privatize water resources to the detriment of local communities.

Our suggestion of a goal would be: **Promoting cross sectoral water efficiency:**

- **Indicator 1:** Develop one international research program focused on water recycling technology by 2015. The program must also promote cooperation between scientific actors and urban planners, in order to make this technology adaptable for cities and increase available funding by 50% for research into water efficiency and technologies.
- **Indicator 2:** Increase by 50% the current coverage of waste-water treatment before 2020, as a way to reduce the amount of pollution that is liberated to rivers and groundwater due to human activity.
- **Indicator 3:** Increase by 50% the amount of subsidies available at the national level for the promotion of water-efficient irrigation infrastructure by 2015.
- **Indicator 4:** Implement integrated management strategies in all trans-boundary basins by 2020 to facilitate the equitable distribution of water between stakeholders.
- **Indicator 5:** Incorporate the human right to water into all national water strategies by 2030.

Thank you.

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