

**Focus area 6:
Water and sanitation**

- We support an ambitious goal and an actionable and measurable set of universal targets in relation to water and sanitation. Water is as a crucial requisite and key asset for sustainable development and growth.
- We think most of the central issues are covered in the present text.
- However, In relation to the suggested targets in the text we have the following comments:
 - o **We support target a** but think that **adequate** sanitation and hygiene should be added
 - o **We support target b** but suggest adding text on a measurable **reduction of discharge of untreated wastewater by x%**
 - o We support target c and believe it could be strengthened by adding **energy** to agriculture
 - o We support target d on water resource management, but would like to strengthen the text by highlighting that
 - the implementation of integrated water resource management should be **using a holistic multistakeholder and people centered approach**, and
 - that in due time and within a specific time frame **all countries should have sustainable water use policies and implementation strategies in place**
 - o We support target e, f, g and h
- Co chairs, somewhere in the list of targets we would like to see a reference to equal access to water as a productive resource.
- We are ready to discuss overlaps between the suggested targets in order to further consolidate the text.
- However, for us it is absolutely key that the economic, environmental and social dimension of the water goal is reflected in a balanced and sufficient way, as it is now
- Further we find that there are **important linkages between water and other focus** areas, such as health, gender and womens empowerment, sustainable cities, SCP, oceans, biodiversity as well as agriculture, food security and nutrition, economic growth and industrialization.