

Japan's proposal on focus area 6 at the 11th session of SDGs-OWG

Focus area 6. Water and sanitation

Based on targets proposed by UN Water January this year, we support subareas a),b),c),d), and h) under a stand-alone goal on water and sanitation.

On subarea b), the term “wastewater management” should be replaced with “wastewater treatment” to avoid the use of abstract term.

We suggest to delete “with particular focus on agriculture” from the subarea c). Improving water-use efficiency in agricultural sector is an important issue, but it should take into account different national circumstances on agriculture in each country.

As for h), mortality and economic losses should have separate numerical targets. Therefore the subarea should be modified as follows: “decrease by x% mortality and serious injuries and by y% decrease economic losses”.