



Parallel sessions – IMPLEMENTING SDGS: ACTORS AND POLICIES
18th September 2017 – 15h

#3 SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation

Water and sanitation are at the very core of sustainable development: the 2030 Agenda includes a goal that sets out to “ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all” (SDG6).

SDG6 has strong linkages to the rest of SDGs; safe drinking water and adequate sanitation and hygiene are pillars of human health and well-being. Water is also needed for food, energy and industrial goods production in highly inter-connected and potentially conflicting ways. Non-properly managed wastewater puts in risk healthy ecosystems, which are crucial to keep the quantity and quality of freshwater, as well as overall resilience to climate change. Integrated water resources management is essential in order to harness synergies as well as to manage potential trade-offs, to ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.