

**REMARKS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EXECUTIVE COORDINATION  
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**Launch of the Global Knowledge Platform on Sustainable Water and Energy  
Solutions in support of a Sustainable and Resilient Recovery from COVID-19**

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Good morning, dear participants who are with us from different parts of the world in the first of the webinar series organized by the "Sustainable Water and Energy Solutions" partnership.

I am especially grateful to Mr. Liu Zhenmin for his opening remarks and for being a close friend of Itaipu since the beginning of this partnership.

It is a great honor for me to participate in this event to launch the knowledge platform, as it is a milestone in the "Sustainable Water and Energy Solutions Network

In 2018, ITAIPU and UNDESA joined forces with a common vision of a world in which there is equitable and sustainable use and management of water and energy resources for all, promoting human well-being and ecosystem integrity, along with a sound economy, under the umbrella of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

We have worked hard to improve capacities to effectively manage the interconnections between water and energy, expanding knowledge management and the exchange of best practices. We have also increased global advocacy and outreach in the areas of water, energy and their interlinkages.

At the end of 2018, and with the support of relevant institutions worldwide, the global network "Sustainable Water and Energy Solutions" was created, bringing together experts from various parts of the world in the field of water and energy to promote effective solutions that accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, especially SDGs 6 and 7.

From there, we have received valuable input from global network members who have documented concrete examples of sustainable water and energy solutions.

Itaipu has also contributed in this area. At the end of last year, the 17 Case Studies on how Itaipu contributes to the progress of the Sustainable Development Goals were launched, compiling the most significant actions, programs and projects related to each of the SDG. In addition, we continue to expand our actions to ensure sustainable recovery in the face of COVID-19, as Mr. Daniel Ramirez will present in the technical segment of the webinar.

With the firm objective of being a mechanism for the exchange and dissemination of knowledge, good practices and experiences, we launched this Global Platform that will have data, statistics, models, techniques, case studies and information about what is being implemented in terms of water and energy challenges.

We hope that the platform will be a tool that drives us to make integrated decisions for sustainable development, focusing on those who need it most, that it will be a dynamic and updated tool, where the experiences and knowledge of diverse actors are integrated and that it will finally contribute to a better management of water and energy.

I also hope that today's event will be of great benefit and that we will be able to reflect on it through the exchange of experiences of the panelists who are accompanying us. Have an excellent day. Thank you very much.