

## **TOWARDS THE FIRST GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM ON WATER AND ENERGY:**

### **International cooperation to promote sustainable development**

*Media Center, Expo 2020 Dubai*

*March 29, 2022*

*5:00 p.m.– 6:30pm*

### **Background**

The impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have forced governments, private and public organizations, and other stakeholders to develop comprehensive programmes for an economic, social and environmental recovery that supports global sustainable development. The 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement offer essential guidelines for this Decade of Action on fighting poverty, hunger, climate change, biodiversity loss, among others. To overcome these challenges, international cooperation is of paramount importance. The 2030 Agenda also recognizes partnerships as key for progress on all the sustainable development goals (SDGs) as reflected by SDG 17.

At Expo Dubai, countries gather to showcase their best practices, technologies, and capacities. Also, Expo Dubai recognizes the importance of the SDGs, with special exhibitions and interactive attractions that highlight the various themes of the global goals.

Itaipu Binacional and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) founded the Global Network on Sustainable Water and Energy Solutions in 2018 with the objective of promoting an integrated approach to water and energy that allows important synergies. This multistakeholder Network is organizing the first Global Symposium on Sustainable Water and Energy Solutions at Itaipu in June this year.

This global event at Expo Dubai provides a platform for the exchange of knowledge and experiences supporting a more sustainable world. Network members will summarize integrated approaches on SDG 6 (water) and SDG 7 (energy), which are fundamental to improve the quality of life and to pave the way for the effective implementation of other SDGs. Examples of best practices in the field in different areas such as renewable energy, transboundary waters, biodiversity cooperation and others will be described. This event also provides an opportunity to announce the first Global Symposium on Sustainable Water and Energy Solutions.

### **Objective**

The main objective of this event is to promote knowledge exchange among governments, organizations, and other relevant stakeholders to effectively promote sustainable development following an integrated approach to the SDGs particularly in relation to water (SDG 6) and energy (SDG 7).

The event also provides a platform for dialogue on effective policies, technological innovation, best practices and managerial approaches that support international cooperation.

**Venue**

The event will take place in media conference room A with capacity for 30 people at Expo Dubai. International audiences can participate through social media.

**Language**

There will be interpretation English, Portuguese and Spanish.