



Global Research and Innovation Priorities to Achieve SDG 6

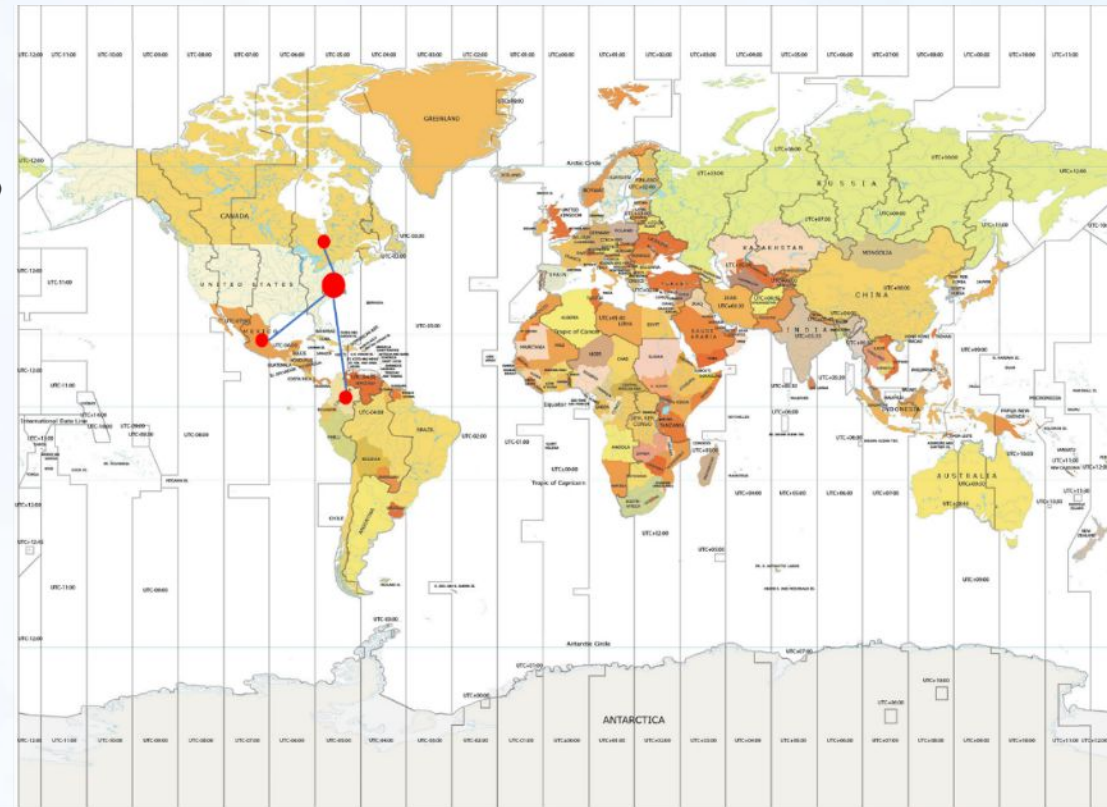
*A world-wide marathon relay of ideas and recommendations on
SDG-6 acceleration*

OPENING SESSION | ASRC, New York | 20 March 2023

THE EVENT

- **A virtual marathon relay over a 24-hour period from March 20th through the 21st, 2023.**
- Over 24 hours, a virtual baton will be passed on to meeting participants distributed over the different time zones.
- We will start in New York City on the 20th from 12:00PM to 2:00PM Eastern Daylight Time and end approximately 24 hours later back in New York at the famed Roosevelt House in mid-town Manhattan.
- The event will be mainly virtual.

- Central Time Zone Hub
- Secondary Time Zone Hub



DEBATE THEME

We focus the debate on the research and actions that are needed to improve the five pillars of the SDG 6 accelerator framework.



The SDG 6 Accelerator Framework



SDG-6 ACCELERATOR FRAMEWORK



- Goal: Identify the top research needs, innovation and actions for each of the 5 accelerators identified to achieve SDG 6.
- Approach: In the first 15 minutes, the preceding time zone will hand over the “baton” i.e. The Top 3 list and a brief explanation of how these were identified and how they will be achieved (see next slides)
- Process: Each time zone is tasked to refine this list, or add new priorities. Time Zone managers are free to adopt whatever approach to identifying these priorities. The only “rule” is that the baton must be passed on at the end of the session.
- Hand Over: The time zone manager joins the next time zone for a 15 minute hand over (see approach above).
- Wrap-Up: Time zone managers are invited to (virtually) join the overall synthesis session in New York.

MARATHON KEY-FINDINGS TEMPLATE

Accelerator (Time Zone Name)	Research Need	Innovation	Action
Financing - Optimized financing is essential to get resources behind country plans.			
Data and information - Data and information targets resources and measures progress.			
Capacity development - A better-skilled workforce improves service levels and increases job creation and retention in the water sector.			
Innovation - New, smart practices and technologies will improve water and sanitation resources management and service delivery.			
Governance - Collaboration across boundaries and sectors will make SDG 6 everyone's business.			

SYNTHESIS AND HAND-OVER

Final session in NYC:

- Hybrid mode. All time zone managers requested to attend virtually.
- Assess what was gained and lost as baton was passed on
- Reach consensus on Top research needs, innovations and actions in each of the 5 accelerators identified to achieve SDG 6.

Hand over to official side-event

Proposed time line for a time zone sessions

0 – 5: Opening by the time zone moderator: explanation of the event as a whole

5 - 10: Presentation of the debate and findings of the previous time zone by the manager of the previous time zone

10 – 15: Q&A

15 – 105: Debate:

- explanation of the session (e.g. white board, break out groups, ...)
- plenary collection of output (e.g. of breakout groups)

105-120: Compose the baton for the next time zone

120 – 135: Handing over of the baton to the next time zone group (Presentation)