

Sanitation and Water for All

Sanitation and Water for All is a global partnership aimed at achieving universal and sustainable access to sanitation and drinking-water for all.

Partnership Newsletter

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Partnership and Steering Committee Formalized

Through a transparent nomination and voting process, global sector leaders have elected the new *Sanitation and Water for All* Steering Committee, the decision-making body that represents the partnership's various constituencies and drives forward sector initiatives.

The Steering Committee and *Sanitation and Water for All's* 59 Partners will lead the global movement to raise the profile of sanitation and water and work to increase political prioritisation, promote evidence-based decision-making, and support strong national processes. The partnership, which is based on mutual trust, support, and commitment to principles of aid effectiveness, also aims to increase the impact of resources and strengthen mutual accountability. Achieving these goals will accelerate progress toward achieving the Millennium Development Goals and ultimately sanitation and water for everyone.

By joining *Sanitation and Water for All*, partners agree to support and adhere to the aims and guiding principles of the partnership, participate in the Annual Partnership Meeting, and vote for the Steering Committee members (see page 4).

The inaugural Steering Committee meeting will take place in Stockholm on 7 September 2010 during World Water Week.

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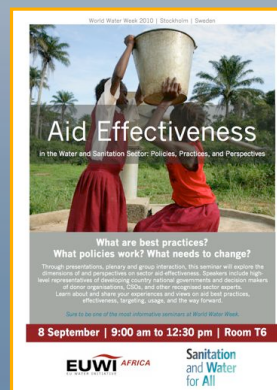


Sanitation and Water for All: A Global Framework for Action Side Event **Wednesday, 8 September, 12:45-13:45, Room T6**

This one-hour side event will provide an update on the *Sanitation and Water for All* partnership, activities, and future directions.



Aid Effectiveness in the Sanitation and Water Sector: Policies, Practices and Perspectives Seminar **Wednesday, 8 September, 9:00 – 12:30, Room T6**



This seminar, convened by EUWI-AWG and *Sanitation and Water for All*, explores the dimensions of and perspectives on sector aid effectiveness, targeting and usage of aid, best practices, and the way forward.

UNICEF Hosts Sanitation and Water for All First High Level Meeting

Washington, DC – On April 23, 2010, UNICEF hosted the first High Level Meeting of the *Sanitation and Water for All* partnership at the World Bank. Finance and water/sanitation ministers representing 18 countries met with 13 donor representatives, seven UN agencies and three civil society organizations, to discuss sector investments and targeting of resources, donor coordination and enhanced mutual accountability and action.

At this groundbreaking event, Ministers and representatives discussed challenges, shared best practices and committed to bringing safe drinking-water and adequate sanitation to the unserved.

The participants focused on the UN-Water Global Annual Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water (GLAAS) recommendations: greater political prioritization for sanitation and drinking-water, better resource targeting, strengthening of national planning, and development of stronger partnerships at all levels.

“This High Level Meeting, a key component of the *Sanitation and Water for All* partnership, is a watershed in our sector. As a global partnership, *Sanitation and Water for All* involves the people who make decisions about investments, and who can change the outlook for the sector. Giving priority to sanitation and water and tracking our progress together will aid development and give new hope to countries who struggle to reach their poorest citizens, including vulnerable children, with these essential services,” said Ms. Clarissa Brocklehurst, UNICEF Chief of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH).



HLM Preparatory Process Raises the Profile of WASH

To prepare for the High Level Meeting, finance and water/sanitation ministers in 20 countries engaged in inter-ministerial dialogue and identified concrete commitments to address water and sanitation challenges in their countries. The meeting process:

1. Engaged new, non-traditional actors in the sector, notably Ministries of Finance
2. Sparked renewed political interest in the sector
3. Inspired closer coordination among stakeholders
4. Infused momentum to ongoing initiatives

In Practice

As a result of the *Sanitation and Water for All* High Level Meeting preparatory process, Ghana’s Vice President John Dramani



Mahama, in his role as Acting President, launched the Ghana Compact. The Compact designates sanitation and

water as “essential services” and indicates Ghana’s commitment to providing annually, beginning in 2011, \$350 million toward sanitation and water improvements and up to 0.5% of GDP for hygiene education, including handwashing and Community-Led Total Sanitation.

Critical Platform for Progress

The High Level Meeting provided an important platform for developing countries and donors to make new commitments and reiterate existing commitments to improve access to sanitation and water. The preparatory process served as a catalyst in several countries. Systematic monitoring of commitments made at the High Level Meeting is under development and will help to ensure commitments are realized.



High Level Meeting Photos: UNICEF/Marvin Jones

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Background and Messages

With the recent partnership drive, *Sanitation and Water for All* has expanded to 59 partners, many of which are new. This section provides background messages, a quick overview, and specific information about the partnership that partners can use to inform stakeholders and constituencies.

Background

- Sanitation and drinking-water underpin all aspects of human and economic development, with an immediate focus on the meeting the MDGs in the most off-track countries.
- Lack of safe water and improved sanitation is a global crisis: 2.6 billion people lack access to basic sanitation.

About

- *Sanitation and Water for All* is a global partnership between developing countries, donors, multi-lateral agencies, civil society and other development partners working together to achieve universal and sustainable access to sanitation and drinking-water.
- *Sanitation and Water for All* has a simple governance structure—a Steering Committee, an Annual Partnership Meeting and a small Secretariat.
- *Sanitation and Water for All* is based on a set of core principles, grounded in the Paris Declaration and the Accra Agenda for Action—international agreements about aid effectiveness.
- The vision and principles of *Sanitation and Water for All* are achieved primarily through existing mechanisms and programmes. The vast majority of what *Sanitation and Water for All* does is simply the work of its partners, positively influenced and guided by common principles and collaboration with the other partners.
- The *Sanitation and Water for All* partnership is based on mutual trust, support, and commitment to principles of aid effectiveness, including national ownership of plans.

Sanitation and Water for All Partners Work to:

- **Increase political prioritisation** for sustainable access to sanitation and drinking-water through activities such as high-level events that review progress, catalyse coordinated action, and focus on the impacts of access to sanitation and drinking on economic growth and human development.
- **Promote evidence-based decision making** on sanitation and drinking-water by compiling, analyzing and promoting information about what works to scale up sustainable delivery of services. *Sanitation and Water for All* will also enhance regional and bi-lateral collaboration between partners and support global and regional assessments on issues such as investment flows, coverage and institutional capacity.
- **Support strong national processes** that align with agreed benchmarks for the development and implementation of sustainable sanitation and drinking-water services. *Sanitation and Water for All* will mobilise catalytic funding and provide specific technical assistance to the most off-track countries, where this is not available through existing mechanisms.

By strengthening political prioritisation, evidence-based planning and national processes, *Sanitation and Water for All* aims to:

- **Increase the impact of resources** as a result of generating high level support for improved targeting and effectiveness of existing and additional resources, with a focus on marginalised populations and countries that are most off-track to meet the MDG targets related to sanitation and water.
- **Strengthen mutual accountability** as a result of building political will, supporting strong national processes, and creating a forum for discussion on sustainable access to sanitation and drinking-water for all.



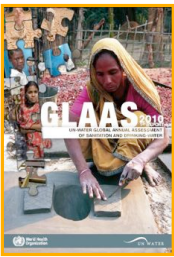


Sanitation and Water for All Website Launched

Sanitation and Water for All has launched an initial website to keep stakeholders and constituencies informed about partnership activities and to provide partnership materials.

The website features basic information about the partnership, how to join the partnership, information about the High Level Meeting, the current Partners and Steering Committee list, and contact information. In the coming months, the site will be expanded to meet the growing needs of the partnership and to serve as a more substantive resource and coordination tool. Visit the site at: <http://www.sanitationandwaterforall.org>

GLAAS: A Valuable Sanitation and Water Sector Resource



The UN-Water Global Annual Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water (GLAAS) is a valuable sector resource to assist decision makers in strengthening policies and targeting resources. The report includes data from 42 developing countries and 27 external support agencies. Report findings and its four recommendations were presented at the *Sanitation and Water for All* High Level Meeting in April 2010.

Four Key Recommendations in the 2010 GLAAS:

1. Developing countries and external support agencies to demonstrate greater political commitment to sanitation and drinking-water, given their central role in human and economic development
2. External support agencies and developing countries to consider how to better target resources to accelerate progress towards meeting the sanitation and drinking-water MDG target
3. Developing countries and external support agencies to strengthen national and subnational systems to plan, implement and monitor the delivery of sanitation and drinking-water services, especially to unserved populations
4. All stakeholders work in partnership to support the development and implementation of national plans for sanitation and drinking-water, using their particular skills and resources and aligning with national systems.

Sanitation and Water For All 2010 Steering Committee Members (Listed by Constituencies)

Developing Countries

African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW), Ghana, Kenya, Pakistan, South Africa, and Uganda

Donors

Netherlands (DGIS), Switzerland (SDC), and United Kingdom (DFID)

Multilaterals

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC)

Development Banks

African Development Bank

Civil Society

African Civil Society Network (ANEW), End Water Poverty (EWP), and Freshwater Action Network South Asia (FANSA)

Sector Partners

International Water Association (IWA) and Water Aid

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