

**Attendees** (\* SWA Steering Committee Member)

1. Rudy Amenga-Etego, ANEW\*
2. Sara Rogge, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
3. Khaled AbuZeid, CEDARE\*
4. Sanjay Wijesekera, DFID (UK)\*
5. Kathleen Fleur Anderson, EWP\*
6. Yakub Hossain, FANSA\*
7. Yaw Sarkodie, Ghana, Ministry of Water Resources, Works and Housing \*
8. Kurian Baby, IRC
9. Darren Saywell, IWA\*
10. Raj Kumar Malla, Nepal, Ministry of Physical Planning and Works
11. Rajan Raj Pandey, Nepal, Ministry of Physical Planning and Works
12. Mashal, MD, Ph.D, Ministry of Public Health
13. Ghulam Qader, Afghanistan, Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development
14. U.R Serenvatro, NWSI
15. Jawed Ali Khan, Pakistan, Ministry of Environment \*
16. Mr. Irfan Tariq, Pakistan, Ministry of Environment
17. Tanya Khan, RSPN (Pakistan)
18. Johan Gely, SDC (Switzerland)\*
19. Tami Mpotulo, South Africa, Department of Water Affairs\*
20. Kulwant Singh, UN-HABITAT
21. Andreas Knapp, UNICEF
22. Ghulam Sakhi, UNICEF
23. Ifran Sarrr Alrai, UNICEF
24. Zahida Stanekzai, UNICEF
25. Nadarajah Moorthy, UNICEF Afghanistan
26. Hans Spruijt, UNICEF Bangladesh
27. Qumrun Nahar, UNICEF Bangladesh
28. Abdulai Kaikai, UNICEF Sri Lanka
29. Clarissa Brocklehurst, UNICEF\*
30. Piers Cross, SWA Secretariat\*
31. Cindy Kushner, SWA Secretariat \*
32. Reba Paul, WaterAid Bangladesh
33. Rabin Lal Shrestha, WaterAid Nepal
34. Shikha Shrestha, WaterAid Nepal
35. Abdul Hafeez, WaterAid Pakistan
36. Munawar Hassan, WaterAid Pakistan
37. Henry Northover, WaterAid\*
38. Peregrine Swann, WHO/GLAAS\*
39. Jon Lane, WSSCC\*

Note: The WSP Regional Team Leader in South Asia would have liked to attend but was not aware of the Partner Consultation on April 3. SWA and WSP continue a positive, collaborative working relationship.

### **Meeting Objective:**

Explore how SWA can better engage and support South Asian countries in terms of increasing political prioritization of S&W, improving evidence base and strengthening country planning and implementation.

### **Minutes**

The SWA Partner Consultation provided an opportunity for the Steering Committee to discuss the partnership directly with South Asian partners. Informal discussions followed each presentation and the key issues were discussed in small groups for the last part of the meeting.

### **Presentations**

**Broad SWA Framework, Presented by Yaw Sarkodie, Government of Ghana (Annex A)**

The SWA Framework presentation outlined the basic information of the partnership, how the Partnership's priorities are inter-linked and how the priorities are implemented through key activities.

**Presentation: High Level Meeting (HLM) Dialogue: Building on the 2010 HLM and Preparing for the 2012 HLM, Presentation, Clarissa Brocklehurst, UNICEF (Annex B)**

The High Level Meeting Presentation explained the 2010 High Level Meeting and preparatory process as well as the results of the 2010 High Level Meeting. Basic information about the 2012 High Level Meeting was presented as well as a call for input and engagement by SWA Partners, especially South Asian countries.

**Presentation: GLAAS Update and Role of GLAAS in SWA, Presented by Peregrine Swann, WHO**

A few slides on the UN-Water Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Water (GLAAS) were presented to give a basic overview in advance of the 'Meet the GLAAS' presentation, following the SWA Partner Consultation. The Presentation from 'Meet the GLAAS' is provided as an **Annex C**.

**Presentation: What the CSOs Tell Us about Drivers and Bottlenecks and which types of Activities and Funding Catalyze Results, Presented by Piers Cross, SWA Secretariat (Annex D)**

The African Ministers Council on Water (AMCOW) and the Water and Sanitation Program (WSP) of the World Bank carried out the Second Country Status Overviews. This presentation highlighted the methodology and an example of the results from the process. The CSOs are an important decision-making tool used in Africa, which could be adapted and implemented in South Asia under the SWA Framework.

**Presentation: SWA National Planning for Results Initiative (NPRI), Presented by Sanjay Wijesekera, DFID (Annex E)**

SWA will soon be launching the NPRI. The presentation provided the conceptual basis for the Initiative. As the initial concept is finalized, further information will be circulated to all SWA Partners in the coming months.

**Presentation: Pakistan's National Planning, Presented by Jawed Ali Khan, Director General, Ministry of Environment, Government of Pakistan (Annex F)**

Pakistan's high-level political commitment to National Planning and the steps taken provide an example of the government leadership that drives sustainable improvements in access to sanitation.

## **SWA in South Asia**

Three small groups discussed key issues currently facing the Partnership:

**1) What's the added value of NPRI for a region (South Asia) that has national plans?"**

- High levels of deprivation in sanitation coverage
- Poor performance and low levels of commitment to sanitation
- SWA has the potential to send the signals and incentives for improved planning. NPRI can raise methods, tools and approaches that can better utilize finance. Better absorptive capacity and strengthened results helps prepare the ground for increased investments (from both external and domestic sources).
- NPRI objectives are important, but first we need to source the tools and NPRI-type inputs from domestic and regional sources before turning to external agency support.

## 2) What was most useful from the 2010 High Level Meeting (HLM) and preparatory process and what should we be aiming for at the 2012 HLM?

- Most useful from 2010:
  - Ministers of Finance had to be briefed to attend. This provides access to the Ministers and Ministries that is otherwise difficult. If a basic interest from the Finance Ministry is established, it provides an opportunity to engage Finance officials in a new way.
- Suggestions for 2012 HLM:
  - Commitments could be better targeted
  - Work to ensure the government has an action plan
  - Commit resources to achieve the MDGs
  - Commit to undertake a National MDG assessment plan – to know what Financing is needed, addressing equity
  - Use the opportunity to improve coordination where it is weak
  - Focus not only prioritization but also on sustaining prioritization
  - Involve Parliamentarians
  - Differentiate countries which attended the 2010 HLM (reporting on progress and pushing for further commitments) and new countries (new commitments).
  - Donor countries will need to demonstrate tangible progress (possibly NPRI, improved coordination)
  - SWA, through the Secretariat, could propose targets based on 2010
  - Look beyond 2015

## 3) What can Partners, especially South Asian countries do to engage the ADB in SWA and SWA Activities?

- Use the SACOSAN week to engage ADB
- Asian Govts to request ADB to engage with SWA, and convince ADB of the benefits to members.
- Donors to use their positions on the governance structure of ADB to argue for the importance of ADB engagement in SWA.
- Further engagement with Japan as a key ADB shareholder.

## Summary and Highlights

- SWA is different because we are dealing with decision-makers outside the sector - addressing bottlenecks that reside outside the sector in terms of resource allocations. WASH has been losing ground as a percentage of aid in the past several years. Addressing resource allocation insufficiencies will require partnership and will require Finance Ministries. The WASH sector needs to be more efficient in communicating with politicians. SWA will enable engagement of necessary actors and support strong, cohesive communication within and outside the sector.
- SWA is about its Partners – whether the Partnership succeeds is about what Partners contribute and do.
  - SWA Partners agree to contribute to the Workplan and engage with the Secretariat
- SACOSAN is a great opportunity for Governments and civil society in the region to consider how to bring a regional voice to the 2012 HLM. All SWA Partners are advocates of SWA's aims and outcomes. The SWA HLM facilitates a dialogue with Finance Ministries.