Summary of Decisions

Decision 1: Agenda
The Steering Committee (SC) approves the draft agenda for the meeting with the changes in order proposed by the Executive Chair.

Decision 2: Minutes
The Steering Committee approves the minutes of the September 2017 meeting.

Decision 3: Results Framework
The Steering Committee thanks those of its members who worked on completing the Results Framework and decides to approve their recommendations.

Decision 4: Governance and Finance Working Group
The Steering Committee thanks the GFWG for its report and approves its Workplan for 2018.

Decision 5: Country Processes Working Group
The Steering Committee thanks the CPWG for its report and approves its Workplan for 2018.

Decision 6: Chair of the Country Processes Working Group
The Steering Committee approves the appointment of Kepha Ombacho as one Co-Chair of the CPWG. The CPWG to inform the Executive Chair the name of the other Co-Chair in the next two weeks.

Decision 7: Private Sector Working Group
The Steering Committee thanks the PSWG for its report and approves its Workplan for 2018, while acknowledging their decision to as per the request of a previous SC, incorporate references to the UN guiding principles on business and human rights, and the human rights to water and sanitation.

Decision 8: WASH-Nutrition Working Group
The Steering Committee thanks the WASH-Nutrition WG for its report, and approves its Workplan for 2018.

Decision 9: Global Architecture Working Group
The Steering Committee thanks the Global Architecture WG for its report and approves its Workplan for 2018.

Decision 10: Steering Committee Feedback Forms
The Steering Committee accepts reports from the following SC members: Benin, Burkina Faso, Egypt, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, DFID, Banka Bioloo, IRC, the World Bank, and the combined report of the CSO constituency.

Decision 11: Steering Committee Feedback Forms (2)
The Steering Committee asks the Secretariat and the UNICEF representative to review the feedback form for the ex-officio SC members.
Decision 12: Update from the Executive Chair
The Steering Committee thanks the Executive Chair for her 2017 activity report and her January-June 2018 Workplan, while allowing some flexibility taking into consideration the recruitment of the CEO.

The Steering Committee thanks the Secretariat for its 2017 report.

Decision 14: Secretariat Workplan and Budget (2018-2020)
The Steering Committee requests the Secretariat, in consultation with the GFWG, to adjust the SWA Secretariat 2018-2020 workplan and budget, considering the decisions and discussions held at the December SC meeting, and to present it to the SC by the end of March 2017.

Decision 15: Engagement with India
The Steering Committee tasks the EC to approach India with the following feedback from the SC:

- invite India to join the partnership as soon as possible;
- SWA is unable to offer India a special governance status in view of its Governing Principles;
- SWA welcomes India's initiative to organize a meeting in the last quarter of 2018, that is aligned with the partnership's objectives and is convened under the banner of SWA, provided that SWA collaborates in defining the meeting's objectives, participants and cost allocation.

Decision 16: Future SWA meetings
The Steering Committee decides not to hold any High-level Meetings in 2018, but rather to focus on regional platforms.

Decision 17: New partners
The Steering Committee confirms that the following decision has been made on a no-objection basis since the last SC meeting:

Acceptance of the following entities to become partners of SWA:

- BIFERD
- Chipembere Community Development Organisation
- DMRV - Durable Management and Resources Valorization
- EuSAIN
- Faith in Water
- FESAN (Federacion Nacional de Cooperativas de Servicios Sanitarios Ltda)
- Fundación Neotrópica
- GWEFODE
- New World Hope
- Slum Dwellers International
- WASH (RCNN)
- Zenith Water Projects

Decision 18: Outgoing SC members
The Steering Committee thanks the outgoing SC members for their work and looks forward to their ongoing involvement in the work of the SWA partnership.

Decision 19: Input to and from the constituencies
The Steering Committee members agree to, by February 2018, call on their respective constituencies and sub-constituencies to provide input to the partner mapping activity initiated in November 2017, and also request them to consider joining SWA's Working Groups.
Decision 20: Knowledge management and learning

The Steering Committee asks the Secretariat, in close coordination with the CPWG, the research and learning constituency, and other interested partners, to develop a workplan for learning, exchange and knowledge.

The Steering Committee asks the Secretariat to submit the draft plan and budget to the SC for consideration at its upcoming face-to-face meeting in June 2018.

Decision 21: Support to the Country Processes Working Group

The Steering Committee asks the Secretariat to develop a proposal to make dedicated and skilled resources available to support the functioning of the CPWG by end of the first quarter 2018.

Decision 22: Country processes and SWA Working Groups

The Steering Committee asks all Working Group Chairs to review the Terms of Reference of their WGs to ensure they reflect the primacy of strengthening countries’ own sector processes.

Decision 23: Country processes communications

The Steering Committee asks the Secretariat to propose a communications strategy (with input from SC members) focusing on driving progress at country level through greater awareness and ownership of the Collaborative Behaviours (CB), Building Blocks and Guiding Principles across all constituencies of partners at all levels, for consideration at its upcoming face-to-face meeting in June 2018.

Decision 24: Monitoring the Collaborative Behaviours

The SWA Steering Committee:

- agrees to dissemination of the 2016/2017 CB profiles;
- approves a second round of CB profile development in 2018/2019, based on a clear understanding of their objectives and use, and taking on board proposals for engagement and improvement;
- agrees to include the proposed budget of $175,000 for CB monitoring in the SWA workplan for 2018/2019;
- mandates the SWA Secretariat to identify and secure the required resources/capacities for developing the profiles.

Decision 25: Regional Advisers

The Steering Committee tasks the Executive Chair, together with 2-3 SC members, to develop Terms of Reference and identify the modalities (inter alia hosting arrangements by non-UN partners and location of the posts), budget and the process for recruitment of Regional Advisors for Latin America, Africa and South Asia, by 31 January 2018.

Decision 26: Accountability mechanism

The Steering Committee decides:

- that commitments shall focus on achieving progress towards national WASH targets under the SDGs, using the SWA framework (Collaborative Behaviours, Building Blocks directed by the Guiding Principles) to take stock of sector progress, assess bottlenecks and identify corrective actions.
• to align commitments with and derive them from national priorities, plans and/or strategies (using CBs and BBs, and GPs) to achieve global targets of SDGs.

**Decision 27: Accountability mechanism (2)**

The Steering Committee:

• decides to reiterate its commitment to accelerate progress at country level with the intention of evolving into a federation of national SDG (6.1, 6.2, 6a and 6b) platforms/processes, supported by and linking to regional and global (HLM/HLPF) processes and platforms;
• decides also that commitments reported at regional or national forums should be drawn from those made at the national level;
• encourages SWA and its partners to support but not duplicate national and regional processes and platforms;
• tasks the HLPDWG to work together with the CPWG on the roll-out plan for the Accountability Mechanism by February 2018 and to share it with the SC. This plan should be based on the Accountability Mechanism approved in September 2017, and the discussions held during the Maputo SC meeting.
• calls on the EC to launch and coordinate this process.

**Decision 28: Governance**

The Steering Committee:

• acknowledges the full Governance Review report and its 55 recommendations submitted by the Finance and Governance Working Group for discussion at the pre-SC meeting retreat in Maputo, 6 December 2017.
• acknowledges that general consensus was obtained on the bulk of recommendations, with a number being discussed in detail and modified during the SC retreat on Wednesday 6th.
• tasks the Governance and Finance Working Group with taking the recommendations, detailed comments from discussions and main points of discussion (noted below) and incorporating these into a draft SWA Governance Guideline document by end March 2018.
• tasks the Governance and Finance Working Group with developing a time-frame and budget implications for implementing all other decisions included in the recommendations by the end of January 2018 (e.g. negotiation of a new MoU with UNICEF).

**Decision 29: Dates and location of the in-person SC meetings of 2018**

The Steering Committee decides to hold face-to-face meetings in 2018 on 19-21 June, and 27-29 November.
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| **Action 16**: Secretariat to report to the SC on cost of holding in-person SC meeting in the North and South by the next SC meeting, taking into consideration one extra day for constituency and/or Working Group meetings. | Secretariat |
Participants

Steering Committee Members
1. Ms. Catarina de Albuquerque, SWA Executive Chair and Steering Committee Chair (CTA)
2. Mr. Christopher Williams, WSSCC (CW)
3. Mr. Do Manh Cuong, Viet Nam (DMC)
4. Mr. Dominick de Waal, World Bank (DW)
5. Ms. Fatema Akter, Nagar Darindra Basti Unnayan Sangsth (FA)
6. Mr. Guy Hutton, UNICEF (GH)
7. Mr. Hans Olav Ibrekk, Norway (HO)
8. Mr. Jyoti Kumar Shrestha, Nepal (JKS)
9. Mr. Kepha Ombacho, Kenya (KO)
10. Mr. Kitchinme Bawa, AMCOW (KB)
11. Ms. Mangalika Lokuliyange, Sri Lanka (ML)
12. Mr. Mohammed Zobair Hasan, DORP/FANSA (MZH)
13. Mr. Neil Dhot, Aquafed (ND)
14. Mr. Nilton Trindade, Mozambique (NT)
15. Ms. Oluyemisi Akpa, Nigeria (OA)
16. Mr. Patrick Moriarty, IRC (PM)
17. Mr. Pie Djivo, Benin (PD)
18. Mr. Pim van der Male, DGIS (PvdM)
19. Ms. Rabab Hassan Abbas, Egypt (RHA)
20. Mr. Samson Shivaji, KEWASNET/ANEW (SS)
21. Mr. Thilo Panzerbieter, German Toilet Organization/EWP (TP)
22. Ms. Vanessa Dubois, ARCA (VD)
23. Ms. Yamileth Astorga, Costa Rica (YA)

Permanente Observers
1. Mr. Federico Properzi, UN-Water (FP)
2. Ms. Fiona Gore, WHO (FG)

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2. Mr. David Winters, Workshop Facilitator
4. Mr. Ken Caplan, Workshop Facilitator
5. Mr. Krishna Raj B.C., Nepal (KR)
6. Mr. Paul Deverill, DFID (PD)
7. Ms. Rita Zacarias, DFID (RZ)

Secretariat
1. Ms. Amanda Marlin, Coordinator (AM)
2. Ms. Alexandra Reis, Communications
3. Ms. Heloise Chicou, CSO Advisor
4. Mr. Muyatwa Sitali, Programs & Outreach

Excused
Mr. Andre Nonguierm, Burkina Faso
Mr. Tinayeshe Matuzu, Zimbabwe
**Session 1 Introductions and Overview**  
*Catarina de Albuquerque*

CTA welcomed the Steering Committee (SC) to the meeting, and thanked its members for their participation in the previous days’ retreat. She hoped the discussions would be useful and provide a solid basis for the decisions to be taken at the formal SC meeting.

CTA also proposed switching two sessions in the agenda, to accommodate SC members who needed to leave the meeting earlier. There was no objection and the updated agenda was approved. She reminded the SC that the voluntary report-back system for SC members is still in place, although responses have been limited. She encouraged members to answer the Secretariat request to report, ahead of the June in-person meeting.

CTA also asked for the SC’s approval of the Results Framework shared in advance, a more simplified and easier to use version. There was no objection.

The minutes from the previous SC meeting were also approved with no objection.

**Session 2 Executive Chair Update and 2018 Workplan**  
*Catarina de Albuquerque*

CTA provided the SC with an overview of her and the Secretariat’s work since the last SC meeting, highlighting the development of the Toolkit Portal, and encouraging the SC to read the report from SWA’s UNC session which includes ideas on how to engage ministers of finance. She also drew attention to the fact that in 2017, the Private Sector was the constituency with the larger number of new partners.

She directed the SC to her proposed workplan for the first six months of 2018, indicating that the focus will be on using regional platforms (LatinoSan, SacoSan, African Water Week) to increase knowledge and buy-in of SWA’s Framework as well as on the rolling out of the new accountability mechanism.

CTA reminded the SC of its decision to separate the role of the Executive Chair (and future CEO) and the SC’s Chair, which means this would likely be her last time chairing a SC meeting. Taking into consideration that her current position will end soon, she wanted to give the SC an overview of what she considered the biggest successes of the past three years, as well as the biggest challenges that lie ahead for SWA.

When listing the successes, CTA highlighted how SWA became more global, with more countries and partners from all continents, having drawn interest from several middle-income countries in particular from the Latin American region; she also mentioned the review of SWA’s Strategy and Governance Document in 2015, which aligned the partnership with the SDGs. She referred to the way the private sector was now better integrated in SWA, by having a dedicated SC place and by being able to have stand-alone companies as constituency members; and to the fact that CSOs had great geographical representation and that Community-based Organizations were also represented in the SC. CTA also considered a success the recognition that SWA greatly benefits from a full-time and dedicated Executive Chair, with a permanent contract. Other successes included the increase in funding and funding sources; the benefits of the EC’s preparatory calls
with SC ahead of each meeting (and doing this in their native language – she recommended the future CEO to be multi-lingual); sending draft decisions ahead of every SC meeting (which facilitates consultation with constituencies); and the decentralization of events, for instance the Addis Ababa SMM, which was the first HLM outside the USA, and the current meeting, the first SC meeting outside the US or Europe.

CTA also mentioned several of her frustrations, the main relating to the implementation – or lack thereof – of SC decisions. She analysed all decisions taken by the SC since her first meeting and realized that one-third were not implemented at all, and another third only partially. CTA suggested some reasons for this, including vagueness of the decisions, requests to a not-organized Private Sector Working Group, lack of implementation of the decision to appoint Regional Advisers and the fact that the recommendations from the High-level Political Dialogue Working Group were not fully considered in HLM-related decisions.

She also referred to the fact that, despite the partnership’s ambitions, SWA was still not SDG 6’s accountability mechanism, and the fact that steps were now being taken to reverse a decision by the SC to decentralize the Secretariat. CTA finished by reminding the SC of the several forced contract and salary breaks she had during her three years term, including the one she was on currently, which often led her to work without being paid.

Many SC members expressed great concern regarding CTA’s contract breaks, with some pointing out that it reflects the need for more professionalism in SWA’s governance, and that the creation of the permanent CEO position will help avoid breaks happening in the future. Others thanked and praised CTA’s leadership, energy and commitment to the partnership. Some SC members supported the idea of sending a formal letter to UNICEF clearly stating the SC’s dissatisfaction with the way the EC’s contract was handled. After some discussion, it was decided that PM, on behalf of the SC, will contact UNICEF’s Director of WASH to expresses the SC’s concerns.

The SC also discussed how the HLPD WG’s contribution to the HLM was not a success, and generally agreed how beneficial it is to openly discuss what went wrong, and ways to move forward. Speaking on behalf of UNICEF, GH expressed his organization’s commitment to improve the way SWA partners participate in decision-making around SWA’s events, especially those convened by UNICEF.

The SC also discussed how to ensure that a larger percentage of their decisions is implemented. It was agreed that, when drafting a decision, the working group responsible would ensure it was action-oriented, and that it included the person/group responsible for taking it forward, as well as a precise implementation deadline. It was also agreed that at the beginning of each SC meeting, the group would review the status of the actions agreed during the previous meetings.

**Action 1:** Patrick Moriarty to contact UNICEF Director of WASH to express the SC views on the way the EC’s contracts have been handled, and requesting an update on the new CEO contract.

**Action 2:** SC to include in future SC meetings an agenda item at the beginning of the agenda to review the status of previous actions.

**Session 3 Secretariat Update and 2018 Workplan/Budget**

*Amanda Marlin*

Since CTA had already presented a summary of the Secretariat’s recent work, AM focused on the 2017 financial report and proposed 2018 budget.
AM apologized for the lateness of the figures, as the initial ones sent to the Governance and Finance Working Group (GFWG) needed to be corrected. She gave the SC an overview of the opening balance for 2017 and the breakdown of how the budget was used throughout the year, highlighting that, since the Secretariat’s main tasks are related to coordination and advocacy, most of the costs are related to human resources.

AM also presented the schedule of donor disbursement and funding use for 2018-2020, highlighting the significant funding gap in 2019 and beyond. She reminded the SC of their decision to support the Secretariat and the EC in fundraising.

The SC thanked AM for her report and several members asked what was being done to increase the Secretariat’s financial capacity to increase not only funding, but the quality control of the financial reports. AM pointed out that a Fundraising Consultant has recently been hired to support the EC, and that the Secretariat would seek to increase its level of financial capacity. She also personally committed to being more demanding of UNICEF’s Programme Support Unit.

The SC discussed the possibility of SWA funding activities implemented by SC members for the benefits of the partnership. AM responded that it had not been done before, but that she would explore that possibility and report back at the next meeting.

AM then presented a proposal for the Secretariat’s 2018 budget. She pointed out that discussions over the previous days will likely impact the budget and asked the SC to decide what they could approve now and what should be only approved in early 2018. The figures presented were higher than past year, but took into consideration all activities requested by the SC, including a possible ministerial meeting in India at the end of 2018 and support to WG activities. To help the SC make decisions regarding the priorities for the 2018 activities and where to cut, she suggested dividing the workplan into the following categories: Priority 1 (core), Priority 2 and Priority 3.

Some SC members questioned the logic of cutting activities and staff in 2018, since there is budget available - this way SWA could more easily prove and improve its impact (“spend money to make money”) and potentially increase funding. The SC also discussed the need for Secretariat staff to support constituencies, as Heloise Chicou currently does for CSOs and CBOs. There was also general agreement that fundraising activities should be a priority.

The SC also debated extensively the Regional Advisers, for which there was general support. The SC asked the Executive Chair to propose draft Terms of Reference that include hosting options (costs, locations, etc.) and it was proposed to form a smaller Task Team to support the Secretariat in tasks related to selecting a host for the Regional Advisers and recruiting them.

FG pointed out discrepancies in the budget for producing the CB Country Profiles. The SC also asked the Secretariat to translate the SC decisions into at least French and Spanish, to facilitate report-back to constituencies.

After some discussion, the SC decided to ask the Secretariat, in consultation with the GFWG, to adjust the SWA Secretariat 2018-2020 workplan and budget, considering the decisions and discussions held during the meeting.

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The Executive Chair is responsible for including the Africa Development Bank in the discussion, even though they are no longer SC members.

**Action 6:** Secretariat to review figures in 2018 budget related to CB Profiles based on email sent by Fiona Gore.

**Session 4: Report and Workplan of the Governance and Finance Working Group**
*Patrick Moriarty*

PM gave a quick update on the activities of the GFWG. The Group is currently leading the process of revision of the Governing Document (activity which will continue to be a priority in 2018), as well as working with the Secretariat on reviewing the 2018 budget. PM asked non-active members of the Group to please leave it, to facilitate logistics and decisions.

**Session 5: Report and Workplan of the Private Sector Working Group**
*Neil Dhot*

ND informed the SC that his constituency is mostly composed of start-ups that are keen to participate in the partnership, and understand what other groups are working on and how they can input. He also chairs the Private Sector Working Group (PSWG) and invited other SC members to join. ND referred the SC to the Group’s proposed Terms of Reference, which will identify and promote effective practices and approaches to private sector involvement in government-led multi-stakeholder dialogues and actions. To achieve this, the Group proposed a very detailed work plan.

Discussion centred around the type of business SWA is trying to attract, as well as the ways in which the WG would promote the PS involvement in the partnership.

**Session 6: Report on the Global Leaders Group**
*Catarina de Albuquerque*

CTA informed the SC that the Global Leaders Group (GLG) already has one member: Dr. Ahmed Chowdhury, Vice Chair, BRAC, who is also a member of the SUN Movement’s Lead Group. He attended Stockholm World Water Week, where he was a speaker at the SUN/SWA joint event. CTA had the opportunity to introduce him to Kevin Rudd. She informed the SC that the Chair has not been available to personally approach his connections and invite them to the GLG.

CTA also mentioned that the governance consultants recommended to put on hold GLG activities that may have overarching governance implications and/or new commitments. She asked the SC to consider this recommendation, in light of the upcoming discussion about India’s proposal to be discussed in the next session.

**Session 7 Report and Workplan of the High Level Political Dialogue Working Group**
*Catarina de Albuquerque*

CTA focused this discussion on the proposal from the Government of India (directed to SWA through UNICEF), to host an HLM at the beginning of 2018 and hold a prominent role in SWA’s governance. These were pre-conditions for the country to join SWA.
The SC was pleased with India’s interest in SWA and extensively discussed ways to accommodate their proposal (which would risk compromising the partnership’s governance rules), budget constraints and previously-agreed 2018 strategic directions.

It was generally agreed that the partnership could not set a precedent by accepting preconditions to membership. It was also agreed that it was possible to organize a ministerial meeting in India, especially taking into consideration the importance of the country for reaching SDG targets related to water, sanitation and hygiene. SC members discussed the timing, format, and hosting/convening arrangements of a possible meeting, as well as its topic and purpose, which were not clear in India’s offer. It was generally agreed that any ministerial meeting with SWA’s brand needed to fit into the partnership’s Strategy, Framework and Theory of Change. CSO representatives were clear in their position that, as previously agreed by the SC, SWA financial and human resources should not be put into a high-level meeting in 2018, whatever its format. All agreed that India should join SWA before any discussions around a ministerial meeting could begin.

GH, on behalf of UNICEF, asked that, from this point onwards, SWA negotiate directly with the Government of India.

The SC agreed to invite India to join the partnership as soon as possible and communicate to their government that SWA is unable to offer India a special governance status in view of its governance rules. However, SWA welcomes India’s initiative to organize a meeting convened under the banner of SWA in the last quarter of 2018, as long as it is aligned with the partnership’s objectives and, provided that SWA collaborates in defining the meeting’s objectives, participants and cost allocation.

The HLPDWG was tasked with defining a model and principles for SWA engagement in meetings organized under the banner of SWA, by SWA partners or other organizations.

**Action 7:** The HLPDWG, together with the Secretariat, to define a model and principles for SWA engagement in meetings organized under the banner of SWA, by SWA partners or other organizations, by end-March.

**Session 8 Report and Workplan of the Country Processes Working Group**

*Clare Battle*

CB directed the SC to the activity report sent ahead of this meeting. She mentioned that the 2018 plans were not completed because the Maputo meeting would impact the Group’s activities. She highlighted some of their future work, such as the finalization and further dissemination of the country engagement case studies, in order to share learning and encourage broader uptake of key recommendations.

She also mentioned the work being done by the GLAAS team around monitoring the Collaborative Behaviours, in particular the first round of 45 Collaborative Behaviours Country Profiles that is expected to be made public in 2018.

Answering SC questions on the usage of the Behaviours by partners, CB explained that in 2018 the CPWG will collect stories that will illustrated just this. The SC agreed that the stories should be a priority, as SWA was investing substantial time and financial resources into the Behaviours and their impact needs to be proven. GH gave the example of how UNICEF adapted its Costing Tool to SWA’s Framework, including the Behaviours and the Building Blocks. Some SC members also highlighted the importance of ensuring the Behaviours could be used (and were attractive to) middle-income countries. It was agreed that CTA should lead this work.
There was also a discussion on the topics and format of the upcoming HLMs and whether they should focus on the Collaborative Behaviours. CTA asked DW to inform the SC of possible dates for the 2019 Finance Ministers’ Meeting, and whether the World Bank could be interested in once again hosting and/or convening it.

CB also informed the group she would step-down as Chair of the CPWG and that Guy Hutton, UNICEF and Amanda Robertson, USAID, had agreed to co-Chair the WG. The SC thanked CB for her leadership of the WG. KO volunteered to Chair the CPWG.

The SC also discussed the CPWG’s working methods, including how their capacity could be strengthened and how their workplan is developed and approved. It was recognised that the SC must approve the WG’s workplan, based on suggestions from the Group itself and the SC’s own strategic decisions for the partnership. The WG asked the Secretariat and the GFWG to, when further developing the 2018 budget, ensure sufficient resources for the adequate functioning of the WG. That may include capacity support from the Secretariat by dedicated support of a senior advisor and/or administration and logistical staff, and sufficient financial resources for conducting studies, preparations/involvement in events for SWA, and conducting regular physical meetings (at least 2 per year) of its members.

The SC also agreed that it was key to capture the learnings from the country case-studies and CB profiles. This aligns with the Knowledge Learning Strategy included in the Secretariat’s 2018 workplan. The SC agreed that this Strategy should be based on identified in-country learning needs, and will include a framework for identifying opportunities, methods and tools for knowledge development and exchange of experiences among countries and other partners in the region and/or at global level.

Nigeria volunteered to join CPWG.

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**Session 9 Report and Workplan of the Global Architecture Working Group**

*Pim van der Male*

PvdM reminded the SC that the reason for creating the Global Architecture Working Group (GAWG) related to UNSGAB’s advise to establish an inter-governmental body to overcome mismatch between the integrated nature of SDG 6 and the existing international political structure(s). Following this recommendation there was the recognition that SWA could play an
important role in the SDG architecture and should enter the global dialogue. This would ensure its experience and principles (multi-stakeholder decision-making, Collaborative Behaviours, country leading, etc.) would inform the process.

PvdM suggested that the Group’s focus in 2018 should be influencing the process leading up to the High-level Political Forum (HLPF), which this year will review SDG 6. FG informed the SC that she was part of the group developing the SDG 6 synthesis report which will be submitted to the HLPF. She offered to help ensure that SWA had an input into the synthesis report. This proposal was welcomed by GAWG members, who proposed to further discuss deadlines and next steps. FG also added the synthesis report would be developed based on 20 country surveys with existing SWA Focal Points. There was a suggestion that these surveys could be organized around SWA’s Framework, if still possible to arrange.

After this discussion, several SC members decided to join the GAWG: Fiona Gore, Catarina de Albuquerque, Neil Dhot, Vanessa Dubois, and Hans Olav Ibrekk.

**Action 13:** WHO, Executive Chair, Private Sector, CSO LAC and Norway to join Global Architecture Working Group.

**Session 10 Report and Workplan of the SWA Nutrition Working Group**
*Thilo Panzerbieter*

TP gave a brief introduction of the Nutrition Working Group, for the benefit of new SC members. He highlighted recent work done in collaboration with the Scaling Up Nutrition Movement, in particular how SWA Focal Points attended SUN's Global Gathering, and were speakers at a dedicated WASH event organized by the WG.

In 2018 the Group proposes continuing cross-sectoral representation at key events (e.g. nutrition representatives at Stockholm World Water Week), finalizing a joint SWA-SUN messaging package, and finding ways for the WASH-Nutrition link to be included in policy documents such as GLAAS and the Global Nutrition Report.

Several SC members highlighted how interesting and challenging this work is. They mentioned how much political impact the WASH-Nutrition nexus can have, in particular how the evidence supporting the link is presented. KO asked to join the group and PM indicated DGIS might invite the Group to bilaterally share their experiences.

**Action 14:** Kenya to join Nutrition Working Group.

**Session 11 Proposal to Roll Out the SWA Accountability Mechanism**
*Catarina de Albuquerque*

CTA reminded the SC that the document outlining the strategic orientation of the Accountability Mechanism had been approved and that the SC tasked her and the Secretariat to submit a roll-out plan. When developing this plan, she was faced with questions that had a significant impact on how the Mechanism would be operationalized. These questions needed an answer from the SC. During the discussion, the group reached some conclusions, mostly influenced by discussions held during the SC Retreat. They also recognized they would not have time to go through all the questions, so asked the HLPDWG to work together with the CPWG on an updated roll-out plan. This plan should be based on the Accountability Mechanism approved in September 2017, and the discussions held during the Maputo SC meeting.
Several SC members pointed out how important and central to SWA were the national multi-stakeholder forums that gather to discuss progress in country, including towards meeting Goal 6. The SC decided to call on all its members with presence in SWA partner countries to convene in-country, in a government-led multi-stakeholder manner, to define the SWA partnership’s role and added value of the CBs/BBs and HLMs in strengthening the WASH sector in that country.

**Action 15:** SC members representing countries to, with the support of other SWA partners, convene in-country, in a government-led multi-stakeholder manner, to define the SWA partnership’s role and added value of the CBs/BBs and HLMs in strengthening the WASH sector in that country. Country groups will be asked to report back on how they have convened and the outcomes of their discussions at the in-person June SC meeting.

### Session 12 Dates and Location of 2018 SC meetings
*Catarina de Albuquerque*

The SC generally agreed that one of the two in-person SC meetings should happen in the global South, and that these meetings should be capitalized beyond the SC meeting (e.g. through bilaterals with ministers, learning how the SWA Framework is in use in the country). There was also a general agreement that it would be more convenient to hold the second in-person meeting in late November rather than early December. The group asked the Secretariat to report back on costs of organizing a SC meeting in the North vs. South.

The SC also agreed that SC meetings should include an extra day for constituencies and Working Groups to meet.

Several SC members had to leave the meeting early and did not attend the final Executive Session, which other members felt was not ideal, as well as the fact that the Chair could not attend in person.

**Action 16:** Secretariat to report to the SC on cost of holding in-person SC meeting in the North and South by the next SC meeting, taking into consideration one extra day for constituency and/or Working Group meetings.