**TWEETS**

US$114 billion/yr (3x current investment) needed to achieve #WASH #SDG. Finance ministers find solutions at #HLM2017 <https://goo.gl/Lya1Ci>

Finance ministers around the table to bridge financing gap to achieve #WASH #SDG. <https://goo.gl/Lya1Ci> (image)

How can international cooperation increase access to domestic finance required to meet #WASH #SDGs? <https://goo.gl/Lya1Ci> #HLM2017

#WASH #SDG challenge: balance finance, pace of progress, elimination of inequalities, and sustainability <https://goo.gl/Lya1Ci> #HLM2017

#WASH #SDG: leaving no one behind = 3x current investment. Finance ministers discuss funds & inequalities @ #HLM2017 <https://goo.gl/Lya1Ci>

Finance ministers discuss increase of domestic funds for water, sanitation, hygiene @ #HLM2017. <https://goo.gl/Lya1Ci> (image)

**FACEBOOK/NEWS**

Is it possible to have financially sustainable water and sanitation services while increasing access for the most in need, and ensuring affordability?

A question for ministers of finance and ministers responsible for water, sanitation and hygiene, who will come together in Washington DC, on 19-20 April for the SWA partnership High-level Meetings.

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The SWA global partnership organizes the 2017 edition of its High-level Meetings on 19-20 April. They comprise a Finance Ministers’ Meeting (FMM), convened by the World Bank on behalf of the SWA partnership, and a Sector Ministers’ Meeting (SMM), convened by UNICEF, involving those ministers responsible for water, sanitation and hygiene who have accompanied their finance counterparts.

The topic: how to bridge the financing gap that exists between the funds the sector currently has and what is needed to achieve universal access to water, sanitation and hygiene by 2030.

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**Ministers meet to answer tough questions on financing WASH SDGs**

Three questions every government needs to answer if they want to achieve universal access to water, sanitation and hygiene:

1. How can the ambitious “safely managed sanitation services” (SDG 6) be achieved while reducing inequalities, given that many people still do not even have a basic level of service?
2. How can countries prepare for the impacts of climate change vulnerability, disasters and fragility to lessen negative impacts on progress towards SDG 6.1 and 6.2?
3. How can financial sustainability for water and sanitation services be achieved while increasing access for the most vulnerable and ensuring affordability?

Ministers from around the world will address these questions at the upcoming SWA partnership High-level Meetings. They will comprise a Finance Ministers’ Meeting, convened by the World Bank, on 20 April; and a Sector Ministers’ Meeting on 19 and 20 April, convened by UNICEF, involving those ministers responsible for water, sanitation and hygiene who have accompanied their finance counterparts.

Follow the meeting on live-stream:

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**Finance ministers meet to bridge SDG 6 financing gap**

The 2017 SWA partnership High-level Meetings (HLMs) will comprise a Finance Ministers’ Meeting (FMM), convened by the World Bank on behalf of the SWA partnership, on 20 April; and a Sector Ministers’ Meeting (SMM) on 19 and 20 April, convened by UNICEF, involving those ministers responsible for water, sanitation and hygiene who have accompanied their finance counterparts. They will take place in Washington D.C., USA, during the World Bank’s Spring Meetings.

The World Bank estimates an annual need of $114 billion between now until 2030 to meet the sanitation and hygiene targets of the SDGs, three times the current investment levels. At the HLMs, finance ministers will seek to identify solutions to close this financing gap. The meeting will cover the magnitude of the financial challenge, how to use existing resources more efficiently, and how to access additional resources, focusing on domestic sources.

Sector ministers attending the SMM will exchanges ideas and experiences in institution and capacity building, planning, and monitoring, in part to inform the discussions at the FMM.

[Read more about the SWA HLMs](http://sanitationandwaterforall.org/priority-areas/political-prioritization/2017-high-level-meetings/)