Launching the preparatory process for the 2019 Sector Ministers’ Meeting

Preparatory webinar
28 and 29 November 2018
The SWA High-level Political Dialogue

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SWA Components and the SMM

Country engagement
- Support to national processes
- Multi-stakeholder platforms
- HLM prep process

SWA architecture
- Strategy
- Principles and Framework
- Governance (constituencies, SC, committees, WGs)

Regional Forums
- African Ministers’ Council on Water (AMCOW)
- SACOSAN
- AfricaSan

Engagement with other sectors

Mutual Accountability Mechanism

High-level Political Dialogue
- SMMs; FMMs

UN processes
- HLPF; SDG reporting (JMP, GLAAS, etc.)
Overall objectives of the SMM

• Provide a high-level platform for decision-makers to hold themselves **accountable for progress** towards national WASH targets under the SDGs

• Use the SWA Framework to **take stock of sector progress**, assess bottlenecks and identify corrective actions

• **Catalyze sector progress** by providing a forum for peer review and mutual accountability

• **Increase momentum** behind country cycles of WASH sector planning, monitoring and review
The SWA Framework

**THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES**
The *values* partners have in common and that guide all joint action.

- Multi-stakeholders efforts
- Sustainability of service and actions
- Leaving no-one behind
- Transparency and accountability
- Evidence-based decision-making
- Human Rights to water and sanitation
- International collaboration and aid effectiveness

**THE COLLABORATIVE BEHAVIOURS**
*How* partners work together to put in place the Building Blocks.

- Enhance government leadership of sector planning processes
- Strengthen and use country systems
- Use one information and mutual accountability platform
- Build sustainable water and sanitation sector financing strategies

**THE BUILDING BLOCKS**
*What* partners are jointly putting in place to achieve an effective sector.

- Sector Policy / Strategy
- Institutional arrangements
- Sector Financing
- Planning, monitoring, and review
- Capacity development

**THE ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM**
Joint initiative that grounds the Framework in specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and timely actions.

It re-enforces multi-stakeholder decision-making and mutual accountability among partners at national, regional and global level.
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Theme and Purpose

Leave no one behind

**Purpose:** To increase awareness and understanding of leave no one behind, its fundamental relationship with WASH, and its implications for leadership, partnership, planning and finance.
2019 SMM brings together 3 strands critical for the achievement of SDG 6

- **Leave No One Behind.** A key theme of LATINOSAN V, this is also the focus of SDG 10 which will reviewed by the UN HLPF in July 2019. Leave no one behind is the overall theme of the 2019 SMM.

- **Leadership.** The 2019 SMM will focus on the fundamental role of leadership to reduce inequalities in WASH.

- **Finance.** The 2019 SMM will focus on how sector finance strategies can be designed or refined to maximize their impact on the poor and other marginalized groups.
Proposed outcomes of the 2019 SMM

• **Leave no one behind:** Develop a common understanding of what leave no one behind means, the scale of inequality in WASH, its root causes and its impact

• **Leadership:** Highlight the critical role of leadership to focus attention and resources on leave no one behind

• **Planning, monitoring and review:** Demonstrate how the application of the SWA framework of guiding principles, collaborative behaviours and sector building blocks can address inequality in WASH

• **Finance:** Establish how national sector finance strategies can be developed to maximise their impact on eliminating inequality
A platform for the Mutual Accountability Mechanism

Updated Mutual Accountability Mechanism (2018 - )

• Partners work through national processes, in alignment with national plans and following government-led efforts to identify their priorities which are supported by SMART commitments from governments and all SWA partners

• All SWA partners make commitments

• National planning and review cycles are the basis for creating commitments

• Multi-stakeholder process essential

• Commitments drawn from national targets and milestones
Link to national planning and review processes

National multi-stakeholder process

• 3-5 year plans with targets and milestones
• Governments choose 2-3 country-level Commitments
• Timeline for achieving Commitments
• Each constituency or partner contributes commitments relevant to the government commitment
• Multi-national partners join in making a national commitment
• Multi-national partners can also make a global commitment
Assessment & Analysis

Planning & target setting

Defining roles & responsibilities

Implementation

Monitoring & evaluation

Assessment & analysis

National processes

Tools
e.g. WASH BAT, GLAAS, Collaborative Behaviors Country Profiles

National dialogues
e.g. Joint Sector Reviews, coordination meetings

Partner actions

Use of information platforms (e.g. MIS) & linking evidence to decision making. Update progress

Defining country commitments

Defining constituency commitments & complement country commitments

Monitoring of commitments

Reporting on commitments

Link to national planning and review processes

SWA Mutual Accountability Mechanism
What happens at the global level?

SWA global High-level Meetings

• Presentation of Commitments
• External Support Agencies make global Commitments
• All partners report back on previously made Commitments
Date and Location

- 4-5 April
- 3 April Technical Day
Participation at the 2019 SMM

- 1-2 Ministers responsible for water, sanitation and hygiene per country
- 1 technical staff member to accompany the minister
- Leaders from
  - Civil Society
  - External Support Agencies
  - Private Sector
  - Research and learning agencies
- Prominent leaders including the SWA High-level Chair and the Global Leaders’ Council
The 2019 SMM preparatory process
Objectives of the preparatory process

Ministers arrive with thorough understanding of (i) progress their countries have made towards the achievement of national WASH targets and (ii) the extent of inequalities in service provision

• **Strengthen multi-stakeholder dialogue** on the status of sector regarding “leave no one behind, the leadership needed to catalyze progress and the financing required to remove inequalities

• **Build political will and engagement amongst decision-makers** (i.e. sector and finance ministers) to agree the necessary priorities and commitments to eliminate inequalities

• **Joint selection and prioritization of existing commitments** focusing on those that will improve equality in access to WASH services – this can include or focus on various aspects of the SWA framework
What the ministers need to know to engage effectively

Ministers arrive at SMM with thorough understanding of

• Progress they have made towards the achievement national WASH targets
• Extent of inequalities in WASH service provision
• Bottlenecks undermining progress on inequalities & ideas to address them
• Fundamentals of establishing a sustainable sector financing strategy
Proposed activities to help prepare ministers

- Ministerial briefing paper
- Multi-stakeholder dialogues
- Meeting between sector & finance ministers
- National and local level advocacy
- Dissemination of analytical materials
- Media and social media engagement
Timeline of major activities

28 & 29 November
Webinar 1 – Launch prep process for SMM

December
Bilateral conversations with Secretariat

January
Webinar 2
Focus: “Inequalities and Financing”
Timeline of major activities

February
- Webinar 3
  Focus: Sector leadership and Mutual Accountability Mechanism

March
- Webinar 4
  Focus: Information about the meeting

April
- Sector Ministers’ Meeting
- Recommended: country level public event after HLMs

May
- Webinar 5
  Focus: SMM Outcomes and follow-up
Support and materials

1. Concept note for the SMM
2. Guidance note on the preparatory process – for governments and partners at country level
3. Brief SMM overview for partners at global level (all constituencies)
4. Template for the country statements
5. Generic briefing for Ministers
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