

2022 SMM Outcome Document

We, ministers and partners of the Sanitation and Water for All (SWA) partnership, met at the 2022 Sector Ministers' Meeting (SMM) on 18- 19 May 2022 in Jakarta, as leaders in our countries and sectors, to identify practical actions as to build forward better and accelerate access to water and sanitation for all. We respectfully thank the Government of Indonesia for hosting this meeting, which was co-convened by SWA and UNICEF.

As the deadline of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda approaches, and as representatives from water and sanitation, health, environment and finance sectors, we bring experience navigating the complexities and uncertainties that accompany a global pandemic, economic downturn, and ongoing climate change - known as the 'triple crisis'. Securing access to water, sanitation and hygiene is a critical action to turn this 'triple crisis' into a 'triple win' – whereby we seize this opportunity to establish sustainable, climate resilient water and sanitation systems which strengthen our economies, help to prevent future pandemics and reduce the negative impacts of climate change.

Through our deliberations, we agreed on the need for urgent action to ensure:

- a) **Political leadership** across different branches of government to prioritize water, sanitation, and hygiene within national, regional and global agendas, as part of achieving overall social and economic development;
- b) **Reforms to support a stronger enabling environment** which contribute to recovery as well as expanded and improved access to water and sanitation, and foster long term resilience as well as financial attractiveness and efficiency.
- c) **Innovative ways to secure resources** to cover the costs of the pandemic while kick-starting economic recovery and a green economy, and simultaneously supporting increased investments in water and sanitation to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change;
- d) **Accountability as a central tenet for accelerating sustained progress**, strengthening collaboration, reinforcing inclusive participation, and building resilience; especially through sharing information and ensuring transparency to meet commitments and obligations.

We also support the 2022 Sector Ministers' Meeting's main conclusions and actions needed to achieve our common goals:

1. **The need for greater prioritization of water, sanitation, and hygiene in national, regional, and global agendas, as well as across all sectors. Water, sanitation and hygiene are foundational and indispensable for delivering on the entire Sustainable Development Agenda.**

To achieve this, we pledge our support and commit to:

- a) Taking forward the discussions from the SMM in a multistakeholder and intersectoral way, to take stock of our progress and commitments, with a view towards more integrated policies, strategies and plans at country level.
- b) Seeking and establishing new partnerships with actors and institutions whose mandates impact or are impacted by water, sanitation, and hygiene.
- c) Being champions for water, sanitation, and hygiene and reaching up to highest level decision makers in our respective countries to emphasize the importance of prioritizing and financing water, sanitation, and hygiene to achieve the entire SDG agenda.
- d) Identifying and prioritizing the most vulnerable and marginalized groups, and undertaking the necessary reforms to redress inequalities.
- e) Ensuring that climate resilience is prioritized in all water, sanitation and hygiene policies, plans and programmes, and climate-resilient WASH is a central component in National Adaptation Plans.

2. The need for transparent and participatory processes to secure truly sustainable development that values the contribution of diverse voices as a foundation for achieving progress that benefits all.

To achieve this, we commit to:

- a) Putting multistakeholder processes in place and supporting them to have a meaningful impact on decisions and policies led by the Government, with a particular focus on marginalized and underrepresented groups, including young people
- b) Working together within a process of mutual accountability to drive these transparent and participatory processes, as a critical way to track accelerated progress towards the promises we made through the SDGs, whether as Governments or other non-government constituents

3. The SMM identified an enabling environment – which encompasses regulatory structures, good governance, and appropriate laws, policies, and strategies, as well as institutional arrangements for planning, implementing, monitoring, and review – as indispensable for the realization of the human rights to water and sanitation. This will equip the sector to attract additional finance, and to maximize value from the financing which already exists.

To achieve this, we commit to:

- a) Undertaking the necessary reforms to guarantee the human rights to water and sanitation for all, always and everywhere.
- b) Improving sector performance to attract new finance to the sector and to use existing funds effectively and efficiently.

- c) Increasing prioritization of climate-resilient water and sanitation in national budgets, and developing financing strategies and investment targets which support sustainable, safely managed, and resilient access to water and sanitation
- d) Bringing these conclusions to key global processes in 2022 and 2023, such as Conference of the Parties (COP) 27, the G20, the UN 2023 Water Conference, and the 2023 SWA Finance Ministers' Meeting (FMM).

This Meeting also [served as an important milestone in the preparatory process](#) for the United Nations 2023 Water Conference to be convened in New York from 22 to 24 March 2023.

Conclusion

With 8 years remaining for the world to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, there are opportunities to accelerate progress in reaching SDG 6 on universal access to water and sanitation. The experience and exchanges of this Sector Ministers' Meeting have shown that there are viable ways forward to deliver on our commitments. Delivering on universal access to water and sanitation will unlock important potential for progress across the entire SDG agenda. Although the context is challenging in many places, and there have been setbacks, we are persuaded that the SDGs are within reach if we approach the next 8 years with strong leadership and sector reform, as well as increased efforts and investments. We will continue to work together and we commit to greater collective action to build a brighter future with sanitation and water for all, always and everywhere.

