



## Concept for the SWA side event at SACOSAN VII

Title: SWA: improving national processes through an inclusive accountability mechanism and alignment to regional sanitation platforms

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### Background

Sanitation and Water for All (SWA) partners work towards the achievement of universal access to sanitation, hygiene and water. The Sanitation and Water for All (SWA) partnership promotes and supports ongoing, multi-stakeholder dialogue at national, regional and global level. In line with the SDGs, the SWA convened influential leaders to understand the implications of the agenda 2030 and stimulate political action necessary for the achievement of the ambitious targets.

In 2016 and 2017, the SWA hosted meetings of ministers responsible for water, sanitation and hygiene (Sector Ministers' Meetings) in Addis Ababa and Washington DC respectively. In 2017 SWA also brought together Finance Ministers to discuss the required financing to achieve the water and sanitation targets of the SDGs. These global processes reinforce regional platforms including the South Asia Conference on Sanitation (SACOSAN); the Africa Sanitation Conference (AfricaSan) and the Latin America Sanitation Conference (Latinosan).

### Session description

At the SACOSAN 2018, SWA is organizing a side event to reinforce support for planning and review of the sanitation targets; disseminate information about SWA's updated accountability mechanism; to follow-up on the outcomes of the Sector and Finance Ministers' Meetings; and increase alignment of national, regional and global processes in support of government-led national processes.

Participants will be provided with information on the SWA framework and accountability mechanism as input for dynamic discussions on how their organizations can use the partnership to strengthen national processes. They will work through simulation exercises focusing on sanitation to better understand how the mechanism can build on processes in their country and be applied to their governments or institutions.

The event will also include information from SWA partners in the region who have taken steps to apply the SWA framework of the Building Blocks and Collaborative Behaviours. Participation will be open to both partner and non-partner organizations including governments, civil society, private sector, external support agencies, and research and learning constituencies. For SWA partners, this event will serve as the launch of the updated accountability mechanism in South Asia.

## Outcomes of the side event

- SWA Partners in the South Asia region are better informed about the SWA framework and how it can be applied to sanitation
- SWA Partners have clear understanding of the updated SWA Accountability Mechanism and they are able to explain it to counterparts in their countries
- Non SWA Partners are informed about the SWA Partnership and how they can make use of the platform it offers
- SWA Secretariat and regional partners gather ideas on how to align their activities in support of strengthened national processes and prioritization on WASH at the political level.

## Post meeting follow-up

The SWA Secretariat will work with the focal points in all partner countries in South Asia to support the roll-out of the accountability mechanism. This will include providing materials to focal points which can be used to explain the accountability mechanism and facilitate national multi-stakeholder dialogues where the mechanism will be discussed and implemented.

The Secretariat will also use its webinar series to provide further information and facilitate the sharing of experiences among its partners.

## Proposed session outline

Time	Content
5 minutes	<b>Welcome - SWA Chair or Executive Chair</b>
25 minutes	<b>Beyond the HLMs – Putting the SWA Framework in place</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation: Demystifying the SWA Framework – SWA Secretariat</li><li>• Country Highlight: What does the SWA framework look like in practice – Proposed country - Pakistan</li></ul> Q & A moderated by SWA Executive Chair or Secretariat
40 minutes	<b>Unveiling the SWA Accountability Mechanism</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation: SWA Accountability Mechanism – what it is and how it applies to partners – SWA Executive Chair or SWA Secretariat</li><li>• Q and A</li><li>• Group discussions on how the mechanism can be applied – all participants involved – led by SWA partner from one of the countries</li></ul>
15 minutes	<b>Global and regional alignment</b> <b>Moderated discussion in plenary</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How can global and regional platforms streamline their efforts on national processes and prioritization of WASH at political level?</li><li>• How can global and regional processes streamline tracking and monitoring of commitments to minimize the burden on countries?</li></ul>
5 minutes	Wrap -up and way forward, Closing remarks by SWA leadership (Chair or Executive Chair)