

Learning Exchange on Innovative WASH practices in Ghana: Meeting the targets for SDG6 through District-wide initiatives | Venue: Fiesta Royal Hotel, Accra | Date: November 12, 2020 | Time: 09:00–14:00

Ensuring universal access to safe and affordable water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) for all by 2030 requires collective effort, finance, and cooperation to deliver the targets across the entire cycle. With about 10 years to the 2030 deadline for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Agenda, there is the growing need to identify and share innovative approaches and actions that can be replicated and scaled-up towards the delivery of the SDGs.

The National Development Planning Commission (NDPC) in collaboration with IRC and partners carried out documentation exercise from 18th February to 4th March 2020 to collate and publish ongoing innovative WASH interventions from selected district assemblies implementing the District-wide approaches; namely Wassa East, Bongo and Asutifi-North District.

The NDPC in collaboration with IRC, WaterAid Ghana and Water4/Access Development together with the three Assemblies are convening the third National Learning Exchange on District-wide Approaches focused on showcasing the innovations and good practices for WASH as a leverage for further interactions on local system strengthening for replication across the country. The objective is to, i) present current Country SDGs update and raise awareness on lessons of the innovative WASH interventions; ii) exchange implementation experiences and iii) provide opportunity for learning and generating clear recommendations to replicate and widen the scope of the interventions.

The three-fold session will highlight the national WASH SDG progress updates and the good practice for WASH lessons from the three districts; the partner MMDAs' will then showcase and share lessons of implementation of the DWAs in a market place fashion; and finally perspectives from the feedback session will provide rich input for an interactive panel discussion. The discussions will be guided towards a set of conclusions – take away messages and follow-up actions to support replication of lessons towards SDG6.

Time	Activity	Responsibility
08:30	Registration/ Networking/ Introduction	All/ Facilitator
09:00	Setting the scene /brief comments	NDPC/ MSWR/ Mrs. Vida Duti, IRC Ghana Country Director Ms Antoinette Shor-Anyawoe, WaterAid Ghana, Ag. Country Director Ig. Mahami Yidana, Water4/Access Dev't Country Director DCEs/DCDs, Wassa East, Bongo and Asutifi North Districts
09:10	Welcome/Keynote Address	Dr. Kodjo Esseim Mensah-Abrampa, Director General, NDPC
09:20	WASH SDG Country Status Updates & Good practice for WASH lessons from the 3 three Districts	Dr. Felix Addo-Yobo, Director, Development Policy Division & ICC Coordinator NDPC
09:35	Quick Questions & Anwers / Comments	All

09:55	Showcase and share lessons of implementation of the DWAs - Perspectives & progress updates:	 Asutifi North District Assembly & Partners Bongo District Assembly/ Partners Wassa East /Water4/Access Development;
10:55	Quick Clarifications/ Comments	Facilitator /All
11:25	Coffee Break	All
11:40	Panel Discussion: Reflections on learning opportunities for replication & strenthening local systems to deliver safe and sustainable WASH services	District officials (ANDA/BDA/Water4/HP)NDPCCONIWAS
12:40	Reflections	MSWR/IRC
13:00	Recap of main lessons & identification of areas for further exploration	Mr. George Yorke, Head of Policy, Advocacy and Campaigns, WaterAid
13:10 – 13:30	Wrap-up. Next steps and Closure/ Lunch	NDPC

