



National Learning Exchange

Local systems strengthening to deliver safe and sustainable WASH services for all by 2030 |

Learning Exchange on local systems strengthening to deliver safe and sustainable WASH services: Reflections on the district-wide approach towards meeting the targets for SDG6 | Venue: Fiesta Royal Hotel, Accra | Date: October 27, 2021 | Time: 09:00–16:00

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 less than 10 years to the 2030 deadline for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Agenda, there is the need to look back at the innovative approaches implemented over the recent past years and share outcomes and actions that can be replicated and scaled-up towards the delivery of the SDGs.

IRC in collaboration with the National Development Planning Commission (NDPC) and partners – WaterAid Ghana and Water4 together with the respective District Assemblies will be convening the fourth National Learning Exchange on District-Wide Approaches (DWAs) focused on the theme: "Local systems strengthening to deliver safe and sustainable WASH services: Reflections on the district-wide approach towards meeting the targets for SDG6." The objectives is to enable reflection on the current national SDG status and lessons from the district-wide WASH interventions, and how local governments and partners are playing their collaborative roles in supporting the provision of WASH services in different contexts; exchange implementation experiences on what works and what does not; and provide opportunity for learning and generating clear recommendations for improved planning and replication towards securing universal access to WASH services.

The two-fold session will start with a brief introduction and a report on WASH SDG status in Ghana to set the scene and place the meeting in context. This will be collaborated by MMDAs and partners sharing implementation status, what has been the unique achievement, what works and what does not work; and key lessons for sustainability and replication of the DWAs. Perspectives from government, CSOs and development partners will provide rich input for an interactive panel discussion. The second session will be led by NDPC, taking participants through the WASH toolkit. The overall discussions will be guided towards a set of conclusions and take-away messages to support replication of lessons towards SDG6.

Programme:

Time	Activity	Responsibility
08:30	Registration/ Networking/ Introduction	All/ Facilitator
Session 1: Learning Exchange with MMDAs		
09:00	Setting the scene /brief comments	NDPC IRC Ghana Country Director WaterAid Ghana , Ag. Country Director Ig. Mahami Yidana , Water4 Country Director DCEs/DCDs: Wassa East, Bongo and Asutifi North
09:40	Welcome/Keynote Address	National Development Planning Commission
09:50	WASH SDG Country Status Updates	
10:05	Questions & Answers / Comments	All
10:20	Short presentation on progress of implementation of the DWAs - What works and what does not?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asutifi North District Assembly & Partners Bongo District Assembly/ WAG Wassa East /Water4

	- What stands out for the district?	
11:55	Coffee Break	All
12:10	Panel Discussion: - Reflections on emerging learning opportunities for replication & strengthening local systems to deliver safe and sustainable WASH services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District/Partners (ANDA/BDA/Water4) • NDPC • CONIWAS
13:10	Reflections	MSWR, Aquaya, SWN, WVI
13:00	Recap key lessons & areas for further exploration	WaterAid
13:10 – 14:00	Announcement / Lunch	Facilitator
Session 2: MMDA Orientation on WASH Toolkit		
14:00	MMDA Orientation on WASH Toolkit	NDPC – PAT
16:00	Wrap-up /Closing	IRC / NDPC

The **National Learning Exchange** provides a platform for like-minded partners implementing district-wide approaches to achieving WASH and WASH-related SDGs to share their experiences; and learn at first-hand how these approaches are being rolled out towards strengthening strong local systems to deliver safe and sustainable WASH services for everyone. The platform seeks to stimulate all-inclusive district-focused dialogue and interactions to identify learning points that will accelerate improved planning and practice toward securing universal access to WASH services.

