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## Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

what we need to do in the next five years

the Agenda for Change explained

Wednesday 28 October 2015, 08:30 - 10:00am

Side event at the 2015 Water and Health Conference, Water Institute, University of North Carolina, USA

Room: Windflower

### What does systems strengthening actually mean – and how can we measure it?

In May 2015, Aguaconsult, IRC, WaterAid and Water For People launched the **Agenda for Change** for achieving universal access to water, sanitation and hygiene by 2030.

In it, we advocate and commit to a set of behaviours that, taken together, promise to transform the provision of water, sanitation and hygiene services.

At the heart of the approach, a commitment to supporting national governments and to a national *system building agenda* based on a belief that only by building of national systems we can achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and end aid dependency.

### Key questions

- What does a system building agenda look like and, more importantly, how can we measure progress in strengthening national systems in other words, creating an enabling environment?
- How can we measure whether we are achieving our objectives?

Answering these questions are critical for two reasons:

- Providing ourselves with the information we need to course correct and achieve our goals;
- Meaningfully and transparently accounting for sector resources.

Join us for a lively set of presentations and moderated discussion

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