

WASH Sustainability Forum

Theme: “Triple-S in retrospect: Shaping the context for partnerships at scale”

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Key convening partners:



Thematic Scope

Ghana's vision for the water and sanitation sector is "sustainable basic water and sanitation service for all by 2025." The performance of Ghana's water sector indicates that 87% of the population used improved drinking water in 2012- 93% in urban areas and 81% in rural areas (WHO/UNICEF 2014). This shows that Ghana is on track towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals target for water. However, progress towards the achievement of the target for sanitation remains behind and this adversely affects all other targets. The current sanitation coverage is just 14%¹ which is very low compared to the set target.

Despite the gains made towards achieving the target for water, significant challenges remain in ensuring that newly provided water infrastructure deliver sustainable services continue well into the future. Some of the key lessons on sustainability learnt from recent global pilots such as the WASHCost and Triple-S projects show that at any time, a substantial proportion of water supply infrastructure is either not-functioning or functioning sub-optimally. The impact of poor sanitation continues to take a heavy toll on peoples' wellbeing and the economy more broadly.

Ensuring continuous WASH services to all populations is an important advance, without which, improved health outcomes for the investments made will not be achieved. Because of the number of activities and actors involved, and the web of interdependent relationships and incentives that drive them, water and sanitation service delivery is inherently complex. Often, key WASH stakeholders have different views of what constitutes WASH sustainability and if these are not well coordinated and mutually reinforcing; efforts to improve long-term service provision are hindered. A lot more collaboration, effort and joint actions are required to achieve the set targets within the WASH sector and to ensure sustainable service delivery.


This event, *under the theme, 'Triple-S in retrospect: shaping the context for WASH sector partnerships at scale'* brings partners and sector practitioners to:

1. Highlight gains of the Sustainable Services at Scale (Triple-S) project and explore emerging issues that need to be collectively engaged and where synergies can be built to support service delivery;
2. Examine what others have done and how to keep momentum on sustainability issues in WASH Service Delivery.
3. Provide a platform to share initiatives which can continue to address the sustainability issues in WASH

The outputs of the sessions are the publication of a policy brief and a report on the discussions and recommendations as a decision support tool for policy and practice. The forum will be organised in three main sessions as follows:

¹ Progress on sanitation and drinking-water - 2014 update - World Health Organization and UNICEF 2014

Draft Programme

| Time schedule | Topics | Responsibilities |
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| Opening session: This session reviews brief welcome statements and a key note address, with particular attention on how all stakeholders can contribute and become engaged towards vibrant WASH sustainability dialogue | | |
| Opening session: 09:00 - 10:00 | Opening Prayer & Self introduction and of the Chair | MC – Mr. Patrick Apoya, CEO - Skyfox |
| | Chair person’s Comments | Hon. David Assumeng Tetteh,, Member of Parliament and Chairman of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Water Resources Works and Housing |
| | Welcome Address | Mr. Clement Bugase, CEO, CWSA |
| | Statement | Dr. Patrick Moriarty, CEO, IRC |
| | Statement by Guest of Honour | Hon. Alban Bagbin, Member of Parliament for Nadowli-Kaleo and Majority Leader of Parliament |
| | Key Note Address | Hon. Alhaji Collins Dauda, Minister for Water Resources Works and Housing & Member of Parliament for Asutifi South |
| Session 1: Thematic presentation: ‘Triple-S in retrospect’ This session focuses on a mix of interactive plenary overview of gains of the past (Triple-S) and discussions; engaging partners and beneficiary districts as lead discussants. A great opportunity for participants to further develop and refine common solutions and their direct impact on sustainable service delivery - discuss achievements, emerging partnerships, unresolved issues and threats to continued progress as well as practical tools and approaches, identified by the Triple-S projects that can be applied within the context of Ghana. | | |
| Thematic presentation & Panel Discussion - 10:00 - 11:15 | Presentation on Triple-S Ghana: Achievements, emerging partnerships, unresolved issues and threats to continued progress. | Mrs. Vida Duti, Country Director - IRC Ghana |
| | Brief statements and panel discussions by representatives from CWSA and Triple S pilot districts on experiences, lessons and way forward. | Mr. John Nkum, Facilitator lead discussants: Mr. Clement Bugase – CEO, CWSA ; Mr. John Aduakye, Chief Hydrogeologist, CWSA-NR ; Hon. James Gunu, District Chief Executive, Akatsi North District Assembly ; Mr. Seth Dumasah, District WASH Engineer, Akatsi South District Assembly ; Mr. Kwasi Owusu Mintah, District Planning Officer, Sunyani West District Assembly ; Mr. Khalid Abubakar Giwah, District Planning Officer, East Gonja District Assembly |
| 11:15 – 11:30 | Cocoa break  | |

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| <p>Session 2: Partnerships for sustainable WASH service delivery</p> <p>Over the years in Ghana a number of mutually reinforcing measures have been initiated to improve efficiency in sector partnerships, greater alignment, and more effective and efficient means of WASH service delivery. This session will involve brief plenary presentations, and partner engagement in insightful panel discussions. The intent is to identify mutually reinforcing initiatives and to build synergies which will enhance government systems.</p> | | |
| 11:30- 12:45 | Panel discussion on sector partnership for sustainable WASH initiatives/ Q&A /Comments | Mr. John Nkum, Facilitator Discussants – Naa Lenason Demedeme, Director - EHSD-MLGRD ; Mr. Frederick Addae, Water Director – WD-MWRWH ; Mr. Emmanuel Gaze, Director of Technical Services - CWSA ; Mr. Emmanuel Nkrumah, WASH Specialist - World Bank ; Mr. David Duncan, Chief of WASH - UNICEF ; Dr. Afia Zakiya, Country Director - WaterAid Ghana ; Dr. Kwabena Nyakor, – Department of Civil Engineering- KNUST |
| <p>Session 3: 'Strengthening Local Government Capacity to deliver Water and Sanitation Services' :</p> <p>This session will introduce the 'Strengthening Local Government Capacity to deliver Water and Sanitation Services' project funded by Conrad N. Hilton Foundation together with the partners involved. The initiative will focus on further research and experimentation in 3 pilot districts and scaling up of the Triple-S results in 10 districts in five regions in partnership with 5 Conrad Hilton Foundation (CHF) grantees in Ghana. The session will highlight the objectives and expected outcomes of the project. The Hosting Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding will be signed by IRC, CWSA and the Conrad Hilton grantees operating in Ghana to mark the commencement of the project implementation in Ghana.</p> | | |
| 12:45-13:30 | Wrap up of Triple S and presentation of key tenets of the 'Strengthening Local Government Capacity to deliver Water and Sanitation Services' project | Dr. Patrick Moriarty, CEO, IRC |
| | Signing of Hosting Agreement and MoUs with partners | IRC, CWSA, WAG, WVI, SWN, DRI, UNICEF |
| <p>Closing Session:</p> <p>Roundup discussions in summary exploring scalability of sustainable WASH solutions and prerequisites fostering cross institutional collaboration and partnerships.</p> | | |
| 13:30-13:50 | Closing remarks - Wrap-up, main conclusions and Follow up steps | Hon. David Assumeng Tetteh, Member of Parliament and Chairman of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Water Resources Works and Housing / MC – Mr. Patrick Apoya |
| 13:50-14:00 | Closing prayer | |
| Lunch/Departure | All | |