

# IRC

## WASH SYSTEMS SYMPOSIUM

# All systems go!

IRC in collaboration with several partners will be hosting a major symposium on building and strengthening strong systems to deliver safe and sustainable WASH services for everyone.

### When?

12th - 14th of March 2019

### Where?

Fokker Terminal  
Binckhorstlaan 249  
2516 BB The Hague, the Netherlands

### What?

The WASH sector has taken leaps forward in understanding water and sanitation as services that are delivered not only through infrastructure but through an underlying support system that keeps that infrastructure productive and efficient. WASH service delivery needs are far more complex and demanding than those for first time construction of infrastructure—many people, functions, processes and behaviours play dynamic roles and have an effect on the characteristics of the service delivered. Put simply, sustainable WASH services require a strong WASH system. And systems for public service provision require systemic support.

All Systems Go! will bring together systems thinkers and do-ers, from within and beyond WASH, to share our understanding of how systems approaches can help build sustainable and expanded WASH services.

The three-day programme will include keynote speakers (from the WASH sector and beyond), debates and participatory workshop-style spaces, with the aim to provide both formal and informal opportunities for learning and the generation of innovative ideas.

But we still need your input!

### How can I contribute?

IRC and partners invite abstracts and proposals, from all sectors, that address one of these themes (or suggest a new one!):

1. Looking back and learning forward: reflections on WASH history and how the sector has evolved over time
2. Positioning WASH services within a systems framework, and exploring ways of adapting and tailoring systems approaches
3. Understanding the systemic shifts necessary for sustained demand, provision, and use of sanitation and hygiene services
4. Systemic approaches to increasing safety and sustainability of drinking water service delivery
5. Learning from beyond WASH: how systems approaches and systems strengthening are approached in other sectors
6. Tools and methodologies to support systems approaches or strengthening of specific aspects of the system (e.g. collective impact, innovative finance, political economy analysis, systems mapping)
7. Theory into practice: how are systems approaches relevant to national and local stakeholders
8. Systems building in fragile states: understanding risks and opportunities for systems strengthening in a rapidly changing environment
9. Measuring and learning about the WASH system and its strength

For more information on the registration or the call for abstracts visit

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