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Theme:	Toward Achieving Water Security and Safely Managed Sanitation for Africa						
French theme	‘Vers la Sécurité de l’Eau et des Services d’Assainissement gérés en toute sécurité pour l’Afrique’						
Sub-theme: (Sous-thème)	Financing Africa’s SDG 6 Ambitions: Beyond Political Declarations.						
Session No.	32	Title: (Titre)	High Political Dialogue and Mutual SWA Responsibility: Partner Empowerment to Ensure Accountability between Them Beyond WASH Political Declarations.				
Country: (Pays)	GABON	City: (Ville)	Libreville	Location: (Lieu)	Stade de l’Amitié Sino-Gabonaise à ANGONDJE		
Rapporteur (Rapporteur):	Henri Georges MADYBA				Technical Partner: (Partenaire technique)	SASI GABON	
Further details: (Informations complémentaires)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PowerPoint Presentation (YES) : SWA Mutual Accountability Mechanism for webinar v3 • Technical Documentation Technique (NO) 						
Abbreviations and Acronyms: (Sigles et abréviations)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWA: Sanitation and Water for All; • MRM : Mutual Responsibility Mechanism ; • SDGs : Sustainable Developemnt Goals. 						

IDENTIFICATION OF THE LEAD CONVENER AND CONTACT (IDENTIFICATION DES RESPONSABLES ET CONTACTS)

Lead Convener (Responsable):	Sanitation and Water for All (SWA)
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SPEAKER IDENTIFICATION (IDENTIFICATION DES INTERVENANTS)

Moderator (Modérateur):	Mr.Victor N. Ukpere, AMCOW
Speakers (Intervenants)	Ms. Catarina de Albuquerque, General Director, SWA. Mr.Emmanuel Awe, Water Quality Control Director, Nigeria. Ms. Janeen, Secretary of SWA.

SESSION OBJECTIVES (OBJECTIFS DE LA SESSION)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The session aims to share information on the SWA’s updated accountability mechanism to reinforce the alignment of national, regional and international processes supporting the national processes directed by governments.

SESSION PLAN (PLAN DE SESSION)

- Promote the reedition mechanism of mutual accounts
- How does the mutual accountability mechanism is updated? Is it different from the previous engagement process?
- What is the update of the mutual accountability mechanism?
- Guiding principles
- Collaborative behaviour
- Bloc construction
- How was the mutual accountability mechanism born? Is it linked to the national planification and evaluation process?
- National government engagement example: Rural Sanitation Strategy
- How will the mutual accountability mechanism be associated?
- What happens at the global level?
- SWA's mutual accountability mechanism and the high level political forum
- Next steps: global (Secretariat+CPWG)
- What are the next steps at the country level?
- High level meetings cycle: 2018-2030

SESSION SUMMARY (RÉSUMÉ DE LA SESSION)

- Promote a mutual account reedition mechanism
 - Reinforce the government leadership in the sectorial planification process
 - Reinforce and use national systems
 - Use a single information and mutual accountability platform
 - Develop sustainable funding strategies for the water and sanitation sector
- Guiding Principles
 - Multi-stakeholder efforts
 - Service and action durability
 - Leave no one behind
 - Accountability and transparency
 - Evidence-based decision-making
 - Water and Sanitation Human rights
 - International collaboration and support efficiency
- Building a Bloc
 - Sectorial policy strategy
 - Institutional arrangement
 - Sectorial funding
 - Planification monitoring and review
 - Capacity development
- What is the update of the mutual accountability mechanism?
 - All the water and sanitation partners take engagements
 - The national planification and examination cycles constitute the base for engagement creation
 - Essential multi-stakeholder process
 - National milestones and objectives based engagements
- How is the mutual accountability mechanism different from the previous engagement process?
 - Previous engagement process (2010-2016) created for high level meetings
 - Engagements created for SWA processes
 - Only partner countries and donors have taken engagements
 - Not always integrated in larger national processes
- How is the mutual accountability mechanism linked to the national planification and evaluation process?

Multiparty national process:

- 3 to 5 year plan with objectives and milestones
- Governments chose 2 or 3 engagements at the country level
- A calendar based on the realization of engagements
- Every one of the participant's circumscriptions is linked to contracts based on the government's engagements
- Multinational partners associate to endorse a national engagement
- Multinational partners can also endorse an international engagement

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (QUESTIONS ET RÉPONSES)

Question No.	1	Author (Auteur):	Bouraima Kabalaba, Civil society, Mali
Wording (Libellé):	How can we make the SDGs operational for African countries? How to make African countries dock to the SDG 6?		
ANSWERS (RÉPONSES)			Speakers (Intervenants)
About these mechanisms and engagements, it is important to see governments engage. About finances, there are challenges due to the fact that African countries do not fully engage, it is therefore difficult to implement mechanisms.			Sareen Malik

Question No.	2	Author (Auteur):	Participant
Wording (Libellé):	What are Pioneer countries and what actions have been carried for these nations?		
ANSWERS (RÉPONSES)			Speakers (Intervenants)
We have created this system to support those countries who need our services, including the SDG mechanisms. We ensure that those countries adhere to the mechanisms. Then, we monitor and evaluate, and we introduce new processes while continuing on the previous evaluation basis to bring out support to those developing countries.			Virginia Roaf

Question No.	3	Author (Auteur):	Participant
Wording (Libellé):	What are the advices to ensure the lasting of the mechanism?		
ANSWERS (RÉPONSES)			Speakers (Intervenants)
In the Swaziland Kingdom, we have taken the engagement to make progress. But in some African countries where ministers change, it is often a little difficult to ensure the proper monitoring of engagements. However, we have reviewed our engagements and launched the mutually accountable mechanism and all the present stakeholders have launched these engagements. At the national level, we also have implemented actions for idea sharing.			Ms. Janeen

Question No.	4	Author (Auteur):	Participant
Wording (Libellé):	What is your philosophy to develop approaches to encourage countries to integrate the system?		
ANSWERS (RÉPONSES)			Speakers (Intervenants)
In Nigeria, we have taken the initiative of engaging for mutual accountability mechanisms after having realized the importance of this system, and we have decided to move forward with our national and even international partners.			Mr. Emmanuel Awe

CONCLUSIONS OF THE SESSION (CONCLUSIONS DE LA SESSION)

- Beyond political declarations, governments need to engage with all the actors through the participative multiparty process, and show accountability in the decisions they take to guarantee universal access to water and sanitation services, without leaving no one behind. At the same time, partners must align to the government's leadership and must be held accountable for their own contributions to the progress of the sector. The mutual water and sanitation for all accountability mechanism is designed to respond to the participation and accountability obligations.