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Date:	01/11/2018	Time: (Heures)	4:15 PM	to	5:35 PM	Language: (Langue)	French
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)	Choices, Approaches and Actions for Safely Managed Sanitation in Africa by 2030						
Session No.	38	Title: (Titre)	Use the SWA Collaborative Behaviors to Improve Favorable Environment for a Safely Managed Sanitation				
Country: (Pays)	GABON	City: (Ville)	Libreville	Location: (Lieu)	Stade de l’Amitié Sino-Gabonaise à ANGONDJE		
Rapporteur (Rapporteur):	Claudia ONDO				Technical Partner: (Partenaire technique)	SASI GABON	
Further details: (Informations complémentaires)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PowerPoint Presentation (YES) : 1PowerPoint Presentation SWA ; 2PowerPoint Presentation SWA. • Technical Documentation Technique (NO) 						
Abbreviations and Acronyms: (Sigles et abréviations)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWA – Sanitation and Water for All • WHO-GLASS – World Health Organization - Global Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance • IRC – International Water and Sanitation Centre • AdB – African Development Bank 						

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

Lead Convener (Responsable):	SWA
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SPEAKER IDENTIFICATION (IDENTIFICATION DES INTERVENANTS)

Moderator (Modérateur):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chilufya Chileshe – Regional Policy Manager, WaterAid • Nelson Gomonda – WASH Specialist, UNICEF
Speakers (Intervenants)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Mahal Dhieu Akat, Regional Director, Ministry of Water Resources of South Sudan • Jochen Rudolph – Rural Water and Sanitation Chief - AfDB • Martin Watsisi – Water, Hygiene and Sanitation Regional Advisor, IRC

SESSION OBJECTIVES (OBJECTIFS DE LA SESSION)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share the first implementation “Collaborative Behaviors” phase results • Discuss partnership building in safely managed sanitation in Africa

- Share experiences on how the “Collaborative Behaviors” contribute to the strategic dialogue toward a favourable environment

SESSION PLAN (PLAN DE SESSION)

- “Collaborative Behaviors” Presentation
- Q&A period
- Lessons learned from the partners on successes and challenges they have encountered
- Discussion panel
- Presentation of the first “Collaborative Behaviors” implementation results

SESSION SUMMARY (RÉSUMÉ DE LA SESSION)

We have to assume that it is important to build sustainable systems. Mainly because the water, hygiene and sanitation sector faces overwhelming challenges such as:

- Growing population
- Financial deficit
- Infrastructure crisis
- Water security issues
- Climatic change
- Increasing emergencies

Thus it occurred to us to develop 5 “building blocks,” which imply that every country would follow a guideline with the aim to have an effective arrangement. These “Building blocks” are:

1. An adapted sectorial policy and strategy
2. A functional institutional framework
3. Sectorial funding
4. Planification, surveillance and evaluation
5. Human capacity building

Finally, “Collaborative Behaviors” were defined. These to be adopted behaviors not only aim at political institutions, civil society, banks or bilateral agencies. Each of these behaviors must be known and applied by all stakeholders. The “Collaborative Behaviors” are:

1. Improvement government leadership in the planification process
2. Reinforce and use national systems
3. Use a single information and mutual accountability platform
4. Elaborate sustainable financing strategies for water and sanitation sectors

Profiles for each countries have been created to ensure the respect and progress of the “Collaborative Behaviors” but also to offer a starting discussion point concerning the improvement of Collective Behaviors application. GLAAS developed 37 profiles for SWA Partnership member countries, including 19 African countries

Regarding the challenges encountered, it is essentially about the availability and data collection in the country.

Discussion Panel

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (QUESTIONS ET RÉPONSES)

Question No.	1	Author (Auteur):	African Commission
Wording (Libellé):	What makes the sanitation issue to always be regulated at last? What are the differences that make the issue be addressed and solved in certain countries and not in others?		
ANSWERS (RÉPONSES)		Speakers (Intervenants)	
I think this question is a little biased. Regarding sanitation, we should not forget that it depends on the country. Unfortunately, some countries have priorities and sanitation is at the bottom of the list. In my country for example, we have security and conflict issues. Thus, the government’s priority is there. It is therefore true that sanitation struggles to improve in some countries, but we should not forget that we cannot move forward without money or capacities.		Peter Mahal	

Question No.	2	Author (Auteur):	Participant
Wording (Libellé):	I would like to add on an aspect that has been discussed. I think it is important to also invest in behavioural change. Many cultures, traditions and beliefs are still anchored and are obstacles for the proper public service implementation. I think that this should be a priority before investing.		
ANSWERS (RÉPONSES)			Speakers (Intervenants)
No answer due to short timing.			

Question No.	3	Author (Auteur):	African Commission
Wording (Libellé):	Is it there a strategy for NGOs to move forward, despite the political changes and disturbances?		
ANSWERS (RÉPONSES)			Speakers (Intervenants)
No answer due to short timing.			

CONCLUSIONS OF THE SESSION (CONCLUSIONS DE LA SESSION)

- No conclusion from the moderator.