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SWA Mutual Accountability Mechanism

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Why is SWA promoting a Mutual Accountability Mechanism?

**Accountability is a Guiding Principle & a Collaborative Behaviour**

- Collective, multi-stakeholder action
- Global sharing of priorities and ideas
- Reporting on the SDGs
THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES
The values partners have in common and that guide all joint action.

- Multi-stakeholders efforts
- Sustainability of service and actions
- Leaving no-one behind
- Transparency and accountability
- Evidence-based decision-making
- Human Rights to water and sanitation
- International collaboration and aid effectiveness

THE COLLABORATIVE BEHAVIOURS
How partners work together to put in place the Building Blocks.

- Enhance government leadership of sector planning processes
- Strengthen and use country systems
- Use one information and mutual accountability platform
- Build sustainable water and sanitation sector financing strategies

THE ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM
Joint initiative that grounds the Framework in specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and timely actions.

It re-enforces multi-stakeholder decision-making and mutual accountability among partners at national, regional and global level.

THE BUILDING BLOCKS
What partners are jointly putting in place to achieve an effective sector.

- Sector Policy / Strategy
- Institutional arrangements
- Sector Financing
- Planning, monitoring, and review
- Capacity development
How is the updated Mutual Accountability Mechanism different from previous Commitments process?

Previous Commitments Process (2010-2016)

• Designed for the High-level Meetings
• Commitments created for SWA process
• Only country partners and donors made commitments
• Not always embedded in broader national processes
What is the updated Mutual Accountability Mechanism?

Updated Mutual Accountability Mechanism (2018 - )

- All SWA partners make commitments
- National planning and review cycles are the basis for creating commitments
- Multi-stakeholder process essential
- Commitments drawn from national targets and milestones
How does the Mutual Accountability Mechanism link to national planning and review processes?

National multi-stakeholder process

- 3-5 year plans with targets and milestones
- Governments choose 2-3 country-level Commitments
- Timeline for achieving Commitments
- Each constituency or partner contributes commitments relevant to the government commitment
- Multi-national partners join in making a national commitment
- Multi-national partners can also make a global commitment

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Mutual Accountability Mechanism – linking to national processes

National processes

Assessment & Analysis
- Tools e.g. WASH BAT; GLAAS; Collaborative Behavior's Profile

Planning & target setting
- National dialogues e.g. Joint Sector Reviews; Coordination meetings

Defining roles & responsibilities
- Partner actions

Implementation

Monitoring & evaluation
- Use of information platforms (e.g. MIS) & linking evidence to decision making. Update progress

Defining country commitments
- Monitoring of commitments

Defining constituency commitments & complement country commitments
- Reporting on commitments

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Example of a National Government Commitment: Rural sanitation strategy

Development of a rural sanitation strategy targeting poorest districts by XX

Donor commitment

- Align funding and priorities to the strategy and target financing to poorest districts

CSO commitment:

- Identify approaches that will improve sanitation in poorest and hardest to reach areas

Research and Learning Institutions’ commitment:

- Research into other countries’ sanitation strategies and make relevant proposals

Private sector commitment:

- Engagement with government in outlining the role and responsibility of private sector actors

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How will commitments be reviewed?

Review of Commitments

- Partners review Commitments as part of their national multi-stakeholder process
- All stakeholders comment on progress
- National and regional monitoring processes, JMP, GLAAS Collaborative Behaviours Country Profiles
How will the Mutual Accountability Mechanism be reported?

• On-line portal where country commitments and progress towards them is updated as and when national reviews happen

• All partners will have opportunity to comment on achievement of commitments

• Global Mutual Accountability Report every three years
What happens at the global level?

SWA Global High-level Meetings

- Presentation of Commitments
- External Support Agencies make global Commitments
- All partners report back on previously made Commitments
SWA Mutual Accountability Mechanism and the High-level Political Forum

- Commitments process supports countries to prepare for the HLPF
Next steps: Global (Secretariat +CPWG)

- Communications materials: 1-pager, 8 page brochure, video - August
- Individual country calls: Countries to indicate – August - September*
- Commitments gathered as they emerge – September onwards
- Dedicated support to countries – partners +Secretariat
- Calls with constituencies – August -September
- Collation of lessons around process and results – when country process starts
What are the next steps at country level?

• Meeting of all country focal points
• Outline of processes/roadmap for national planning and review processes
• Development of Commitments through multi-stakeholder processes for Government and other constituencies
• Presentation of Commitments
Cycle of High-level Meetings: 2018 - 2030
Discussion questions

Do you foresee any challenges on the accountability mechanism at country level? If so what are they and how can we overcome them?

What national processes do you have in the coming 6-12 months which you can use to implement the Mutual Accountability Mechanism?

What will you need to mobilize partners and explain to them their roles in the implementation of the MAM –especially those which have never made commitments before?
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