

UNICEF 2019 Global WASHNet and Resource Partners Meetings

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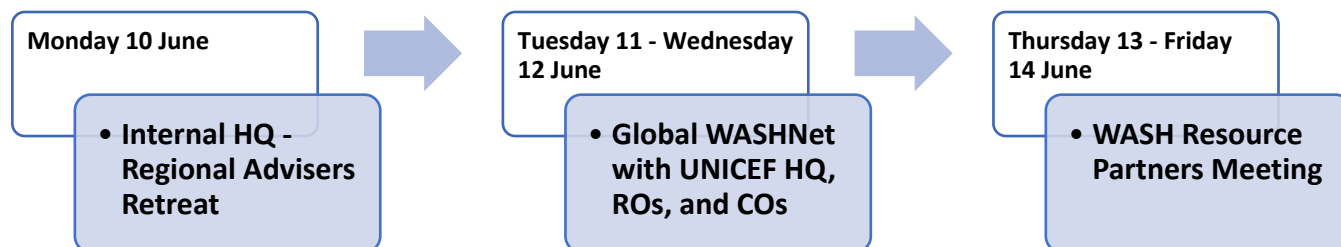
1. Introduction

In 2018, with the growing recognition and support for “*Leaving No One Behind*” in pursuit of SDG targets 6.1 and 6.2, UNICEF, with support from partners, continued efforts across more than 100 countries to achieve access to safe and sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services in humanitarian and development contexts. In 2018, UNICEF directly supported 18.6 million people to gain access to safe drinking water, and 10.8 million people to gain access to basic sanitation.

WASH results are at the core of UNICEF’s Strategic Plan 2018-2021 Goal Area 4 - “*Every Child lives in a Safe and Clean environment.*” By 2021, it is UNICEF’s ambition that 250 million fewer people practice open defecation, and that through direct support from UNICEF 60 million additional people live in open defecation free communities, 60 million people access safe water; 60,000 schools and 5,000 health care facilities have improved WASH facilities. Beyond WASH (SDG 6), Goal Area 4 also addresses three additional outcomes to support countries and communities to (i) reduce risks related to disasters, conflict and public health emergencies, ii) increase child responsiveness of local governance in urban contexts, and (iii) promote child-inclusive policies and programmes to foster climate resilience (SDGs 8,11, and 13).

Despite progress, new evidence reveals deep and growing concerns about poor coverage of WASH services in institutions (schools and health care facilities) and the negative impact of climate change, rapid urbanisation and protracted crises on children’s rights to water and sanitation. Several major developments and shifts mark the evolution of WASH sector, particularly in “how” the SDG agenda will be implemented and ultimately achieved. To close the sizeable gap on safe and sustainable WASH services for all, there remains a pressing need for strengthening enabling environment systems and more persuasive and convincing methods in leveraging partnerships, political commitment and financing to accelerate current rates of progress.

It is against this background that this year’s **Global WASH Network** (or “WASHNet”) and **WASH Resource Partners** meeting is organized from 11-14 June 2019. The overall themes of the meeting will be “*Strengthening Resilient WASH Systems*” and “*Localization and implementation of the SDGs*”. The meeting will provide ample opportunity for in-depth exchanges and learning from country and regional experiences, drawing on findings from new evidence & data. A detailed outline of the sessions is available at the end of this note.



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2. Objectives

The Global WASHNet meeting will be held over 2 days (11 and 12 June) and WASH Resource Partners meeting over 2 days (13 and 14 June).

The overall objectives of the **Global WASHNet** meeting are to (i) provide the opportunity for learning, sharing and consultation on country experiences and challenges; ii) share latest updates on guidance, tools, and findings from new data and evidence; and, iii) strengthen internal coordination, fostering a stronger team approach to deliver quality results at global scale (i.e. working as an 'extended' global team).

Specific Objectives include the following:

- Review progress on the implementation of the **Strategic Plan 2018-2021 Goal Area 4** and the Global WASH Strategy 2016-2030 and agree on priorities for the way forward;
- Use this opportunity to share **updates on regional and country initiatives** to adapt the global 2030 agenda to local contexts and priorities;
- Examine latest **evidence and data** and recommendations from recent WASH **evaluations**;
- Learn from **systems strengthening** approaches in other sectors (Health, Education, Social Protection) and reflect on how to make WASH systems strengthening initiatives more effective;
- Discuss **operational issues** such as **human resources** including the Women in WASH initiative, and **roles/ accountabilities** on programme monitoring and reporting;
- Explore ways to improve cross-sectoral work, with focus on **inclusive programming** for young people, gender, disability in WASH and **emerging areas** of climate resilience and urban WASH;
- Share latest updates, successes and approaches to strengthening national humanitarian preparedness, coordination and response, strengthening **humanitarian-development** linkages and **disaster risk reduction**.

The **WASH Resource Partners** meeting will follow the Global WASHNet meeting, with the overall aim to provide opportunities to engage and consult with partners on strategic programming issues, creating opportunities for UNICEF to learn from partner experiences and perspectives.

The discussions with donors and external partners will focus on the following areas:

- i. Review **achievements and learning from 2018 implementation** of UNICEF's WASH programmes across more than 100 countries and diverse country contexts;
- ii. Explore experiences of providing sustainable WASH services and strengthening sector systems in **complex humanitarian situations** - conflict, public health emergencies, and protracted crises;
- iii. Learn from partners' experiences of addressing SDG6 ambitions to reach safely managed service levels - **"move up the ladder"** and address equity and inclusivity - **"leave no one behind."**
- iv. Update and consult partners on progress in **emerging and strategic areas of programming**: climate resilient and urban WASH, WASH financing, developments in UNICEFs internal monitoring and

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reporting systems, improved knowledge management, and market-based sanitation and private sector engagement.

3. Methodology

The meeting will include sessions based on key thematic areas under the WASH programme through **presentations, group discussions, and marketplaces**. Content for the sessions will be provided by UNICEF WASH (country, regional and HQ offices), other relevant UNICEF HQ sections and divisions, and resource partners. Meeting inputs will draw from UNICEF annual reports, observations from donors and resource partners from country visits, outcomes of recent global and regional meetings and recommendations from recent evaluations and other sources. Cross-cutting areas as partnership, humanitarian – development nexus etc. are to be integral part of the discussions in relevant sessions.

The format for the WASHNet and Resources partners meeting sessions includes the following:

- **Presentations:** selected sessions may start with a short presentation followed by plenary Q&A discussions. Country experience and case studies from development and humanitarian programming contexts will be an important part of the programme.
- **Panel and Group discussions:** informed by introductory presentations from panellists, group discussions will focus on strategic issues and critical areas that require further dialogue, clarity and decisions on focus or future direction.
- **Marketplace:** each region and its participating countries will use posters and/or short videos to convey regional priorities, country results, experiences and lessons in a marketplace format session.
- **Background documents** will be shared to showcase country innovations, programme results, and new approaches.

4. Expected Outcomes

The overall expected outcome of these meetings will be i) consensus on the strategic direction for the implementation of the UNICEF SP 2018-2021 and WASH Strategy 2016-2030, ii) learning about the latest available evidence, guidance, tools and opportunities for aligning with the SDGs and advancing on “leaving no one behind”, (iii) better understanding of guidance and support needs from ROs and COs to deliver on the emerging areas of programming and strengthening WASH systems, and (iv) improved coordination and communication across UNICEF and with partners to improve WASH sector and UNICEF programme performance, efficiency and effectiveness in humanitarian and development contexts.

5. Participants

Participants in the **Global WASHNet meeting** will include UNICEF staff from HQ, regional and selected country offices, with an aim to ensure that half (50 %) of the participants are female.

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Several criteria will be applied to ensure that a diverse set of country contexts and WASH programme areas are represented at the meeting, such as the selection of representatives from i) Country Offices (COs) that have not participated previously in the global meetings, ii) COs with large results contributions, iii) non-ASWA countries, iv) countries with relatively new WASH programmes, v) COs that have recently done or are undergoing a new Country Programme Development (CPD) process, vi) COs that have demonstrated / documented evidence-based learning on the key thematic areas for the 2019 meeting i.e. alignment on Goal 4, SDG alignment, systems strengthening.

Participants for the **WASH Resource Partners** meeting will include the UNICEF staff participating in WASHNet and key external partners including donors, non-governmental organisations, academic institutions and private sector companies.

Both meetings will also involve other PD sections, PPD, DRP, EMOPS, and other divisions for the relevant sessions.

6. Venue

The meeting will be held at the EXPRESS BAR in the UN Secretariat in NY. An administrative note with details for travel and hotel arrangements will be provided separately. Participants are responsible for making their own necessary financial arrangements and to organize their own travel and hotel bookings.

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GLOBAL WASHNET TENTATIVE PROGRAMME		[Version - 20 May 2019]
Day 1, Tuesday, 11 June 2019 (9:00 – 17:00)		Day 2, Wednesday, 12 June 2019 (9:00 – 17:00)
SW1: OPENING AND WELCOME [KELLY/CHANDER] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening & Objectives (Coffee available from 8:00.) SW2: GLOBAL UPDATES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global Overview and Update from the JMP [JMP Tom] Are we on track to achieve Strategic Plan 2018-2021 targets? – achievements and lessons from 2018 Global Annual Results Report [KAN] 	09:00 – 10:30	SW6: VISION, POSITIONING AND ACTIONS ON PRIORITY ISSUES [AMANDA/ RR] <p>Presentation and discussion on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Predictability of Emergency Programme Response including in Fragile States [WiE, GWC] WASH Financing – strategy and approach [R&R] Urban WASH Strategic Framework [Sanitation/ Bisi]
MORNING BREAK 10:30 – 11:00		MORNING BREAK 10:30 – 11:00
SW3: STRENGTHENING WASH SYSTEMS [GUY/ RR] <p>Systems Strengthening Approach in Health, Nutrition, Social Policy, Education progress and lessons [PD Section Chiefs]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WASH Enabling Environment - UNICEF status & lessons from development and humanitarian contexts including humanitarian coordination [RR/ GWC] 	11:00 – 12:30	SW7: VISION, POSITIONING AND ACTIONS ON PRIORITY ISSUES [SILVIA/ WATER] <p>Presentation and discussion on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generation Unlimited + Adolescent, Engagement with Business [Amanda] Market Based Sanitation / Market Shaping [Sanitation, SD]
LUNCH BREAK 12:30 – 13:30		LUNCH BREAK 12:30 – 13:30
SW4: REGIONAL AND COUNTRY SPOTLIGHT [LIZETTE/SANITATION & CHANDER/R&R] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional & Country Exchanges & Learning – regional, country initiatives and lessons on “Strengthening the Enabling Environment for Resilient WASH Systems” [RO + COs] Discussion on key learnings and next steps for WASH 	13:30 – 15:00	SW8: ADJUSTING TO PROGRAMMING CONTEXT [MICHAEL/SANITATION] <p>Presentation and discussion on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring and Reporting in UNICEF & WASH [R&R, Disability] Adolescent Programming and Gender Action Plan [Brooke, ADAP, Gender] WASH Staff Capacity Development and Women in WASH [R&R, Brook]
AFTERNOON BREAK 15:00 – 15:30		AFTERNOON BREAK 15:00 – 15:30
SW5: “LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND” - STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS TOWARDS SP TARGETS ON CORE WASH AREAS [JAMAL/WiE] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sanitation Game Plan [Sanitation Team] Water Game Plan [Water Team] WASH in Institutions [Water Team] 	15:30 – 17:00	SW9: VISIBILITY, SHIFTS AND RESULTS [KELLY/CHANDER] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positioning WASH programme under Goal 4 & Shifts to 2021 and 2030 OPEN TIME for General Q & A S10: SUMMARY AND CLOSING: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary and Closing WASH Net [Evariste + Kelly]
SUMMARY / CLOSE DAY 1 [Therese + Kelly]		
END of Day 17:00		END of Global WASH Net 17:00

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RESOURCE PARTNERS MEETING – TENTATIVE PROGRAMME		[Version - 20 May 2019]
Day 1, Thursday, 13 June 2019 (8:30 – 17:30)		Day 2, Friday, 14 June 2019 (8:30 – 16:00)
SR1: OPENING AND WELCOME [KELLY/CHANDER] Opening & Objectives (Coffee available from 8:00.) [Kelly/Chander]	09:00 – 10:30	SR5: MEASURING AND REPORTING RESULTS - <i>What's New on Programme Monitoring, Risk Management and Knowledge Management?</i> [ROSA + FIONA/ WATER + DGIS]
SR2: GLOBAL UPDATES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JMP Global WASH Overview and WASH in Health Care facilities [JMP UNICEF + WHO /Tom+Rick] Are we on track to achieve Strategic Plan 2018-2021 targets? – Achievements, lessons and directions from 2018 Global ARR [Kelly] 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNICEF WASH Monitoring Systems - updates on SMQs, HACT & Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) [R&R + OED] "Stay and Deliver"- Risk Management in complex security environments [WIE HQ Jamal] Knowledge Management & Evaluation – Enterprise Content Management and updates on WASH evaluations [Guy / Jeremie]
MORNING BREAK 10:30 – 11:00		MORNING BREAK 10:30 – 11:00
SR3: VIEWS FROM THE FIELD - "<i>What it takes to deliver results on the ground</i>" [EAPRO + LIZETTE + PHILIPPA + GAYLE + DFID]	11:00 – 12:30	SR6: THE LATEST ON UNICEF WASH PROGRAMME AREAS AND APPROACHES [LACRO + BISI/SANITATION + BMGF]
MARKET PLACE - Regional and Country Initiatives and Actions across key thematic areas on " <i>Adapting the SDGs for local contexts</i> " [RO and COs]		Short Presentation on Update and Consultation on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water Supply – Climate and Water Scarcity [Water Team] Market Based Sanitation [Sanitation Team + SD Peter + BMGF] WASH in Institutions / Health Care Facilities [HQ Irene + WHO]
LUNCH BREAK 12:30 – 13:30		LUNCH BREAK 12:30 – 13:30
SR4: PERSPECTIVES FROM PARTNERS [AMANDA/RR + SIDA] Reflections on Regional & Country profiles and Global Updates (sessions SR2 and SR3), with facilitated small group discussion on key areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aligning SDGs into Country Contexts Humanitarian – Development Continuum- Resilient WASH Systems "Moving up the Ladder" on rural sanitation and water supply 	13:30 – 15:00	SR7: STRENGTHENING THE SYSTEMS APPROACH [WCARO + GUY/ RR + USAID] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update WASH Enabling Environment including Humanitarian Coordination [Guy, Niall/R&R, GWC, SIWI, IRC] WASH Financing – UNICEF approach [R&R, WB]; Mobilizing partnerships and political commitment [Amanda, Philippa, SWA]
AFTERNOON BREAK 15:00 – 15:30		
SR5: EMERGING PRIORITIES [MENA + TIM/WIE + FINLAND + OFDA] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WASH in Emergency – Water Under Fire [WIE, EMOPS, GWC, HATIS, OFDA] Urban WASH [Bisi/ Lizette, Urban DRP] SUMMARY / CLOSE DAY 1 [Chander]	15:30 – 17:00	SR8: SUMMARY AND CLOSING [KELLY + CHANDER] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary and Closing (target 4 pm)
END of Day		
RECEPTION hosted by UNICEF (venue UN Secretariat) 17:30 – 19:30		