**WHY ROBUST MULTI-STAKEHOLDER NATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISMS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR ACHIEVING SDG 6**

A special side event taking place at the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2018

The findings of a Global Study on National Accountability Mechanisms for SDG 6, conducted in 25 countries, reveals that three years after the adoption of the Sustainable Development Agenda, the right mechanisms for holding governments to account on progress towards SDG 6 are insufficiently in place. In launching these findings, the event will bring diverse perspectives (governments, CSOs, development partners, and UN agencies) to the discussion and make recommendations for strengthening national accountability and CSO engagement in progressing towards SDG 6.

**Agenda**

Introductory remarks and welcome by H.E. Dr. Amrith Rohan Perera, Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations will be followed by short presentations and an interactive panel discussion amongst government, development partner and civil society representatives around how to ensure that multi-stakeholder national accountability mechanisms are effective, participatory and meaningful. The session chair will engage the audience in a lively debate that aims to come out with a set of recommendations and key messages for governments, civil society organizations and development partners, for strengthening national accountability for SDG 6.

**Session Chair**

Ms. Catarina de Albuquerque, Executive Chair of the Sanitation and Water for All partnership (SWA) and former UN Special Rapporteur on the rights to safe drinking water and sanitation

**Speakers**

Dr. Snehalatha Mekala, Regional Coordinator, Freshwater Action Network South Asia (FANSA) Coordinator

Ms. Irene Gai, Programmes Coordinator, Kenya Water for Health Organization (KWAHO), and Member, Kenya Water and Sanitation Civil Society Network (KEWASNET)

**Panel members**

Mr. Awe Emmanuel Olusola, Director, Water Quality Control and Sanitation, Federal Ministry of Water Resources, Government of Nigeria

Mr. Kepha Ombacho, Chief Public Health Officer, Ministry of Health, Government of Kenya

Mr. Sena Alouka, CEO, Jeunes Volontaires pour l’Environnement. Speaking on behalf of the African Civil Society Network on Water and Sanitation (ANEW)

Mrs. Nathalie Seguin, Freshwater Action Network Mexico (FANMEX)

Mr. Ananda Jayaveera, RSC (Regional Sanitation Centre) and FANSA Sri Lanka

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