



Sanitation and Water for All at Africasan 4

During this year's edition of AfricaSan, countries will share their experiences towards achieving their eThekweni and SWA High Level Meeting commitments. The meeting will be an opportunity for exchanging information on country action plans, in order to improve their quality, realism and potential for impact. Also, participants will take stock of the upcoming Sustainable Development Goals and their implications for the water, sanitation and hygiene sector.

SWA will be part of several events throughout the Conference. Please join us:

Session	SWA participation	Time	Room
Monday, 25th May			
Session 1: "The Status of Sanitation and Hygiene in Africa"	Catarina de Albuquerque (Vice-Chair) chairing, Amanda Marlin (Coordinator) and Fiorella Polo (Monitoring and Outreach Officer) presenting	9.00 to 10.30	Flamboyant
Session 2: "Country dialogue on country action plans and progress on commitments"	Fiorella Polo supporting facilitation	11.00 to 12.30	Flamboyant
Side-event 4: GLAAS Special report for AfricaSan 4	Catarina de Albuquerque speaking	12.40 to 13.50	C12
Side-event 5: "SWA Civil Society Organizations meeting" (invitation only)	Meeting of SWA CSO Focal Points	12.40 to 13.50	C05
Session 3/B: "Financing and Monitoring: Financing Sanitation"	Amanda Marlin presenting	16.00 to 17.30	B12
Session 3/D: "Capacity building and human resource development"	SWA/IWA convening, Focal Point Benjamin Murkomen participating in panel discussion	16.00 to 17.30	B01
Tuesday, 26th May			
Opening Plenary	Catarina de Albuquerque speaking	9.00 to 10.30	Amphitheatre
Session 3/P: "Financing sanitation: achieving 0.5% of GDP"	Amanda Marlin presenting	16.00 to 17.30	C106
Wednesday, 27th May			
Side-event 19: "HLM and AfricaSan commitments: what next?" (registration requested)	SWA convening, Government, CSO & Development partner Focal Points presenting	12.40 to 13.50	C12



SWA partners standing up for WASH in the post 2015–negotiations

With the Millennium Development Goals concluding at the end of 2015, SWA partners are taking part in shaping the Post-2015 agenda. All support the overall vision of achieving universal access to safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene.

-> For more information: <http://sanitationandwaterforall.org/swa-wash-and-the-sustainable-development-goals>

PROPOSED GOAL 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

Water and Sanitation Goal almost a reality – the contribution from Civil Society Organizations

BY ESMEE RUSSELL, INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR, END WATER POVERTY

After several years of advocacy work from the water and sanitation sector, we recently heard encouraging news: there will likely be a dedicated water and sanitation goal within the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Goal 6 proposed by the UN Open Working Group includes eight specific targets focusing on areas such as access to equitable and safe water and sanitation, effective treatment of wastewater, and integrated water management at all levels and community participation.

While this is a positive development, we must keep in mind that the Goals will only be approved at the Heads of State Summit in September, and much can change before then. This is why it is important to continue to promote the need for Goal 6. This Goal is part of the proposed SDGs because of ongoing advocacy efforts at national, regional and global levels. At a national level, CSOs and NGOs were part of national consultations and convinced governments of the need for this Goal. At a global level, organizations met with UN ambassadors and missions, participated in intergovernmental discussions and handed in strong petitions to support them.

We also need to consider which indicators are required to effectively measure progress against the Goal and its targets. The UN Statistical Commission prepared a draft



set of indicators, but more work is needed to guarantee they are suitable and will truly track development. At the moment, the simple and most effective way to ensure this is to speak with each national government's lead post-2015 department (usually Finance, Planning or Foreign Affairs) and national statistical offices. End Water Poverty also believes the process needs to be more inclusive and is calling for broader discussions that ensure civil society and others are heard.

"We, the General Assembly of AMCOW emphasise the need for urgent attention from all governments and partners to build on the progress made to meet the Millennium Development Goals and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation to address the unfinished business of water and sanitation in the post-2015 development agenda, especially given the pivotal role of water security and sanitation for sustainable economic growth and social progress in Africa."

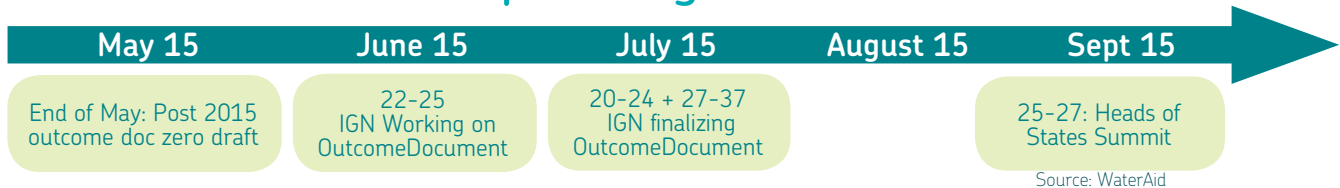
DAKAR DECLARATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF AMCOW ON THE PRIORITIZATION OF WATER SECURITY & SANITATION IN THE POST-2015 AGENDA



"When talking to SWA partners, they tell me it's good to have a dedicated WASH Goal, but the most important is to reach it. That will only be possible if certain building blocks are in place: 1) robust monitoring, 2) ambitious indicators and 3) partners that ensure a participatory, inclusive and effective implementation."

C. DE ALBUQUERQUE, SWA VICE-CHAIR

Upcoming SDG milestones





How do SWA partners ensure alignment between eThekweni and SWA commitments?



BENJAMIN MURKOMEN, CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER, ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION & HYGIENE UNIT, DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, MINISTRY OF HEALTH, KENYA

Kenya has a strong sanitation and hygiene coordination mechanism, with rolling Action Plans which address priorities and bottlenecks in water and sanitation. The Action Plans are directly linked to the Kenyan commitments made during the SWA HLM and at eThekweni. Both these types of commitments are aligned, with the only variance being that commitments around capacity development/mapping were exclusively made at the HLM. They have also been converted into concrete

plans for each of Kenya's 47 counties.

More importantly Kenya aligned the monitoring of both types of commitments. During our quarterly Technical Working Groups meetings, priorities are broken-down into a series of specific and time-bound targets, with actions assigned to individuals or organizations.



PETER MAHAL DHIEU AKAT, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR RURAL WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION, MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY, DAMS, IRRIGATION AND WATER RESOURCES THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN, JUBA

South Sudan was a part of the

eThekweni Declaration in 2008 and made commitments at all SWA HLMs to date. We find they complement each other since eThekweni commitments are specifically for sanitation while the HLM ones cover both sanitation and water. Joining SWA was essential to encourage local, regional and global political leadership to prioritize WASH. We also find that the implementation is reinforced by joining both monitoring processes and there is not much repetition of work since they both use the same traffic lights tool of reporting and both contribute to the GLAAS tool for measuring progress in the WASH sector.

Monitoring for both eThekweni and SWA is regularly pursued under the Directorate of Rural Water Supply and Sanitation, but linked to the Directorate of Planning and Programs, where one person in the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit is specifically responsible for the WASH sector.

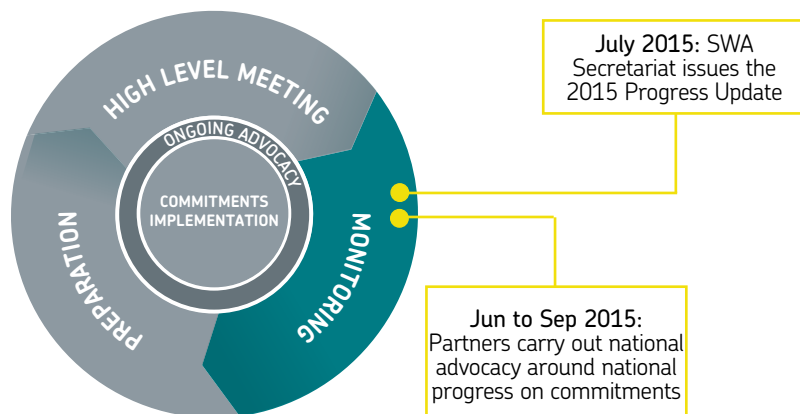
Where are we in the High Level Commitments Dialogue?

Currently, SWA partners are working on: Monitoring and Advocacy

Monitoring commitments is a key mechanism for partners' accountability. Every year, partners monitor progress made on individual commitments and that

information is made publicly available. It is not just a technical exercise, but provides an important opportunity to advocate for stronger results on the ground.

Upcoming milestones of the Monitoring and Advocacy phase:



3 tips for planning a successful advocacy activity

- Start preparing as soon as possible.
- Meet with your sector partners to discuss resources, strategy, messages and targets.
- Involve communication officers in relevant ministries early on.

-> For more information, please contact the SWA Secretariat: fpolo@unicef.org



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Amanda Marlin new SWA Secretariat Coordinator

Amanda Marlin is SWA's new Secretariat Coordinator. Until recently Amanda led on advocacy and communications for the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC), an active SWA partner. Her work includes chairing a sector-wide

working group to promote WASH in the post-2015 debate, as well as leading on the UN Deputy Secretary-General's communication campaign on eliminating open defecation. She has been involved with SWA since 2010, and has provided support to a number of Partnership and High Level Meetings.

2015 Progress Update -Special AfricaSan edition

In April 2014, at the third High Level Meeting (HLM) of the Sanitation and Water for All partnership, 43 developing countries and 12 donor partners made 383 commitments to address barriers to access to water and sanitation.

This report provides preliminary highlights of the status of progress made on the commitments by the end of March 2015. It is a special edition for the 4th AfricaSan

Conference.

SWA partners can be proud of the results they are making and will continue to focus on the remaining barriers to achieve their commitments.

The full report and individual partner updates will be available on the SWA website in July 2015.

-> [Download the report at http://sanitationandwaterforall.org/document-library](http://sanitationandwaterforall.org/document-library)

Two minutes with the Vice-Chair on Post 2015

-> Watch on SWA YouTube Channel www.youtube/channel/sanwatforall



MANUAL: WHO Sanitation Safety Planning (SSP)

SSP is a risk based management tool for sanitation systems. It assists users to systematically identify and manage health risk along the sanitation chain; guide investment based on actual risks, to minimize adverse health impacts; and provide assurance to authorities and the public on the safety of sanitation-related products and services.

-> [Download the manual on WHO Website](#)



VIDEO: the 2014 HLM commitments tabled by Burkina Faso

S.E.Mme Mamounata Belem Ouedraogo, Minister for Water, Hydraulic Amenities and Sanitation in Burkina Faso, outlines the commitments tabled by Burkina Faso at the 2014 SWA High Level Meeting on water, sanitation and hygiene.

-> [Watch on SWA YouTube Channel www.youtube/channel/sanwatforall](http://www.youtube/channel/sanwatforall)



REPORT: GLAAS 2014 findings - Special Report for Africa

This special edition of the UN-Water Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water (GLAAS) in collaboration with AMCOW and AfDB presents the main findings from data collected from 39 African countries & 23 external support agencies. It highlights the substantial gains that have been made in the sector and outlines some of the challenges that remain.

-> [Download the report on WHO Website](#)

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