Decision 1: Minutes
The Steering Committee approves the minutes of the December 2015 virtual meeting.

Decision 2: Agenda
The Steering Committee approves the meeting’s draft agenda and allows the Executive Chair flexibility to move agenda items.

Decision 3: Country Processes Task Team (CPTT)
The Steering Committee supports the development and dissemination by the CPTT (with Secretariat support) of an SWA “one stop shop” for tools and resources on Building Blocks and Collaborative Behaviours.

Decision 4: Global Monitoring Harmonization Task Team (GMHTT)
The Steering Committee approves the dissemination of the paper on institutional analyses when finalized as an SWA product to influence the behaviours of External Support Agencies implementing institutional analyses and country governments in which they are applied.

Decision 5: Global Monitoring Harmonization Task Team (GMHTT)
The Steering Committee supports the continued work of the GMHTT on the issue of water point monitoring within a broader discussion of sustainability of water services.

Decision 6: High Level Political Dialogue
Concerning the High Level Political Dialogue, the Steering Committee:
1. Endorses the concept of stronger on-going country-level engagement mechanisms;
2. Requests UNICEF to, in consultation with SWA partners (in particular the CPTT and HLPDWG), the Executive Chair and Secretariat, prepare a concept paper with proposal(s) for such country-level engagement mechanisms;
3. Requests UNICEF to submit a first draft of the concept paper to the SC by the end of July;
4. Requests the Executive Chair, with the support of the Secretariat, to organize consultations on the concept paper with a view to its approval at the upcoming virtual Steering Committee meeting in September 2016.

Decision 7: Finance Ministers’ Meeting
The Steering Committee accepts the offer of the World Bank to host a Finance Ministers’ Meeting on behalf of SWA on 21 April 2017.
Decision 8: Sector Ministers’ Meeting

The Steering Committee decides to hold a Sector Ministers’ Meeting for ministers who accompany their finance ministers attending the Finance Ministers’ Meeting in April 2017.

Decision 9: High Level Political Dialogue 2018-2020

In the period 2018-2020, the Steering Committee decides to hold a Finance Ministers’ Meeting in 2019. This will be combined with a Sector Ministers’ Meeting (around one day’s duration) for those sector ministers accompanying their finance ministers. In even number years, i.e. 2018 and 2020, the Steering Committee decides to hold longer Sector Ministers’ Meetings. These will be combined with Partnership Meetings, spanning a period of approximately three days and preferably taking place in different regions addressing water, sanitation and hygiene issues.

Decisions 10: Private Sector

Concerning private sector engagement, the Steering Committee decides to:

1. Encourage the SUN Business Network to prioritize water, sanitation and hygiene (a nutrition-sensitive approach) and intensify collaboration between SWA and SUN;
2. Encourage the participation of the private sector in national water, sanitation and hygiene sector dialogues and reviews;
3. Request the Private Sector Task Team to review the ODI paper on “Private Sector and WASH” to identify and propose priority areas for SWA to engage the private sector;
4. Agree two initial priority areas for Private Sector engagement and ask Task Team to develop targets and modalities for further work.

Decision 11: Latin America

The Steering Committee agrees to support the development of a strategic option paper on the future direction of SWA engagement in Latin America. The document will be presented for the next face-to-face Steering Committee meeting, for consideration and subsequent decision.

Decision 12: Global Architecture Task Team

The Steering Committee establishes a Task Team to support the Secretariat and the Executive Chair in keeping the SWA partnership abreast on relevant developments around the global architecture relevant for the water, sanitation and hygiene related targets of the SDGs. The Task Team will advise the Steering Committee on an SWA position and related advocacy opportunities.

Decision 13: Fundraising responsibility

All Steering Committee members are accountable for fundraising. In future, Steering Committee members will support and enhance these efforts by identifying opportunities for fundraising and generating in-kind support, and communicating this to the Executive Chair and Secretariat.
Decision 14: Executive Chair position

The Steering Committee welcomes DGIS’s offer to take forward with UNOPS arrangements for creating the Executive Chair post. In the meantime, the Steering Committee requests UNICEF to extend the Executive Chair’s contract for a further 12 months to enable her to carry out her duties in the interim.

Decision 15: Deeper engagement of SC members

The Steering Committee recalls that Steering Committee members shall remain engaged and diligent in the performance of their responsibilities, including attendance at SWA meetings and participation in discussions.

The Steering Committee decides that:

a) Steering Committee members have a responsibility to attend meetings, or send their alternates. When members or their alternates do not attend at least 70% of Steering Committee meetings in a given year, this seat becomes available. In this case, the Steering Committee asks the Executive Chair to work with the constituency to ensure the seat is filled.

b) Steering Committee members shall send regular written updates (every 3 months) on their activities in representation or promotion of SWA to the Secretariat, which shall compile such information, make it publicly available and share it at Steering Committee meetings.

c) At each Steering Committee meeting, Steering Committee members shall be prepared to give a short briefing about the activities they have undertaken in representation or promotion of SWA, as well as about the consultations organized within their respective constituency and sub-constituency.

Decision 16: Results Framework

The Steering Committee:

1. Approves the overall structure of the draft Results Framework and the specific wording of Objectives 1, 2, 3 and 5.

2. Approves the removal of Objective 4 from the Results Framework, as this is not considered to be the comparative advantage of the SWA partnership.

3. Requests the Results Framework Working Group to examine and prioritize Target Outcomes in the Strategy and propose one set of Outcomes for the Results Framework.

4. Requests that the Outcomes and Results fully reflect the Collaborative Behaviours, the Building Blocks and the underlying Theory of Change.

5. Recommends indicators are reviewed in light of points 1-4 and seek to limit the number to the most critical indicators.

6. Recommends that Objective 6 should be reflected in a separate performance management mechanism for the Chair, Executive Chair, Steering Committee and Secretariat.

7. Requests the Results Framework Working Group to review the Steering Committee’s decisions on the Results Framework with the view to approve the final version at the next virtual Steering Committee meeting.