

2017 Sector Ministers' Meeting



Wednesday, 19 April

| TIME | SESSION/SPEAKERS |
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| 08:00-09:00 | Registration |
| 09:00-10:00 | <p>Opening and Welcoming Remarks</p> <p>Brief welcoming remarks from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Kevin Rudd, Chair, SWA • Dr. Merle Lewis, Chief of Staff in the Office of the Director, Pan-American Health Organization • Mr. Anthony Lake, Executive Director, UNICEF • H.E. Mr. Zahid Hamid Khan, Host of SACOSAN, and Minister for Climate Change, Pakistan • Hon. Ms. Jabulile Mashwama, Vice President (Southern Africa Region), African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW), Minister of Natural Resources and Energy, Swaziland • Mr. Jair Vieira, Host country for World Water Forum 2018, Secretary of Water Resources and Environmental Quality, Ministry of Environment, Brazil |
| 10:00-10:45 | <p>The challenge of reaching the SDGs</p> <p>State of the Sector: JMP and GLAAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Dr. Maria Neira, Director, Department of Public Health, Environmental and Social Determinants of Health, WHO – Mr. Sanjay Wijesekera, Chief of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, UNICEF <p>State of efficiency in the WASH sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ms. Jyoti Shukla, Director, Global Water Practice, World Bank <p>State of development effectiveness in the WASH sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr. Rakesh Nangia, Evaluator-General, African Development Bank <p>Addressing the SDG sanitation challenge in China</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Dr. Zhao Hui, Chief Economist, Ministry of Housing and Rural-Urban Development, China |
| 10:45-11:15 | Break |

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| 11:15-12:15 | <p>Panel Discussion: Improving sector performance to achieve the SDGs</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Catarina de Albuquerque, Executive Chair, SWA</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Dr. Engineer Sileshi Bekele, Minister of Water, Irrigation and Electricity, Federal Government of Ethiopia • Mr. Ivo Gomes, Mayor of Sobral, State of Ceará, Brazil • Mr. Oscar Pintos, Regulator of the Province of Santa Fé, Argentina, and Chairman of the Association of Drinking-water and Sanitation Regulators of the Americas (ADERASA) • Ms. Kate Antrobus, Executive Director, Lion's Head Global Partners • Ms. Sheela Patel, Founding Director, Society for the Promotion of Area Resource Centers (SPARC), and Chair, Slum Dwellers International (SDI), India <p>A strong sector underpins the achievement of the SDGs. The discussion will focus on the factors and actions required to strengthen the sector, particularly sector performance reviews, participatory budgeting, financing for the most marginalized and the enabling environment needed to attract private sector investment.</p> <p>SWA Chair The Hon. Kevin Rudd concludes plenary for the day</p> |
| 12:15-13:15 | Lunch |
| <p>Three Ministerial Dialogue sessions will enable Ministers to unpack the challenges of the SDGs and discuss potential tradeoffs and options. To enable in-depth discussion, Ministers will split into groups, each supported by a facilitator and resource people. For each Ministerial Dialogue session, eight groups will simultaneously discuss the same subject. Groups will be pre-determined, and made up of a mix of country typologies. To maximize the extent to which Ministers are able to share experiences with their counterparts from other countries, the groups will be different for each session.</p> | |
| 13:15-15:00 | <p>Ministerial Dialogue 1: Achieving safely managed sanitation services while eliminating inequalities</p> <p>How can countries achieve the ambitious 'safely managed sanitation services' while reducing inequalities given that many people still do not even have a basic level of service?</p> |
| 15:00-15:30 | Break |
| 15:30-17:30 | <p>Ministerial Dialogue 2: Maintaining progress on the SDGs in the face of risks and vulnerabilities, including climate change and disasters</p> <p>How can the negative impacts of climate change vulnerability, disasters and fragility on progress towards SDG 6.1 and 6.2 be mitigated? How can resilience be built? At least 76% of people living in extreme poverty – around 677 million people – are estimated to live in countries that are either politically fragile, environmentally vulnerable or both¹.</p> |
| 18:00 | Reception hosted by the World Bank Group |

¹ www.globalhumanitarianassistance.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/GHA-report-2016-full-report.pdf

Thursday, 20 April

| TIME | SESSION/SPEAKERS |
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| 09:00-09:20 | <p>Plenary</p> <p>Opening: The Hon. Kevin Rudd, Chair, SWA</p> <p>Reporting back from Ministerial Dialogues 1 and 2</p> <p>SWA Chair: Commentary on Day 1</p> |
| 09:20-11:20 | <p>Ministerial Dialogue 3: Grappling with universality and financial sustainability</p> <p>How can we achieve financial sustainability for water and sanitation services whilst increasing access for the poor <u>and</u> ensuring affordability?</p> |
| 11:20-11:50 | <p>Break</p> |
| 11:50-12:30 | <p>Concluding Plenary</p> <p>Reporting back from Ministerial Dialogue 3</p> <p>Financing India's Swachh Bharat Mission - Mr. Parameswaran Iyer, Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, India</p> <p>Chair's Summary and Conclusion, The Hon. Kevin Rudd, SWA Chair</p> |
| 12:30-13:30 | <p>Lunch provided at PAHO</p> |
| <p>Free</p> | |
| 17:00 | <p><i>Finance Ministers' Meeting begins at the World Bank - by invitation only</i></p> |