

SWA Mutual Accountability Mechanism

Why is SWA promoting a Mutual Accountability Mechanism?



Accountability is a Guiding Principle & a Collaborative Behaviour

- Collective, multi-stakeholder action
- Global sharing of priorities and ideas
- Reporting on the SDGs



THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The *values* partners have in common and that guide all joint action.



Multi-stakeholders efforts



Sustainability of service and actions



Leaving no-one behind



Transparency and accountability



Evidence-based decision-making



Human Rights to water and sanitation



International collaboration and aid effectiveness

THE COLLABORATIVE BEHAVIOURS

How partners work together to put in place the Building Blocks.



Enhance government leadership of sector planning processes



Strengthen and use country systems



Use one information and mutual accountability platform



Build sustainable water and sanitation sector financing strategies

THE BUILDING BLOCKS

What partners are jointly putting in place to achieve an effective sector.



Sector Policy / Strategy



Institutional arrangements



Sector Financing



Planning, monitoring, and review



Capacity development

THE ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM

Joint initiative that grounds the Framework in specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and timely actions.

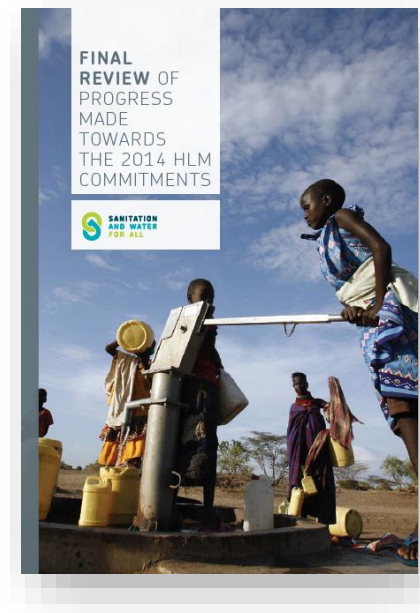
It re-enforces multi-stakeholder decision-making and mutual accountability among partners at national, regional and global level.

How is the updated Mutual Accountability Mechanism different from previous Commitments process?



Previous Commitments Process (2010-2016)

- Designed for the High-level Meetings
- Commitments created for SWA process
- Only country partners and donors made commitments
- Not always embedded in broader national processes



What is the updated Mutual Accountability Mechanism?



Updated Mutual Accountability Mechanism (2018 -)

- All SWA partners make commitments
- National planning and review cycles are the basis for creating commitments
- Multi-stakeholder process essential
- Commitments drawn from national targets and milestones

How does the Mutual Accountability Mechanism link to national planning and review processes?



National **multi-stakeholder** process

- 3-5 year plans with targets and milestones
- Governments choose 2-3 country-level Commitments
- Timeline for achieving Commitments
- Each constituency or partner contributes commitments relevant to the government commitment
- Multi-national partners join in making a national commitment
- Multi-national partners can also make a global commitment

Mutual Accountability Mechanism – linking to national processes



National processes

Assessment & Analysis

Planning & target setting

Defining roles & responsibilities

Implementation

Monitoring & evaluation

Assessment & analysis

Tools e.g. WASH BAT; GLAAS; Collaborative Behavior's Profile

National dialogues e.g. Joint Sector Reviews; Coordination meetings

Partner actions

Use of information platforms (e.g. MIS) & linking evidence to decision making. Update progress

Defining country commitments

Defining constituency commitments & complement country commitments

Monitoring of commitments

Reporting on commitments

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Example of a National Government Commitment: Rural sanitation strategy



Development of a rural sanitation strategy targeting poorest districts by XX

Donor commitment

- Align funding and priorities to the strategy and target financing to poorest districts

CSO commitment:

- Identify approaches that will improve sanitation in poorest and hardest to reach areas

Research and Learning Institutions' commitment:

- Research into other countries' sanitation strategies and make relevant proposals

Private sector commitment:

- Engagement with government in outlining the role and responsibility of private sector actors

>> **Choose commitments** > Present commitments > Implementation > Review commitments > Report back > Discussion & learning >>

How will commitments be reviewed?



Review of Commitments

- Partners review Commitments as part of their national multi-stakeholder process
- All stakeholders comment on progress
- National and regional monitoring processes, JMP, GLAAS Collaborative Behaviours Country Profiles

How will the Mutual Accountability Mechanism be reported?



- On-line portal where country commitments and progress towards them is updated as and when national reviews happen
- All partners will have opportunity to comment on achievement of commitments
- Global Mutual Accountability Report every three years

What happens at the global level?



SWA Global High-level Meetings

- Presentation of Commitments
- External Support Agencies make global Commitments
- All partners report back on previously made Commitments



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SWA Mutual Accountability Mechanism and the High-level Political Forum



- Commitments process supports countries to prepare for the HLPF



**HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Next steps: Global



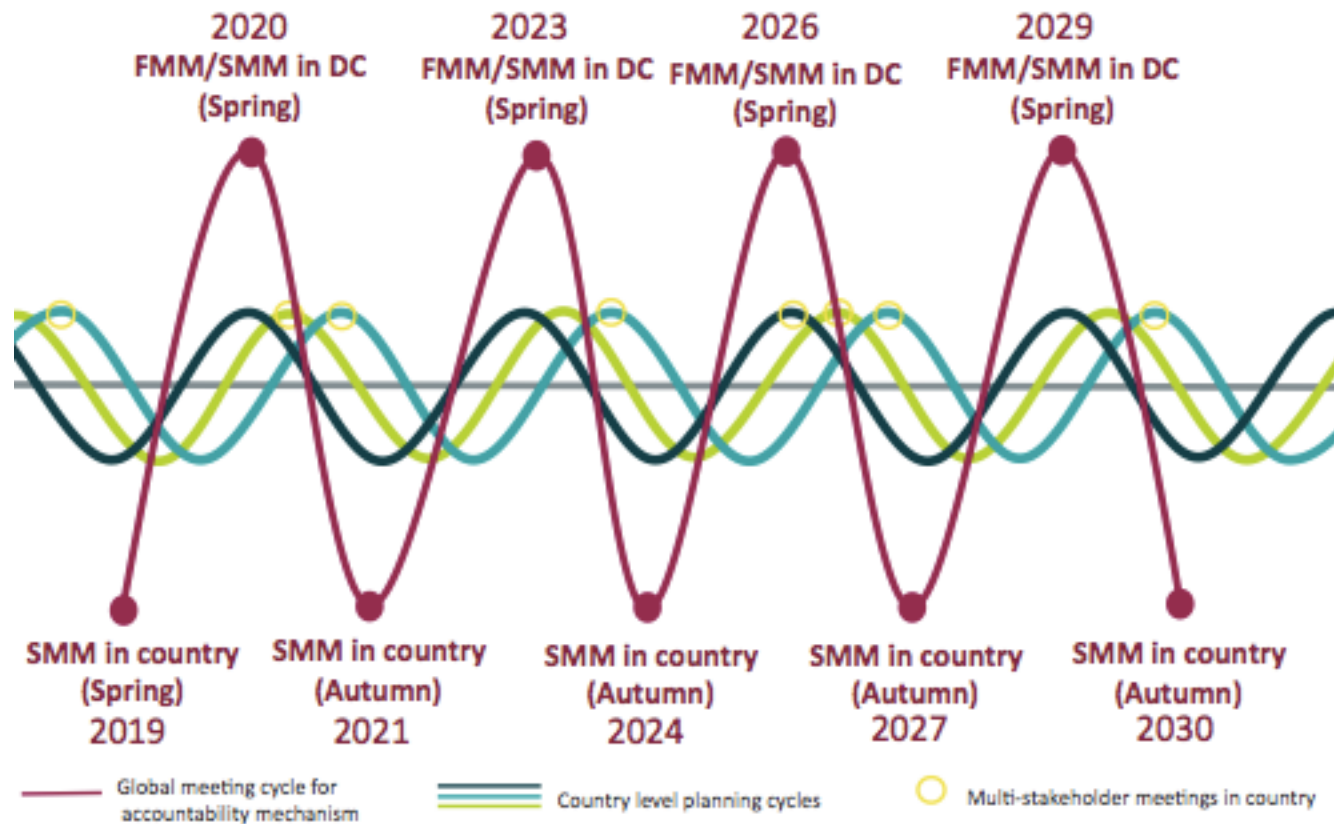
- Comms materials: 1-pager, 8 page brochure, video, FAQ - August
- Individual country calls: Countries to indicate – August - September*
- Commitments gathered as they emerge – September onwards
- Dedicated support to countries – partners +Secretariat
- Calls with constituencies – August -September
- Collation of lessons around process and results –when country process starts

What are the next steps at country level?



- Meeting of all country focal points
- Outline of processes/roadmap for national planning and review processes
- Development of Commitments through multi-stakeholder processes for Government and other constituencies
- Presentation of Commitments

Proposed cycle of meetings: 2018 - 2030



Discussion questions



Do you foresee any challenges on the accountability mechanism at country level? If so what are they and how can we overcome them?

What national processes do you have in the coming 6-12 months which you can use to implement the Mutual Accountability Mechanism?

What will you need to mobilize partners and explain to them their roles in the implementation of the MAM –especially those which have never made commitments before?

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