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### Attending

1. Ms Catarina de Albuquerque, SWA Vice-Chair
2. Mr Solphi Joli Hamelo, Madagascar
3. Mr Peter Akat, South Sudan
4. Mr Christian Eggs, SDC
5. Mr Leonard Tedd, DFID
6. Ms Virginia Kamowa, WSSCC
7. Mr Dick van Ginhoven, DGIS
8. Mr Jochen Rudolf, AfDB
9. Mr Dominick de Waal, WSP/WB
10. Mr George Chaima, ANEW
11. Mr Thilo Panzerbieter, EWP
12. Mr Dibalok Singha, FANSA
13. Mr Jamie Bartram, UNC
14. Mr Roberto Acosta, Paraguay
15. Ms Cindy Kushner, UNICEF
16. Mr Henry Northover, WaterAid

### Guests

22. Mr Ganesh Ramakrishnan, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
23. Ms Nathalie Rizzotti, SDC
24. Ms Valérie Sturm, SDC
25. Mr François Guérquin, UNSGAB
26. Ms Fiona Gore, WHO
27. Ms Clare Battle, WaterAid

### Secretariat

28. Ms Amanda Marlin, Coordinator
29. Ms Clarissa Brocklehurst, Senior Advisor
30. Ms Alexandra Reis, Communications
31. Ms Naomi Parekh, Events and Protocol

### Joined by phone (partially)

32. Ms Heather Skilling, USAID
33. Mr M. Irfan Tariq, Pakistan
34. Mr Nelson Gomonda, AMCOW
35. Ms Laura Westcott, DFID

### Regrets

Mrs Sumitra Amatya, Nepal
Ms Ebele Okeke, Lead Spokeswoman
Mr Patrick Apoya, WSA
Mr Sana Jawara, The Gambia
Ms Tina Köenig, Germany
DAY 1, 16 June 2015

Session 1: Overview and introductions

Introductions

_Catarina de Albuquerque, Vice Chair_

Catarina welcomed the Steering Committee (SC) to the John Knox Centre in Geneva and thanked them for their support and time during the preparation phase. She reminded them that this was her first meeting in her new role as Vice Chair and expressed her satisfaction with the support that she has received during the past seven months.

A round of introductions followed.

Agreement on agenda and proposed method of working

_Catarina de Albuquerque_

Catarina gave an overview of the agenda and informed the group that SC member Irfan Tariq (Pakistan), who could not attend in person, requested the addition of a discussion on SWA’s interaction with other sectors. As he was unable to attend, he requested that Amanda Marlin present his proposals on his behalf. Catarina suggested including the presentation in Session 8 and there were no objections.

Catarina also explained how, based on feedback received, she introduced new elements to the SC meeting, on an experimental basis. In particular, she mentioned the one-on-one consultations with all SC members ahead of the meeting, the Executive Sessions (after a plenary debate with observers and guests, SC members go to a separate room to make decisions) and the draft decisions circulated before the meeting to facilitate the debate and the partners’ consultation with their constituencies. She advised that all decisions taken at Executive Sessions would be immediately shared in plenary.

Steering Committee to approve the minutes of the previous meeting

_Catarina de Albuquerque_

The SC unanimously approved the minutes from their previous meeting (December 2014, The Hague).

Report on progress against action items from previous meeting

_Amanda Marlin, SWA Coordinator and Catarina de Albuquerque_

Amanda listed each action from the previous SC meeting. She gave particular attention to the costed workplan 2015-2018 produced by Paul Shanahan, former Acting Coordinator and explained that other actions would be discussed in more detail throughout the meeting.

There was a proposal that these updates on progress against action items should be distributed as part of the papers circulated ahead of the meeting so that no presentation would be needed. There was no objection.

Catarina reported that she has dedicated more time to SWA than initially expected and gave a short update on her activities. She underlined the intensified actions around the post-2015 agenda – including meetings with UN Permanent Missions and the Assistant Secretary General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs in UN DESA in New York – and the ongoing bilateral
conversations about SWA’s future with SC members and other partners. She mentioned her role in the partnership’s Task Teams and Working Groups (Country Processes, Global Monitoring Harmonization, Strategy and Governance) and Chair Search Committee. She also outlined her participation in key events (e.g. AfricaSan, World Water Forum) and regular contact with the Secretariat and Chair.

**Decision 1**: SC approves minutes from SC meeting on 4-5 December 2014 in The Hague.

**Action 1**: Secretariat to include short update on actions agreed at previous SC meeting in preparatory documents of upcoming meeting.

**Session 2: Consideration of SWA’s role in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**

**Introduction of topic and discussion**

*Catarina de Albuquerque*

Catarina stressed that SWA has the potential to play an important role in the SDGs, in particular in the follow-up and review of progress towards achieving the water, sanitation and hygiene targets. She mentioned that, although discussions are ongoing on the format and modalities for monitoring the Goals, the UN has already referred to “intergovernmental thematic platforms” (see “The Road to Dignity by 2030” Synthesis Report) that will support this process.

It is clear to her, and many partners she has spoken to, that SWA already fulfils some of the criteria needed to play this role (e.g. multistakeholder, voluntary monitoring process) and has the capacity to adapt to the remaining. Catarina asked the SC to publicly position SWA as the best option for the thematic platform for the follow-up and review of water, sanitation and hygiene-related targets. Catarina pointed out that, if accepted, this decision would impact all subsequent decisions made during the meeting.

During the discussion there was a general agreement that SWA can and ought to play this proposed role and should take necessary actions in order not to miss the opportunity. Changes were proposed to Draft Decision 2 to ensure the language was more action-oriented and in line with UN wording. There was also a debate on whether the Decision should specifically mention Goal 6 and its first two targets, or be broad enough to include all water, sanitation and hygiene-related targets in the SDGs. The latter was widely supported: SWA should be open to play a role in any SDG target with a water, sanitation and hygiene component, even if outside Goal 6. It was also agreed that specific references to monitoring mechanisms should be included to highlight the common work already being done.

Following the discussion, the SC asked the Secretariat to research potential partners and the implications (on financial and human resources) of SWA’s possible levels of engagements (e.g. lead vs. supportive). It was pointed out that UN-Water and UNSGAB had already initiated mapping exercises and that the Secretariat should take them into consideration.

**Decision 2**: The proposed post-2015 development agenda outlines ambitious, universally applicable Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that are in line with SWA’s founding vision to ensure universal access to sanitation and water. Accordingly, and to the extent that can be determined given that the SDGs agenda is not finalized, SWA seeks to play a pivotal role as a global
multi-stakeholder partnership contributing to, and helping shape, the means of implementation as well as follow-up and review of the water and sanitation related targets of the SDGs.

Such a role would build on the current focus on addressing the needs in the countries where water, sanitation and hygiene needs are greatest. It would also be a natural extension of the existing role and activities of SWA, and align with monitoring activities, including GLAAS, JMP and GEMI, and follow up of national commitments made at its biennial High Level Meetings. SWA will continue to engage with processes, actors and partnerships that will position SWA to play this pivotal role. The partnership will also map other initiatives and alliances, explore options for engagement, and consider the implications for the partnership.

**Action 2:** Secretariat to map other partnerships and platforms in the area of water, sanitation and hygiene and the implications (financial and human resources) of SWA’s possible types of engagements (e.g. lead vs. supportive; covering the whole Goal 6 vs only part of it) in the SDG’s follow-up and review process. The Secretariat should take into consideration the mapping work already done by UN-Water and UNSGAB.

**Session 3: SWA Strategy**

**Introduction of topic**

*Thilo Panzerbieter, EWP*

Thilo began by pointing out the need to reach a common understanding on what we are speaking about when we speak about Strategy. He stressed that, in a partnership like SWA, Strategy should be about complementarity, or how the partners effectively contribute to achieve something that is more than their individual skills and purposes.

**Summary of the work of the Strategy Task Team**

*Thilo Panzerbieter and Dominick de Waal, World Bank*

Thilo then presented the Strategy Task Team’s (STT) proposal for a five-year Strategy to guide the actions of SWA partners in pursuit of their shared vision of universal access to water, sanitation and hygiene. He reminded the SC that in The Hague SWA decided on a new Theory of Change that placed countries and their national processes at the centre, and was based on harmonization of support, an evidence-based approach and well-placed advocacy to create political will and change.

Based on this, the STT proposed a Strategy with five elements: a global Vision supported by Role and Purposes, Goals, Behaviours and Strategic Objectives. SWA partners would then individually determine how to adapt their contributions to these elements. The ensuing discussion was based on the proposals made by the STT for each of the elements, which were circulated ahead of the meeting.

The debate started with a discussion about how the elements interlink. It was generally agreed that the key to making the Strategy successful, and having buy-in from the general partnership, was to have a clear narrative on how the different elements connect and are relevant to the sector’s challenges.

On the “Vision” proposed by the STT (“Sanitation and Water for all, forever, always and everywhere”), Thilo explained that it speaks directly to the SDGs. Several members called for hygiene to be added. There was also a debate on what exactly “everywhere” means and if it was explicit enough (e.g. in times...
of emergencies, conflict) and concern that other organizations also use it in their own visions and straplines. There was a general consensus that “always” is redundant, considering the other words in the sentence.

On the Role and Purpose, there was a call to explicitly mention hygiene and a debate about the level at which SWA can have a role: international, national, regional, local. The group also agreed that there was a need to clearly mention the SDGs and that national processes should be given a bigger priority in the text, to align with SWA’s Theory of Change.

On the proposed Goals, there was a debate on whether some were more like activities or Behaviours. The group proposed they be renamed as “Objectives”, and jointly drafted language that is aligned with the language used in Vision and Role and Purpose. Several members asked that capacity building be included as it has continually come up as one of the sector’s main bottlenecks.

Dominick de Waal introduced the proposed Behaviours. Drawing upon research findings, lessons from other sectors and country experiences, the Country Processes Task Team (CPTT) has identified four Behaviours for both development partners and countries, which will ensure the WASH sector is more effective, equitable and sustainable. Together, these Behaviours create a framework for partners to achieve the SWA’s Goals. Dominick called on SWA to monitor these Behaviours, mentioning that the Global Monitoring Task Team (GMTT) is already working on this. The discussion centred on the way the Behaviours connect to and support the other elements in the Strategy. Many made the point that, as with the Vision, a solid narrative that connects all Behaviours and their link to the Strategy is needed. There were also suggestions to strengthen the Behaviour on finance by clearly stating the concrete requested action.

**Session 4: Executive Session**

**Decision 3:** The Steering Committee approves the **Vision** of SWA as follows: **Sanitation, water and hygiene for all, always and everywhere.** [A narrative explanation the different elements is necessary]

**Decision 4:** The Steering Committee approves the **Role and Purpose** of the SWA partnership as follows:

To lead, galvanize and facilitate international efforts, aligning with and promoting national and regional processes aimed at ensuring availability and sustainable management of sanitation, water and hygiene for all. These efforts will be in line with the SDGs and other relevant development policies and law.

The partnership will engage in political dialogue, coordinated action, advocacy, and follow-up and review on progress made towards the water and sanitation related targets of the SDGs.

**Decision 5:** The Steering Committee approves the **Objectives** to be identified in the Strategy as follows:

a. Increase political prioritization;

b. Strengthen government-led national processes;

c. Develop and use a strong evidence base to support good decision making;

d. Follow-up and review progress achieved in implementing water, sanitation and hygiene targets of the SDGs;

e. Strengthen regional, national and local human and institutional capacities.
In meeting the above objectives, we will progressively eliminate inequalities by focusing on challenges affecting the most marginalized and hardest to reach.

**Decision 6:** The Steering Committee approves the Behaviours to be identified in the Strategy as follows:

a. Enhance government leadership of sector planning processes;
b. Strengthen and use country systems;
c. Use one information and mutual accountability platform built around a multistakeholder, government-led cycle of planning, monitoring and learning;
d. Build sustainable water and sanitation sector financing strategies that incorporate financial data on all 3Ts (taxes, tariffs and transfers), as well as estimates for non-tariff household expenditure.

**Decision 7:** The Steering Committee endorses the principle that SWA’s Strategic Objectives are determined by the elaboration of the Objectives considered through the lens of the Behaviours and asks the Strategy Task Team to recommend the Strategic Objectives on this basis.

**Session 5: SWA Governance**

**Introduction of topic, summary of the work of the Governance Task Team**

*Peter Akat, South Sudan, Dibalok Singha, FANSA and Roberto Acosta, Paraguay*

Peter gave the SC an overview of the Governance Task Team’s (GTT) activities and proposals. These included a call for the revision of the Governing Document in light of the SC Geneva meeting and for operational and management issues to be addressed in separate documents called Operational Notes. He also stressed the need for the new Strategy to determine membership criteria and for partners to be provided with effective representation. These membership criteria, when applied, would determine the size and composition of the Steering Committee. Peter also presented the GTT’s new proposals for membership categories.

On membership, discussions ensued around different topics: the validity and utility of a regional division of the Countries constituency, whether it makes sense to add a reference to “Territories”, and if the wording should be “States” instead of “Countries”. Another discussion centred on the issue of how countries that until now had been categorized as “donors” should be considered, and how to deal with middle-income countries. Under the SDGs, all countries will have responsibilities to address WASH issues, ensuring universal access. No resolution was reached on these issues, although one recommendation was that countries should be categorized according to their own preference. It was further noted that it should not be possible for a country to be represented twice on the Steering Committee, i.e. once as a “donor” and once as an “implementing” county.

In the absence of a general consensus, Catarina suggested that the Executive Session vote only on approving the category “Countries”, without any regional sub-categories. These could be added at a later stage, if needed.

There was also a general agreement that “Host Organization” should not be a separate constituency but that “Civil Society Organizations” (CSOs) should.

There were some concerns that SWA’s added-value as a multistakeholder partnership was not clearly reflected in the GTT’s proposed membership, which has fewer groups.
Dibalok then presented different options for the SC’s future structure, and how it could better and more fairly reflect and represent the constituencies. Discussion revolved around different topics, for instance, the need to create a separate seat for community-based organizations (CBOs), how the differences in types of CSOs can be represented (e.g. advocacy, international, local, networks), the need to include the private sector, and the impact of a SC change on the Secretariat’s human and financial resources.

Roberto presented the SC with the GTT’s recommendations regarding the Chair and Vice-Chair. He underlined the GTT agreement that appointing a part-time paid Vice-Chair has been very beneficial for SWA and that the Vice-Chair should be appointed for three-year terms. Concerns were expressed that the current title - “Vice-Chair” - inadequately represents the role and importance of the position. These recommendations were generally agreed on, with some discussion ensuing on the best alternative to “Vice-Chair”.

Session 6: Executive Session

Decision 8: The Steering Committee defines the SWA Partnership in categories of membership as follows:

- Countries (supporting their own domestic implementation of the Strategic Objectives of SWA)
- External Support Agencies (including bilateral donors, multilateral organizations, foundations and development banks)
- CSOs (including NGOs active at the national level, but also international advocacy non-profit organizations)
- Private Sector
- Research and Learning (R&L) institutions
- CBO

Decision 9: The SC requests the Governance Task Team to work on and propose definitions for each one of the membership categories, taking into account the discussions held and undertaking the necessary consultations.

Decision 10: The SWA Steering Committee will be composed of 17-28 members, being:

- 1 Vice Chair (non-voting)
- 7-14 Countries (suitably geographically distributed)
- 4 External Support Agencies (including bilateral donors, multilateral organizations, foundations and development banks)
- 3-4 CSOs* (including NGOs active at the national level, but also international advocacy non-profit organizations)
- A maximum of 1 representative of the Private Sector*
- A maximum of 1 representative of R&L institutions*
- A maximum of 1 CBO representative
- UNICEF including as host of SWA’s Secretariat Organization
- The World Bank including as Host of the High Level Meeting(s)

- No partner should be represented twice on the SC.
- As the partnership becomes increasingly led by countries, it will seek progressively to have 50% of SC members represent governments.

*representing the respective constituency
Decision 11: The Steering Committee decides to invite:

- A representative of UN-Water
- A representative of WHO
- 1 representative from each of the Chairs of the regional SAN conferences to become standing observers to the Steering Committee.

Decision 12: The Steering Committee decides to take all necessary steps in order to ensure that elections for the Steering Committee are held in 2015, in time for its members to participate in the November Partnership Meeting.

The Secretariat will inform the partnership of the respective timeline.

Decision 13: The Steering Committee decides the following:

- That the Vice-Chair as defined in the governing document be re-designated Executive Chair;
- That the tenure of the Executive Chair be set at three years;
- That the SWA Governing Document be amended to insert the following words after the first paragraph of Section 4g:
  
  “In the absence of the Executive Chair, duly convened meetings of the Steering Committee will be chaired by a member of the Steering Committee selected by consensus from among those members present.”

Decision 14: The Steering Committee decides: that the Executive Chair, on the advice of the Coordinator, be authorized to produce from time to time an Operational Note defining operational procedures for the conduct of the affairs of the SWA Partnership, and will share such operational notes with the Steering Committee for information.

Action 3: The Secretariat will inform the partnership of the elections timeline.

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DAY 2

Session 7: Introduction to Day 2
Catarina de Albuquerque, Vice Chair

Catarina welcomed the SC back, congratulated them on the progress made during the previous day and summarized the day’s agenda. She highlighted the lunch-time speaker, Mr. Thomas Gass, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs in UN DESA.

Session 8: Putting countries at the heart of SWA
Dominick de Waal, World Bank, Leonard Tedd, DFID and Amanda Marlin, SWA Secretariat Coordinator

Dominick gave the group an update on the CPTT’s recent work, in particular the rationale behind the Behaviours presented in the Strategy session the day before. He made a presentation on why strengthening national systems is so crucial to reach universal access to water, sanitation and hygiene and why it is becoming harder to accomplish (e.g. sustainability still a problem, population growth in Africa, financial implications). Dominick also gave two examples of good practices – Ethiopia and Vietnam – and challenged the SC to discuss and enhance SWA’s role in strengthening national systems.
There was a general agreement with the statements in Dominick’s presentation, with a call for capacity building and regulation not to be forgotten. It was also pointed out that greater recognition of the role of regional and local governments is needed, as opposed to a single focus on central governments.

Leonard Tedd then gave an update from the Global Monitoring Task Team (GMTT). He underlined how the growing number of sector analysis and monitoring initiatives is a burden on countries. He also noted that it was a challenge for the group when the organizations leading those initiatives are not part of or engaged in SWA. Leonard also proposed a change of name to Global Monitoring Harmonization Task Team (GMHTT), which seemed to better clarify the fact that Task Team is not generating new monitoring processes, but rather seeking to harmonize the use of existing sector analysis tools.

The discussion around Leonard’s presentation included a call for the role of innovation not to be forgotten, at the cost of finding the “lowest common monitoring denominator”. There was also recognition of the Joint Monitoring Programme’s positive experience in harmonization and working as a partnership (WHO, UNICEF) on outcome monitoring, and that this model should be replicated.

General comments for both Task Teams included a request for them to start communicating their recent work to the broader partnership.

As Irfan Tariq was unable to attend the meeting, Amanda Marlin gave a presentation on his behalf on the importance of SWA’s connection to regional initiatives (e.g. AfricaSan, PACOSAN, SACOSAN) and other sectors (e.g. health, education, climate change) to create synergies and avoid duplication of work. Amanda also requested that Dibalok say a few words on the main conclusions of the recent SWA meeting held during PACOSAN. Several SC members suggested adding references to nutrition, human rights and LatinoSan to the proposed decision. There was also a proposal to invite leaders of the SANS to become standing observers to the SC. Several members expressed concern around the amount of financial and human resources such activities imply and asked the Secretariat to explore collaborations with partners that would lower the burden on SWA (e.g. for climate change, consider partnering with UN-Water’s event at COP21, rather than setting up a separate event). It was also felt that, in addition to finding ways for SWA to join in external activities, there should be efforts made to see how these sectors could become part of SWA’s own processes.

Session 9: SWA Cycle of processes and activities

*Clarissa Brocklehurst, SWA Secretariat Senior Advisor*

Clarissa gave a presentation on how the SWA’s main activities, in particular the HLM, Sector Ministers’ Meetings (SMM) and Partnership Meetings, can work towards accomplishing its Vision. Clarissa stressed that the need to adapt is pressing and that 2015 is a good moment to implement any changes, since it symbolizes a new cycle for the global community. Based on the discussions and conclusions from the SC, the Secretariat will develop a recommended timeline and plan for activities.

Debate on this topic was extensive, with some participants questioning whether the HLM and Ministerial Meetings should be global, or whether there was a place for sub-meetings bringing partners together according to region, or grouping countries according to factors such as their challenges, or the extent to which they are aid dependent. The question was also raised as to whether the SMM should become an annual event, considering SWA’s proposed role in the SDGs.

One of the biggest discussions was around timing: What is the best time to have the events if they are too contribute to national and SDGs roadmaps? It was felt that early 2016, a few months after the agreement on the SDGs, would be a good time for a meeting of sector ministers that provided inputs and allowed them to discuss lessons learned in order to feed into their development of national roadmaps. These roadmaps would then be tabled by Ministers of Finance at an HLM in October 2016.
On behalf of the World Bank, Dominick stated the Bank's willingness to host an HLM in 2016, with the only proviso being that it should not be centred on financial pledging. Ideally, the meeting would be a technical session to which the Bank and other speakers would bring knowledge on how to achieve the SDGs and spark a debate about the policy actions needed.

There was a proposal made that the current Partnership Meeting should become an SWA General Assembly to ensure that the broader partnership is more empowered and heard. The SC debated the significant implications of such a change, with several members suggesting the desired accountability could rather be achieved by implementing processes to improve the SC members' communication and accountability to their respective constituencies.

**Session 10: Executive Session** (see Session 12 for decisions adopted)

**Session 11: Report from the Secretariat; budget and workplan**

*Amanda Marlin*

Amanda gave the SC a brief update on the Secretariat's recent activities, referring to her regular email updates for more detail. She mentioned SWA’s involvement in AfricaSan and the intense and ongoing post-2015 engagement. She then presented the status of the income and spending as at end-May 2015.

She reminded the group about the 2015-2018 costed workplan and budget produced by the Acting Coordinator at the request of the SC. Amanda proposed that 1) the SC maintains the original budget for 2015, 2) the SC approves the proposed $3,871,122 budget for 2016 and 3) the workplans and budgets for subsequent years be revised in light of SC decisions arising from this meeting.

Some participants asked that the revised version provide more details, such as the individual costs of major activities, the unit cost of consultant time and the implications of a split Secretariat. There was also a request for more detail on the activities related to CSO focal point support.

**Action 4:** Secretariat to review budget proposals based on the recent SC decisions and requests for more detail.

**Session 12: Executive Session**

**Decision 15:** The Steering Committee will meet in Executive Sessions in order to take decisions. The Executive Sessions are restricted to the Executive Chair, Steering Committee members (or alternates), the Coordinator and a maximum of two note takers.

**Decision 16:** The Steering Committee mandates the Governance Task Team to:

a. Examine engagement of the wider partnership in the work of the task teams with a view to allowing non-Steering Committee members to be represented on the Task Teams;

b. Make recommendations to the Steering Committee on the representative responsibilities of the Steering Committee members, including preparing a draft Terms of Reference for Steering Committee members.

**Decision 17:** The Steering Committee decides that the Governance Task Team be requested to revise and update the current Governing Document to give effect to these decisions.

**Decision 18:** The Steering Committee appreciates the work done by the Global Monitoring Task Team and agrees to the proposal to change the name to “Global Monitoring Harmonization Task Team”.

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**SANITATION AND WATER FOR ALL**
**Decision 19:** The Steering Committee asks the Strategy Task Team (STT) to identify the goals and Objectives agreed that require changes or support in adjacent thematic networks, such as education, climate change, nutrition, agriculture and human rights.

The STT shall identify the concrete and practical actions or changes that SWA is asking of those thematic networks.

The Steering Committee seeks to ensure that issues of water, sanitation and hygiene are incorporated into relevant meetings and discussions of other thematic areas such as education, health, climate change, nutrition and human rights.

To this end, the Steering Committee instructs the Secretariat to explore possibilities for the partnership to, as appropriate, participate in or organize side-meetings or other involvement in meetings such as the COP 21 Climate Change Talks in Paris, France, in December 2015, World Urban Forum 2016 and the UN Environment Assembly.

**Decision 20:** The Steering Committee instructs the Secretariat to work with partners, the Executive Chair and relevant working groups (such as the Partnership Meeting Working Group) to develop a cycle of activities and meetings (including the High level Meeting, Sector Ministers’ Meeting and the Partnership Meeting) that will allow the partnership to achieve its Strategic Objectives.

Consideration shall be given to ensure these meetings embed the behaviours across SWA’s cycle of processes and activities.

**Decision 21:** The Steering Committee requests UNICEF, with the support of SWA’s Secretariat, to convene, on behalf of the partnership, the 2016 Sector Ministers’ Meeting, with the support of the SWA Secretariat and the High Level Commitments Dialogue Task Team, in consultation with the partners, countries in particular.

**Decision 22:** The Steering Committee requests UNICEF to convene and the World Bank to host the 2016 High Level Meeting, with the support of the SWA Secretariat and the High Level Commitments Dialogue Task Team, in consultation with the partners, countries in particular.

**Decision 23:** The SWA Steering Committee approves the 2015-2016 workplan and budget and notes the projections presented in the 2017-2018 workplan and budget.

**Session 13: Next Steps and Closing**

Catarina initiated a discussion around the new SC processes and asked the SC to give more detail via the evaluation questionnaire that was distributed to participants.

There was general positive feedback and appreciation for the energy and engagement by the all participants. The Executive Sessions were a welcome addition, and it was agreed that it worked well to have these interspersed throughout the two days of meetings, rather than have all decision-making concentrated in a final session.

The SC also agreed that the intensive period of preparation was useful, and had contributed to effective and efficient decision-making. Distribution of proposed decisions ahead of the meeting facilitated consultation with the constituencies. It was noted that there would be many new SC members at the next meeting, and that some sort of induction, and even a retreat, before the next SC meeting would be useful.