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Aim of the series

The SWA is launching the 2018 webinar series to provide partners with a platform for dialogue and experience-sharing on planning, implementing and reviewing progress towards the water and sanitation targets of the SDGs. The webinar series learns from, and builds upon, previous ones.

These webinars have been reported by participants to be an effective means for countries to learn from one another and from other partner constituencies. They are also an occasion to gather in-country stakeholders, thereby reinforcing collaborations among them.

The unique relevance of the SWA webinars

The SWA webinars occupy a unique place in the landscape of peer-networking and learning in the WASH sector, thanks to four features:

- They constitute an opportunity for high-level policy-makers and technical actors from governments to exchange with their peers in other parts of the world.
- They are a platform for deepening discussions and learning on how partners are implementing the SWA framework of the Building Blocks, Collaborative Behaviours and Guiding Principles.
- They are multi-stakeholder, with participation from all constituencies – governments, external support agencies, civil society, research and learning and private sector.
- All efforts are made to ensure follow-up on priority actions with partners, thus helping to sustain the momentum that the webinars generate.

Structure of the 2018 webinar series

The main series will consist of four webinars between March and September 2018. Special attention will be given to SDG financing, including leveraging new sources of funding and making efficient use of existing resources through better targeting and absorption. The series will also turn its attention to the updated Accountability Mechanism and the SWA Collaborative Behaviours Country Profiles – which can be used to strengthen the sector and report on progress.

The topics have been carefully selected with input during and after the 2017 series.

28 March/11-12 April || Using the SWA Collaborative Behaviours Country Profiles to strengthen follow-up and review of the SDG6 targets

In March 2018, partner countries will receive the updated SWA Collaborative Behaviours Country Profiles. The profiles will show progress made by governments and their development partners on the Collaborative Behaviours to 1) enhance government leadership of sector planning; 2) strengthen and use country systems; 3) use one information and mutual accountability platform; and 4) build sustainable water and sanitation sector financing strategies. In this webinar, partners will discuss how they can use these profiles to better understand the bottlenecks and share lessons on how all actors can improve their practices with a goal to reach the WASH targets of the SDGs while leaving no one behind.

30 & 31 May || SDG Financing: Making hard policy choices to effectively use existing resources

The feasibility of achieving the WASH SDG targets, while leaving no one behind, depends on the ability to utilize existing resources more effectively as well as to mobilize and redirect significant additional resources if services are to reach poorer and harder to reach populations, and hence eliminate inequalities. This webinar will invite a Sector Minister to discuss the challenges for maximising the benefits of existing resources. The Minister will highlight areas requiring multi-stakeholder support including from private sector, development banks, civil society, external support agencies and research and learning agencies, to achieve country priorities.

25-26 July || Operationalising the SWA Mutual Accountability Mechanism

The updated SWA Mutual Accountability Mechanism will be presented in this webinar. This Mechanism builds on the previous system where country partners and donors used to table commitments and provide status updates every two years. This webinar will provide information on the revised mechanism and how all SWA Partners – not just governments and donors – can use it to strengthen their alignment to nationally agreed priorities.

26-27 September || Launch of the SWA Tools Portal

This webinar will be used to share the 'SWA Tools portal', which is a collection of existing tools used by partners to put in place the SWA Building Blocks and increase adherence to the Collaborative Behaviours. Participants will get to know the tools which are already on the portal and how they can submit the tools they use for others to be aware of. The webinar will be a training on how to access, navigate and use the portal.

Special issue webinars

We will organise two **special-issue webinars, in April and June.**

The webinar in April 2018, will focus on **SDG follow-up and review** and will specifically support the 16 SWA Partner countries which are doing **Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) for the 2018 High-level Political Forum**. This webinar will provide tailored support to SWA partners who are involved in the VNRs.

In June 2018, the webinar be aimed at supporting countries which are still doing the **costing for the SDGs**. Until now, about 40 countries have done costing for the SDGs. This webinar will provide tailored support to those which are still undertaking the costing exercise and those that are planning to do so soon.

Practical details

If your organization would like to share information during any of the webinars, please contact us at: info@sanitationandwaterforall.org

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