

<b>Session</b>		<b>Room (tbc )</b>	<b>Date (May 25)</b>	<b>Time 16:00-17:30</b>	<b>Theme 2/1 Financing &amp; Monitoring</b>
<b>Session Title</b>		<b>Financing sanitation: achieving 0.5% of GDP</b>			
<b>Conveners</b>		WSUP (Water & Sanitation for the Urban Poor), SWA (Sanitation and Water for All), IRC			
<b>Session objectives and description</b>		<p>Under the 2008 eThekweni Declaration, ministers responsible for sanitation and hygiene in 32 African countries committed to “<i>establish specific public sector budget allocations for sanitation and hygiene programs</i>” (Commitment 6a), with the aspiration that these allocations “<i>should be a minimum of 0.5% of GDP</i>” (Commitment 6b). Progress against Commitment 6 has to date been modest. Of 35 countries for which data is available, 10 have made no progress towards achieving a single defined budget line for sanitation. No country has yet achieved allocation of 0.5% of GDP to sanitation, although some countries have made significant progress. Meanwhile, the Sanitation and Water for All (SWA) initiative has commenced a parallel commitments process, in which countries are free to choose the wording of commitments themselves. This session will have three aims: <b>a)</b> to give participants an overview of progress towards Commitment 6a and 6b, and related SWA commitments; <b>b)</b> to identify useful learning from countries which have been striving to achieve increased national government budget allocation to sanitation; and <b>c)</b> to discuss how best to set a commitment or commitments for national budget allocation moving forward: should we stick with the 0.5% commitment, or do we need a different type of commitment? Should the eThekweni and SWA commitment processes merge? Arising from (c), this session will submit a proposal to the Ministerial Dialogue on the AfricaSan 4 statement, for wording of the 2015 commitment or commitments around financial allocation.</p>			
<b>Session agenda</b>		<b>Session Chair: Guy Norman (WSUP)</b>	<b>Moderators: Fiorella Polo (SWA), Guy Norman (WSUP)</b>	<b>Rapporteur: Sam Drabble (WSUP)</b>	
<b>#</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Presenters / Panellists (name, organization)</b>		<b>Process Notes</b>
1.	16:00	Overview of country progress to date towards Commitment 6 and towards related SWA High-Level-Meeting commitments	Amanda Marlin SWA & Tim Brewer WASHwatch		
2.	16:15	Countries’ experience of working towards increased national budget allocation: Ghana, Benin, Uganda, Namibia	Kweku Quansah, Ministry of Local Government (Ghana); Achille Kangni, Ministry of Health (Benin); Julian Kyomuhangi, Ministry of Health (Uganda); Namibia (Theopolina Nantanga)		
3.	16:30	Panel discussion: how can we take this forward	Panelists Glenn Pearce-Oroz (WSP Principal Team Leader Africa); Amanda Marlin; Tim Brewer; Kweku Quansah		

4.	16:50	Structured table discussions: how can we take this forward? What recommendations should this group should make around wording of the financing commitments coming out of AfricaSan 4?	Each table will have a moderator.	
5.	17:20	Round-up: what is the proposal to be submitted to the Ministerial Dialogue?	Guy Norman (WSUP) & Fiorella Polo (SWA)	