



5th Session

MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH

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Financing water and sanitation services

Concept note

A considerable increase in WASH financing is needed to achieve SDG6. The session on financing water and sanitation services, aims to provide a useful discussion in order to better the understanding of the financing gaps and the identification of solutions at a global level, by providing real examples from the sector experts.

Background

According to the UN-Water GLAAS report released in 2017, a substantial increase in water and sanitation investments is required to finance the Sustainable Development Goals, since the current level of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) financing is not sufficient to achieve SDG targets concerning universal access to safe and affordable drinking-water, adequate sanitation and hygiene. Therefore, new sources of finance, and better use of existing ones, are a critical element of the enabling environment we urgently need to create if we are to meet our promises.

(learn more at www.unwater.org/water-facts/financing/)

Objectives, scope and expected outcome

The overall objective of the session is to take stock of the situation of current level of WASH from a sustainable financial perspective and identify challenges and opportunities towards improving the situation.

Specific objectives of the sessions include:

- Share experiences of good practices on financing WASH services at a global level;
- Address the specific role of institutions, using real examples, in achieving financial sustainability of WASH services.

The expected outcomes of the session are an increased awareness and understanding of the WASH financing, policy and governance gaps, and identification of solutions and realistic approaches to fill those gaps.



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Programme

Moderator: Ana Barreto Albuquerque, Portugal

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| 13:15 – 13:20 | Opening of the session (<i>Ana Barreto Albuquerque, Portugal</i>) |
| 13.20 – 13.40 | Challenges and opportunities for sustainable water services in the Danube Region (<i>Raimund Mair, Danube Water Program, World Bank Group</i>) |
| 13.40– 14.00 | Costing and financing of small-scale water and sanitation services (<i>Stef Smits, IRC Netherlands</i>) |
| 14.00 – 14.10 | Engagement with the audience (questions and answers) |
| 14.10- 14.15 | Conclusions of the session (<i>Ana Barreto Albuquerque, Portugal</i>) |



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