

**AGUASAN**  
Community of Practice

**32<sup>nd</sup> AGUASAN Workshop – 26<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016, Spiez, Switzerland**

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the AGUASAN group, the workshop steering committee is pleased to inform you about this year's AGUASAN Workshop titled:

***Implementing the Water Goal – SDG in practice***

In what is arguably the most inclusive process in UN history, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was defined to succeed the Millennium Declaration and to set the development priorities between 2015 and 2030. Sustainable water and sanitation management is placed at the core of the 2030 Agenda and is represented by a dedicated Water Goal (SDG #6): **Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.**

Translating the Water Goal into concrete actions without losing the goal's narrative and the focus on human well-being will present water and sanitation practitioners as well as policy makers with a challenging but also auspicious task. Cost-effective technological solutions are readily available and implementable. The challenge, however, is to **ensure that sound solutions are sustained within an enabling environment.** There is currently a mismatch between the integrated and ambitious 2030 vision of water and sanitation for all and the structures and processes available to contribute to its implementation. This new agenda is an opportunity to ensure policy coherence, adequate finance, technology transfer, as well as the strengthening and setting up of partnerships – all central for reaching the Water Goal.

The focus of this year's AGUASAN Workshop will be on the assessment and development of practical tools for **shaping the Water and Sanitation 2030 Agenda** on the project and policy level. Participants will do so by looking at the means of implementation such as **finance, technology transfer, policy and institutional frameworks** and **multi-stakeholder partnerships** from the various angles that reflect their scopes of action.

The workshop will feature thematic inputs, topic-specific cases and the broad expertise gathered by the participants. Supported by a professional team of moderators and interactive formats the participants will share experiences and leave the event with practical tools as well as strengthened professional ties across the different communities. The **accompanying announcement** outlines the concept of the workshop in more depth.

If you are interested in attending the event, please **complete the enclosed pre-registration form** and return it to us as indicated, but not later than **March 24<sup>th</sup> 2016**. If you wish to forward this information to colleagues and partner organisations, please feel free to do so. Since we have to limit the number of participants to optimise the working environment, the applications will undergo a selection procedure. A well-balanced mix of participants regarding their expertise, intervention level and geographic background is aimed at, whilst ensuring that a communication in English without difficulty can be achieved. The workshop steering committee bears the responsibility for handling the selection procedure.

We are looking forward to your reply.

**The workshop steering committee:**

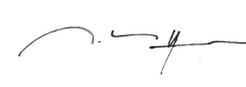
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