Draft Strategic note on action plans to achieve equitable access to water and sanitation

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Progress of the work on equitable access under the Protocol

Self-assessment tool: work in countries → Baseline measures of equity of access

Equitable Access action plan

Assessment tool

Good practices

Setting the framework: defined main disparities, policy options & possible concrete measures

? How to translate assessment’s outcomes into action to achieve equitable access
Developing a Strategic note on the development of equitable access action plans

Rationale
- Several international requirements to ensure equitable access (HRWS, Protocol, SDGs)
- Difficulty to address inequities in access identified through equitable access assessment

→ Development of Strategic note to guide development of action plans to address equity gaps

Process


Working Group on Water and Health (November 2015): draft Strategic Note submitted for comments

Equitable Access workshop (March 2016): exchange of experiences to inform development strategic note

MOP4 (November 2016): possible adoption
Draft strategic note on the development of action plans to ensure equitable access

What do we call an Equitable Access Action Plan?
A document which identifies and prioritizes:

- Measures to be adopted to address the identified gaps
- Opportunities for including priority measures in official plans, programmes and projects
- Stakeholders to be involved
What could be the content of an Equitable Access Action Plan?

- Identify a limited number of main priority areas

- Identify priority of measures (evaluation of existing policies, legal & institutional reforms, targeted investments, communication efforts…)

- Identify existing or planned strategies in which to integrate prioritized equitable access measures

- Identify governmental institutions responsible

- Include a resource mobilization strategy
What could be the process for the development of an Equitable Access Action Plan in a country / region?

- Involvement of key agencies / stakeholders which have contributed to equitable access assessment. Depending on priorities identified: Min. finance, Min. in charge of water and sanitation, environment, health, education, housing, social protection, regional development, service providers, CSOs, academics…

- Set up of small expert group + consultations

- Timeframe: limited time, to develop, consult and agree on draft Action plan

- Lifecycle: // policy process where measures will be adopted (national water strategy, regional development plans…)