MANUAL ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS TO WATER AND SANITATION IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN REGION

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1. Main Objective, Structure, Key Messages

2. Validation Process, Implications

3. Current Status, Next Actions
• Small MANAGEABLE document – 30 pages

• Adapted LANGUAGE to Key Audience: Less Legal, More Technical

• Key AUDIENCE: Government (at all levels), Regulatory Body, Control Entities, Service Providers, and Users

• To clarify their doubts to HRTWS and TAKE ACTION - SDG PROCESS!

  ❖ Distinguish main obstacles in each geographical area
  (formal urban, informal urban, concentrated rural, dispersed rural)
1. Introductory Part:
   - Human Rights Obligations to Water and Sanitation
   - Recognition of the work developed by the United Nations Special Rapporteurs on the HRTWS

2. Second Part:
   - Normative Criteria HRTWS: availability, quality, accessibility, affordability and acceptability
   - Human Rights Principles: non-discrimination and equality, access to information and transparency, participation, accountability and sustainability

3. Third Part:
   - Qualitative Analysis of the current situation in complying with the Normative Criteria HRTWS and Human Rights Principles in the Latin America and the Caribbean region

→ Second Manual on Good Practices on the implementation of the Normative Criteria HRTWS and the Human Rights Principles (in process)
KEY MESSAGES

- The existing available data is not aligned with the content of the Normative Criteria (NC) and the Human Rights Principles (HRP): importance of improving it in future monitoring and data collection processes!

- The Most Critical Criteria (NC & HRP) in the LAC region for all geographical areas are: quality, accountability and sustainability. Special concern to the principle of non-discrimination and equality. It recognizes that LAC is the most unequal region in terms of income distribution!

- Breaking the Human Rights Taboo: HRTWS is not only for lawyers, civil society organizations and like-minded actors, but also for engineers and other actors from different disciplines

- Invites all key actors in the sector to use the Normative Criteria of the HRTWS and the Human Rights Principles as a Practical Tool to ensure water and sanitation services adequately in the LAC region and under the framework of the SDGs
### STATUS OF THE NORMATIVE CRITERIA ON HRTWS AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLES IN LAC

#### Estado de cumplimiento de los criterios normativos del DHAS y principios transversales de los derechos humanos en LAC

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Legend:
- Progresa Adecuadamente
- Necesita Mejorar
- No Progresa
VALIDATION PROCESS

- **Creation of a Group of Friends and Partners** with experience in the LAC region and HRTWS; to coordinate actions and projects in the near future; and avoid duplication of work
  - SDC, AECID, IWA, ONGAWA, UN Special Rapporteurs on HRTWS

  ✓ IWA Manual on the implementation of HRTWS for practitioners worldwide (2016)
  ✓ Revision of the Second Manual on Good Practices by the Group of Friends and Partners this year

- **Contributions from BID Specialists in the field:** Internal Process (Questionnaire, Interview) - Identification of potential projects and empowered actors

  - Strengthened relationship with Partners in WASH (HRTWS)
  - Active collaboration with UN Special Rapporteur (annual reports, events, internal meetings)
CURRENT STATUS, NEXT ACTIONS

- **Second Manual** on Good Practices on the implementation of the Normative Content of the HRTWS and the Human Rights Principles in LAC - in process to include technical content for the different geographical areas

- Dissemination of the First Manual on HRTWS in events at regional level with key audience

💡 More PROACTIVE and ACCURATE DISSEMINATION will take place when the Second Manual is ready

- **LATINOSAN 2019, April – Costa Rica**: creation and details of the LAC Observatory on Water and Sanitation (SDG 6) – an opportunity to link the HRTWS process (2 Manuals) with the SDG Process (SDG 6) in the region
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