



Measuring progress in achieving equitable access to water and sanitation

Date: Monday, 14 November 2016
Venue: Emirates Room (Room XVII)

Time: 13.30-14.30
Interpretation: English, French, Russian

Background

Equitable access is key for the realization of the rights to water and sanitation but also for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 on water. The Protocol on Water and Health also states that “equitable access to water and sanitation, adequate in both quantity and quality, should be provided for all members of the population, especially those who suffer a disadvantage or social exclusion” (art. 5). The successful realization of this objective relies on adequate support from all relevant actors and the definition of robust indicators and appropriate tools for measurement of progress. This further includes prioritizing and targeting, as well as ensuring participation of specific groups, such as women.

Objectives

The event will discuss the importance of using disaggregated indicators to establish the right level of measurements to monitor the implementation of SDG 6 targets. It will also seek to identify the roles of specific actors, in particular women, in achieving equitable access to water and sanitation at all levels. More importantly, it will focus on ensuring that the process to ensure equity is actually understood and that progress is achieved. Presentations will provide background information on the topic while the panel discussions will identify main challenges and solutions based on the participants' experiences.

Programme

13:30-13:35 **Opening remarks**
Rose Alabaster, WaterLex

13:35-13:50 **Presentations – Frameworks for monitoring equitable access to water and sanitation**
Enabling framework for adequate monitoring of compliance with the human rights to water and sanitation
Lenka Kruckova, WaterLex

The need for gender-disaggregated indicators to track equitable access to water and sanitation
Emma Anakhasyan, Women for Water Partnership

13:50-14:25 Panel discussion – Sharing good practices and challenges faced to improve equitable access on the ground

Facilitator: *Diana Iskрева, Women for Water Partnership*

Panellists:

Yannick Pavageau, French Ministry of Social Affairs and Health

Natasha Dokovska, Journalists for Human Rights

Anna Tsvietkova, Ukrainian National environmental NGO "MAMA-86"

Robert Bos, International Water Association

François Münger, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (tbc)

Rick Johnston, WHO

Discussions between the audience and the panellists

14:25-14:30 Summary and closing remarks

Diana Iskрева, Women for Water Partnership