

# Briefing:

## Sanitation and Water for All: what role can civil society play?

Working with Governments and other partners to achieve our Rights to Water and Sanitation.

The Sanitation and Water for All partnership is a new opportunity to increase the pressure on Governments and donors to increase funding and change the way water and sanitation is currently funded, and to ask Governments to meet their commitments and ensure that everyone's Rights to Water and Sanitation are met.

### Making the most of Key opportunities:

- **the High Level Meeting of Finance and Development Ministers in Washington, April 20th 2012**

Use this opportunity to lobby your Finance Minister for more priority for WASH and to meet commitments made such as at SACOSAN, AFRICASAN and in the MDGS and the UN Least Development Country Conference.

- **the national preparatory meetings for the High Level Meeting**

Use this opportunity to lobby your Finance Minister to give more priority to water and sanitation and to meet commitments made at SACOSAN, AFRICASAN, the UN Least Developed Countries Conference and in the MDGS.

- **better information and evidence for advocacy**

Monitoring of budgets, spending and outcomes on water and sanitation services is being improved through the GLAAS report (a joint WHO and WSP programme). More information about national level water and sanitation services is now available through the GLAAS report which civil society can use for advocacy and monitoring, in parallel with this we can build civil society reports on the WASH watch.org website.

- **National Planning for Results Initiative for fragile and most off-track countries**

The most off-track countries' Governments and civil society can work with the donors and other development and research partners in the SWA partnership to receive support for new 'Compacts' (credible national plans) which can remove blockages to progress and make the WASH sector more 'investment ready'. In Liberia and Ghana civil society has played a vital role in these new initiatives which can speed up provision of WASH for the poorest.

- **Shaping the global partnership**

Civil society is represented at the highest levels of the Partnership with representatives from ANEW, FANSA and End Water Poverty being active in the Steering Committee and task teams. If you would like to contribute to shaping the future of the SWA, then do contact your relevant representative.



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