



## Policy Dialogue

# Value for Money in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

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Accra, Ghana

### Programme

## CABRI Policy Dialogue

### *Value for Money in WASH - policy challenges and opportunities for improved service delivery*

The CABRI Policy Dialogue aims to strengthen the linkages between Ministries of Finance and Ministries in charge of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH). Understanding their complementary roles in policy and financing improves the provision of quality services for better WASH outcomes. Building on previous dialogues in the health sector, CABRI is inviting African budget and WASH policy officials to discuss policy challenges in the WASH sector. The aim of the dialogue is to share ideas and obtain an in-depth understanding of the policy and institutional challenges in the WASH sector and to find cost effective ways to finance the sector. The dialogue also aims to improve the communication and mutual understanding between finance and the relevant WASH ministries.

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#### DAY 1

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08:00 – 08:30      Registration and coffee

08:30 – 09:00      Welcome Remarks: Nana Boateng, Programme Manager, Budget and Fiscal Policy, CABRI Secretariat  
Introductory Remarks, Government of Ghana Representative (tbc)

**09:00 – 10:45      Session 1: Panel Discussion on WASH policy challenges**

*Session objective:* To bring out the current WASH policy challenges facing many African countries, including shifting the focus to universal access, the economic case for investing in WASH, and institutional fragmentation / coordination. The Panel will comprise of officials from Finance and WASH ministries as well as international experts.

Moderator: Ian Ross (OPM)

10:45 – 11:15      Coffee break and Group Photo

11:15 – 13:00      Session 2: Current funding trends and options for filling the funding gap

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*Session objective:* To draw out key issues in WASH funding and financing at the regional and country levels, framed by an introductory presentation. Participants are then encouraged, in small groups with participants from the same country, to discuss the following focus questions:

- In your country, is there reliable data on how much is spent in the sector, and from which sources (e.g. households, gov't budget, donors, commercial banks etc.)?
- What are the reasons for underinvestment in WASH in your country?
- What are the best realistic options for tapping additional sources of funding in your country to meet the WASH SDGs?

Facilitators: Nana Boateng (CABRI) and Zach White (OPM)

13:00 – 14:00      Lunch

**14:00– 17:30      Session 3: Case study on WASH Policy Challenges in Burkina Faso**

**(30mins coffee break at 15:45)**

*Session objective:* To present and discuss the complexities in financing WASH. Focus will be on approaches to rural sanitation and water in contexts where there are still large deficits in access to basic services in these sub-sectors. Delegates will discuss the Burkina Faso case study and participate in an investment simulation game which draws from real data in Burkina Faso.

Facilitators: Nana Boateng (CABRI), Ian Ross (OPM), and Zach White (OPM),

17:15      Key messages from Day 1 and Closing

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DAY 2

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**09:00 – 12:00 Session 4: Case study on innovative financing options in Ghana**

**(30mins coffee break at 10:30)**

*Session objective:* To present and discuss examples of privately run small water enterprises (SWEs) or 'micro-utilities'. Focus will be on underserved parts of rural areas and small towns. Delegates will discuss the case study on Ghana and identify actions that they can take forward to improve small town water services.

Facilitator: Nana Boateng (CABRI)

12:00 – 13:00      Lunch

**13:00 – 16:00 Session 5: Case study on Decentralisation and WASH in Kenya**

*Session objective:* To present and discuss the case of a decentralisation process and its effect on service delivery in WASH. Focus will be on how reforms and the sector structure can affect capabilities to deliver WASH services. Delegates will discuss the case study on Kenya and identify actions that could help Kenya to make the linkages between decentralisation and service delivery most effective.

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Facilitator: Zach White (OPM)

- 16:00 – 16:30      *Coffee break*
- 16:30 – 17:30      *Recap, Closing remarks*
- 18:30                *Official Dinner off site.*

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DAY 3

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**09:30 – 10:15 Session 6: Institutional Structures to Manage WASH: A talk from Ghana's Ministry of Water and Sanitation (tbc)**

*Session objective:* Ghana's Ministry of Water and Sanitation was created in January 2017. This session offers an opportunity for Ghana to speak about the rationale for the creation of the ministry and how it will better serve the needs of the people. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and for countries to also share their experiences.

Facilitator: Zach White

**10:15 – 11:00 Session 7: The Ministry of Finance – An active or a passive player in WASH? A talk from South African Ministry of Finance**

*Session objective:* The Ministry of Finance plays a key role in the financing of sectors to achieve the country's development goals. It is also a key stakeholder in the shaping of policy and its execution. This will be an opportunity for a MoF official to share more about the role they play in the WASH sector.

Facilitator: Nana Boateng

- 11:-00 – 11:30      *Coffee break*

**11:30 – 12:15 Session 8: The Role of the Ministry of Health in WASH: A talk from DRC Ministry of Health (tbc)**

*Session objective:* In DRC, there are several ministries and organizations responsible for the WASH sector. At a high level, the National Water and Sanitation Committee (CNAEA) has primary responsibility for the sector coordination. When services are not adequately delivered, these have a dire impact on health. An official from the Ministry of Health will therefore speak about its role in WASH.

Facilitator: Ian Ross

- **Wrap Up and Workshop evaluation** -

- 12:30 – 13:30      *Lunch*

**14:00 – 16:30 Site Visits**

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*Delegates will split into two groups for a site visit to see how actions are being taken on the ground to improve water and/or sanitation in Ghana.*

*Facilitator: CABRI and Government of Ghana*

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