



# Call for Utilities & Regulators to join SWA

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Utilities and regulators are essential to the provision of water and sanitation services, especially during current global challenges like the global pandemic, but also to mitigation and adaptation to climate change.

It is known that mobilizing political will, promoting good governance, increasing finance, but also sharing of knowledge and expertise are essential to meet the SDGs and realize the human rights to water and sanitation. Your organization is probably already part of one or more regional or global networks, but SWA provides utilities and regulators a unique ability to share and learn with partners from different constituencies and interest groups from across the world, and crucially communicate with and influence key decision makers at ministerial level and beyond across the 5 continents. Even more, you will be part of a global partnership of hugely diverse organizations dedicated to tackling national, regional, and international water and sanitation challenges.

### Sanitation and Water for All (SWA)

SWA is the UN-hosted multistakeholder partnership of over 300 governments and their development partners, including civil society, the private sector, donors, UN agencies and research and learning institutions. We share the belief that government-led, collaborative, and multi-stakeholder decision-making processes lead to more sustainable, efficient and transparent solutions, than when development partners work alone.

SWA's mission is to eliminate inequalities in the realization of the human rights to water and sanitation – by raising political will, ensuring good governance, and helping to optimize financing. The partnership focuses on ensuring access to services for the hardest to reach and most marginalized individuals, communities, countries and regions, and puts women and girls at the centre of all its work, not just as passive recipients, but as dynamic agents of change. SWA's strength is in the collective power of all its partners, at national, regional and global levels.

Please consider joining this global partnership, work with public authorities, civil society, research and learning and private sector organizations from all over the world.

### Why should your organization join SWA?

The SWA partnership provides a global platform for you to share your state of the art knowledge globally, to learn from each other and, together, communicate best practices and influence key decision makers such as Heads of State, Heads of Government, Parliamentarians, at ministerial level, and beyond. This sharing of knowledge and advocacy capacity is unlike any other partnership in the water, sanitation, and hygiene sector.

Utilities are often connected to peers in their country and even across your region and continent, but SWA provides a platform for south-south global dialogue. Knowledge sharing is particularly important in the current circumstances, with utilities having to adapt to the impacts of Covid-19 on revenue, and also facing the increasing need to invest resources in adapting to climate change.

Regulators are in contact with the governments of the countries where they operate, to the utilities they supervise, and often with the regulators in other countries. SWA provides regulators and associations of regulators an opportunity to have a seat on the global WASH advocacy table – leveraging their capacity to include WASH policy making.

## About the Utilities & Regulators Constituency

In 2020, the SWA partnership expanded its constituency base by including a new group of partners - Utilities and Regulators. The Utilities & Regulators Constituency represents public water, sanitation, and hygiene service providers (Utilities) and public authorities responsible for applying and enforcing standards, criteria, rules and requirements, exercising autonomous authority over the Services, in a supervisory capacity (Regulators). The constituency also includes organizations such as associations and think tanks which mandate is in the utilities and regulators space.

## How can your organization get involved?

Review the list of existing SWA Utilities & Regulators constituency partners, the list of SWA partner governments, [the SWA Strategic Framework 2020-2030](#), and [the SWA Governance Document](#). If the work of your organization is aligned with the objectives and mission of SWA and you are not a partner yet, [fill in the application form to join the partnership](#).

As an SWA partner, you will be part of a global movement to raise the profile of water, sanitation and hygiene, working with us to and improve sustainable WASH service delivery. You will help us to realize these fundamental human rights, leaving no one behind, and bolster our efforts to increase and improve funding for this life-changing sector of development.

For any enquiries regarding further engagement with the SWA partnership, please [contact Joao Grilo](#), Constituency Engagement Specialist. His role is to support constituencies to engage with the SWA partnership at all levels – nationally, regionally and globally.