



Ghana Coalition of NGOs in the
Water and Sanitation Sector

The Voice for WASH

MOLE 33 CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE PROGRESS UPDATE

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Sector Information System (SIS)

The Call:

Conference commends MSWR on the strides made on Sector Information System (SIS). However, the MWSR should fast track baseline data collection in all 261 MMDAs to feed into the SIS and roll out by July 2023. In this regard, CONIWAS members in the districts are ready to support the baseline data collection between January and November 2023.

Sector Information System

Update:

- The MSWR trained all 16 REHOs & Planning Officers on the Structure of SIS - 1st June,2023
- MSWR is set to begin training EHOs, Planning Officers, Information Officers and local NGOs - November 2023
- In all 20 Training Sessions, and 2000 participants Selected
- MSWR will role out the data collection as soon as training is done.



WASH System Strengthening

The Call:

CONIWAS would consciously work to strengthen WASH Systems by deliberately demonstrating linkages between relevant system building blocks in all projects and ongoing sector reforms. CONIWAS will partner with some INGOs to provide capacity building/training on System Strengthening building to members by November,2023

WASH System Strengthening

Update:

- CONIWAS partnered with IRC Ghana and trained selected members on the basics of WASH system strengthening in February 2023.
- The training introduced members to the WASH Academy which has training modules for all the System Strengthening Building blocks.
- CONIWAS will continue training members on Fund Raising (one of the modules under the WASH academy)
- CONIWAS members are beginning to improve upon WASH delivery using system strengthening as a guide (e.g Building the capacity of relevant DA Officers)



WASH Financing (Cross Sectoral and System Strengthening Approaches)

The Call:

- CONIWAS would build on the unique opportunity for engaging Parliamentary Select Committee on Works and Housing to promote budgetary allocations to related sectors of WASH, Health, and Education through cross-sectoral and system strengthening approaches. CONIWAS will continuously play advocacy role with Ministry of Finance to ensure timely and adequate release of allocated funds.

WASH Financing (Cross Sectoral and System Strengthening Approaches)

Update:

- CONIWAS Prepared the WASH Budget Analysis
- CONIWAS engaged the parliamentary select committee for works and housing (in charge of WASH) with the (WASH) Budget Analysis
- ***The engagement and the reports prepared MPs to debate and made amendments to the WASH budget for 2023.***



Enforcement of Regulations on Institutional WASH

The Call:

Conference recognizes the urgent need to strengthen enforcement of regulations and accountability on Institutional WASH (health, education, and prisons) at all levels. We call on Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Interior to demonstrate active leadership and prioritize the provision of, and enforce standards WASH standards in all health care facilities, basic and secondary schools by November,2023



Enforcement of Regulations on Institutional WASH

Update:

The MSWR is continuously engaging the MOH and MOE on the enforcement of standards of quality WASH in institutions (Minimum Standards for WASH in HCFs and schools)

National Sanitation Authority and National Sanitation Fund

The Call:

Conference further calls on MSWR to expedite action towards establishing the National Sanitation Authority and the National Sanitation Fund. Other innovative financing like revolving funds that can offer low interest loans needs to expand to support poor households. CONIWAS will continue its advocacy (including lobbying) on the NSA and submit report to conference by November,2023.

National Sanitation Authority and National Sanitation Fund

Update:

- CONIWAS continues to engage stakeholders, including MSWR and the Parliamentary Select Committee, on this.
- A cabinet memo has been laid
- There is an embargo on the establishment of new institutions/offices.
- CONIWAS will continue to advocate for this.

Sanitation and Pollution Levy

The Call:

Conference calls on Ministry of Finance and MSWR to take immediate steps to develop a framework for managing the Sanitation and Pollution Levy (SPL). The Ministry of Finance should take immediate measures to render account of inflows and disbursements made on the SPL. CONIWAS would continue to engage Parliamentary Select Committee and Ministry of Finance on the SPL between January, 2023 and November 2023.

Sanitation and Pollution Levy

Update:

- CONIWAS engaged the select committee to seek for support for parliament to re-direct Sanitation and Pollution Levy (SPL) proceeds to capital expenditure for the MSWR.
- The ministry has also followed up with the finance ministry on this.
- *The Minister of Finance has Presented reports to the Parliament on the Management of the Energy Sector Levies and Accounts*
- CONIWAS will continue advocacy on the SPL

Private Sector Role in System Strengthening

The Call:

The role of the Private Sector in WASH System Strengthening agenda is indispensable. Conference calls on the CWSA and the MSWR to make specific provisions in the new CWSA reform bill currently before parliament. The new CWSA law should create an enabling environment to strengthen the private sector to lead initiatives for the delivery of WASH services to achieve Government's agenda of job creation and Local Economic Development.

Private Sector Role in System Strengthening

Update:

- CWSA re-organized some of the reform documents to include private sector active participation in rural and small-town water delivery.
- The role of private sector in the ongoing reforms has become topical at the MSWR
- MSWR has tabled the revised Water Policy to Cabinet for consideration
- **CONIWAS will continue to advocate for Policies, Regulatory Frameworks and Tariff Region that could incentivize private sector investment and participation.**

Thank You

