Name of Session: A Ministerial dialogue on CLTS/ATPC/SANTOLIC: Strategies to accelerate sustainable practices for the SDGs

Session number: DAY TWO

Convenor(s): CLTS Foundation

Approx number of participants: 100-120

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Copies of all slides collected? Yes

Please give a short summary of the session: its objective, highlights of speakers and conclusions (max 300 words)

Ministers from Zambia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique and senior officials from the Ministries in Mali, Liberia, Benin and Mauritania shared country experiences of processes of introduction and scaling up CLTS in their respective countries. The successful experiences showed clearly that:

1. Effective sanitation policy has to be driven by strong leadership and ownership from governments at the national, regional and local levels, with a focus on the entire nation (rather than only a few regions) and the establishment of a dedicated budget line for sanitation with government investment. (E.g. Kenya County minister- "90% of sanitation funds for Kitui comes from the county government budget").
2. CLTS has proved to be the most successful approach in achieving ODF since it focuses on behaviour change and true empowerment of the community; and had been implemented with a non-negotiable no-subsidy approach
3. The starting point for CLTS implementation should be its inclusion in the national policy. The policy should be backed with a clear sanitation strategy and national roadmap with targets and budgetary provisions to stop open defecation by the envisioned date.
4. There should be a national ODF protocol for universalisation and standardisation of the approach and its application; and an effective actors' coordination mechanism to absorb capacity of all actors and for synchronisation of resources, efforts and activities (among ministries and its departments, I/NGOs and other actors) for faster and effective scaling up of CLTS.

5. A strong monitoring, evaluation and learning system with clearly defined processes and outcomes must be established to feedback and maintain quality while operating at scale.

What were the 3 main messages/essential points made at the session? (these could come from the summing up, from consensus in the discussion, points made by key speakers or your judgement on what was most important)

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Any recommendations for Ministerial commitments from the session?

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Any good quotes by speakers that capture the essence of the discussion or the state of the topic?

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Any other comments on the session?

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Many thanks

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