

Summary of Thematic Sessions and Learning Exchange

AfricaSan by the Numbers

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27

22

10,806

93

41,402

The Themes

- Theme 1 – Creating and enabling environment
- Theme 2 – Finance and Monitoring
- Theme 3 – Cross cutting issues
- Theme 4 – Special Session
- Theme 5 – Demand and Supply

- The human right to sanitation
- Sustainability in sanitation services
- Gender equality and equity
- CSOs role in sector governance and performance
- Sanitation and livelihoods issues
- Governance, accountability and tackling corruption

- Capacity building and HR development
- Technical and Innovation Fair
- CLTS and sustainability
- Rural Sanitation implementation
- Moving hygiene improvement to scale
- Sanitation Experiences
- Public Private co-operation to realize sanitation value chain
- Just Poo it - How to create innovative awareness and behavior change a

Theme 1: Enabling Environment

- There is need to have strong government leadership for national and local government.
- Leadership – political and technical
- Champions and leaders are important, but what happens when there is a change in government? Importance of strengthened institutions.

ODF communities were less prone to the spread of Ebola (Zero Ebola cases reported in 284 ODF communities).

**Liberia: Mr George Woryonwon,
Ministry of Public Works**

Theme 2 – Financing & Monitoring Sanitation

- Transparent reporting of budgets and spending is critical
- The commitment to spending at least 0.5% of GDP on sanitation and hygiene should be maintained and monitored
- Subnational government financing of sanitation is closely tied to issues of decentralization of tax-raising and tax-disbursement
- Transfers and authorization of local tax revenue collection must be accompanied by support to local government institutions (capacity and skills to raise and disburse these funds).
- Subnational spending on sanitation: strong need for regulatory oversight to ensure cost-effectiveness and equity (i.e. prioritisation of the needs of the poor).
- An enabling environment is essential for effective sanitation monitoring - The necessary sector reforms should be undertaken where need be.
- Leadership is also essential to ensure effective sanitation monitoring. Political and traditional leaders should be involved in monitoring

It's not how much
money you raise,
it's how efficiently
it is spent

Theme 5 – Demand and Supply

Creating Demand

- Need to work at scale
- Demand should focus on the elimination of OD
- Emphasize coordination, policy, planning

Given you spend
160 days on the
toilet, design is
important

Leonard Mukosa, Government Of Zambia

Supply Chains

- Not one size (solution) fits all
- Ensure local government involvement
- Importance of microfinance
- Lots to learn!
- Link to Post OD sustainability

Theme 3 - Cross Cutting Issues

- Commit at the highest levels to dedicate resources and accept shared responsibility amongst all Ministries (Education, Health, Gender) to support women and girls access adequate menstrual hygiene management.
- Inward and external accountability. We must consider our role to be accountable before we can try to hold others to account
- The implementation of the Human Right to Water and Sanitation has a lot of value addition and underpins the achievement of Global Goals
- It important for Africa to articulate the definition of is meant by realizing the right to Sanitation and Water.

If we do not discuss the taboos such as menstrual hygiene management we perpetuate the ignorance

Hon. Minister Wassalke Boukari, Minister for Water and Sanitation, Niger

Theme 4 – Special Sessions

- The need for targeted knowledge exchange within AfricaSan member countries, and between AfricaSan and other regional SANS, especially SACOSAN
- A funded mechanism that facilitates Africa to Africa learning and capacity building is needed
- Prioritize hygiene at all levels of program planning and implementation
- Integrating the latest handwashing research into projects on the ground, and driving further research to address key challenges
- We cannot continue to overlook the potential co-benefits from reuse
- Businesses capitalizing on the full chain to reuse are taking off - but need a stronger policy and regulatory support
- Explore innovating sanitation technologies for the rural communities
- City-wide sanitation requires engagement of a wide selection of stakeholders in consultation and key ones for planning to drive progress

Waste is a powerful resource –from waste to wealth

Thank You

