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Meeting Minutes
SuSanA Advisory Board Meeting

November 4, 2026
13:00 – 15:00 CET
Online/remote

Minutes taken by: SuSanA Secretariat
Meeting called by: Global Steering Committee

Participants:

Name	Organization
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Tobias Ulbrich	Ingenieure ohne Grenzen
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Chibambila Simbeye	SLU
Abishek S Narayan	Eawag
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Dorothee Spuhler	OST
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John Sauer	PSI
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Juri Jung	GIZ
Bettina-Sophie Heinz	GIZ
Alexandra Dubois	GIZ
Maren Heuvels	GIZ

Skye Hasseriis	GIZ
Käthe Grüter	GIZ
Antonella Kania	GIZ

	Agenda Item	Presenter/ Moderator
1.	**Setting the scene** (background, expectations for the meeting & Outcome)	**Juri**
	• Round of introductions with the new interns at the SuSanA Secretariat • At the Stockholm World Water Week there was a request for an additional joint AB - Meeting to discuss SuSanA's role at the UN Water Conference and the Beyond-2030 process	
2.	**Input from Juliet Willetts (Supplied in advance)**	

	• New UN Special Rapporteur on human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation and long term SuSanA-member.
	• She lives in Australia (could not join) and provides some key focus areas:
	  ○ Embedding the rights in any Beyond-2030 agenda
	  ○ addressing effective governance, financing and regulation including strengthening human rights principles of accountability, transparency and participation, and finally,
	  ○ addressing climate change and water security given increasing inequalities and scarcity. Across these, sanitation will be a core focus, as will gender equality.
	• Juliet offered to have a separate meeting to discuss collaboration with SuSanA. People who were interested in joining the meeting (organized by Alex) -> Judith and Jessica	

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3.	**Updates on the SDG-Beyond-2030-Process**	**Maren**
	What we know beyond 2030: • Discussion and further development of SuSanA Drafts shared (Task Force, input welcome) • Many stakeholders and member states are preparing and have started to bring up ideas and position themselves, especially at the HLPF 2026. • In summer **2027** (UNGA 82), the UN might start a process to negotiate what the global sustainable development agenda will look like after 2030. (SDG summit, official start of discussions of 2030)	

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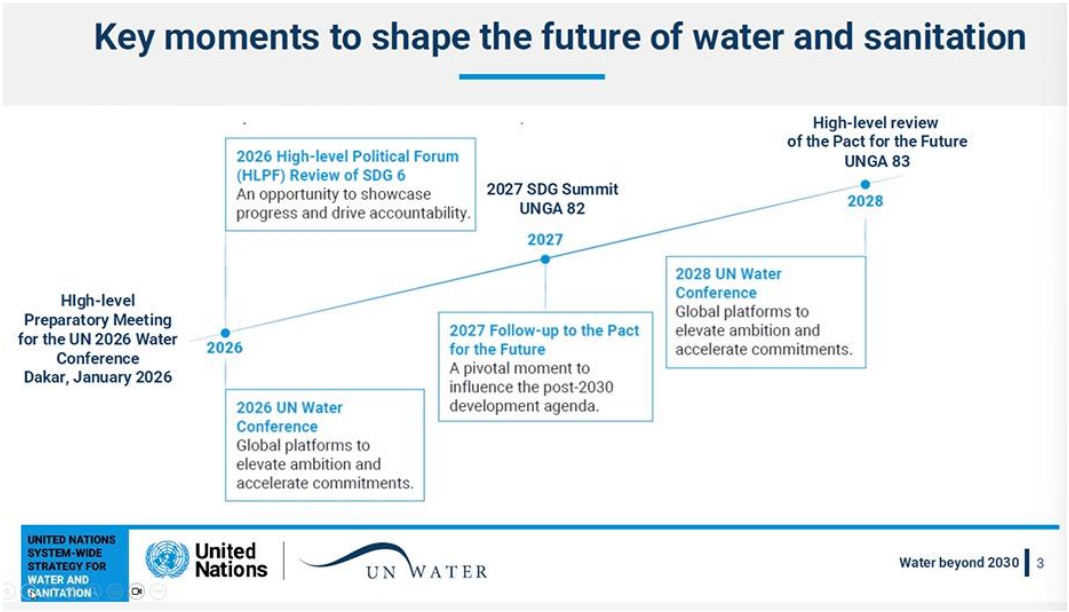
- In summer **2028** (UNGA 83), there will be a high-level review of the Pact for the Future, potential milestone for negotiations – Sanitation currently mostly invisible in the pact.
- Ongoing water processes and events can be important platforms to work towards water and sanitation in a future framework
- Luckily sanitation is well positioned within the SDGs. This anchoring should move to the beyond-2030 discussion.



(Graphic of sanitation event timeline)

"Gossip and Scenarios" for future of SDGs
Four possible scenarios:

1. SDGs remain with no further negotiations/changes
2. SDGs remain with minor technical changes (targets/indicators)
3. Several conflicting frameworks by political blocks, no universal agenda
4. A new agenda – maybe focusing again on basic needs (MGDs) or around human- and planetary wellbeing (more transformative)

- In the current geopolitical climate, it could be beneficial to NOT open up the 17 Goals but keep them as they are. The option then could be to discuss and negotiate on the **target** or **indicator level** (like **scenario 2** above)**.**
- In the current geopolitical climate, civil society might have very limited input into the process (less funds, more barriers). This means that advocacy would need to be done via the member states and their permanent missions in NYC.

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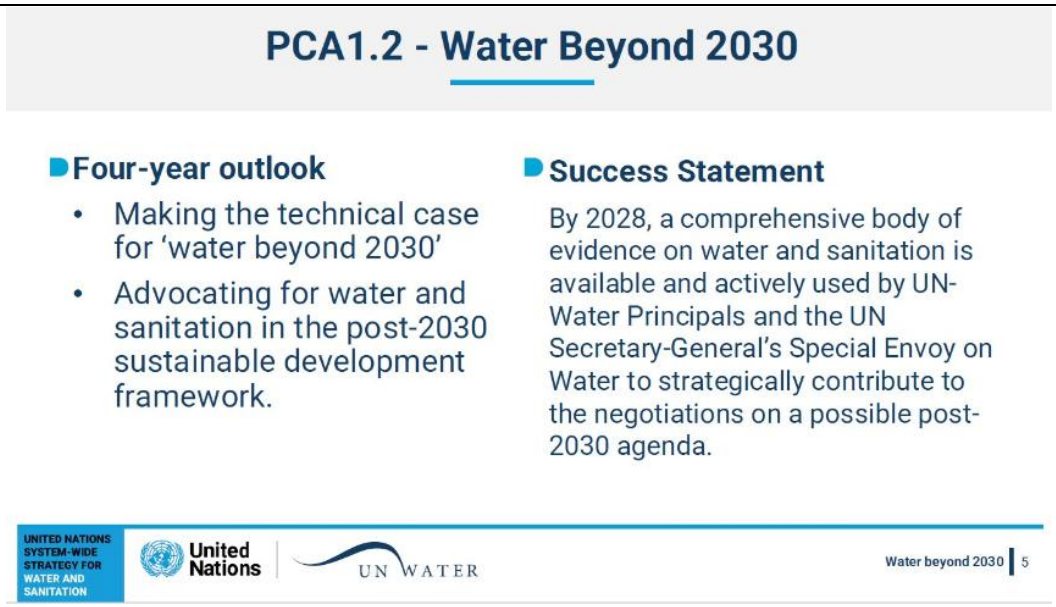

What did we learn post-2015 (SDG negotiations)?

- Get an early start
- Join forces to build sector-wide common positions
- Engage early with interested Member States
- Consolidate learning and evidence
- Understand the political processes and their timelines

What we do:

- Taskforce for beyond 2030, following processes and actors to have good language in documents, engagement with UN
- Task Force: Open to people who want to join/advise – contact Maren
- Shared material for member states to negotiate language
- Engaged in the preparatory process for the UN 2026 Water Conference through different channels
- Will engage in the process for the UN Water Conference 2028
- Discussed and developed first ideas on what SuSanA can push and the key messages
- Task Force activities continue in early 2027.

Why we need you:

- It is member states to share experience to help maneuver within the space, well connected with governments to inform and drive processes
- Join potential pushes for improved indicators, for example on climate, circularity and re-use

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- Need as many member states as possible to push for sanitation -> Safely managed sanitation should be main advocation point and safeguard the content of SDG 6.2

How to support the taskforce:

- Share your experiences with us
- Engage with your national sanitation peers and connect to the relevant people in your government
- Advocate for them to engage in the process, build alliances with like-minded member states, and jointly push for “safely managed sanitation” and to have sanitation in a framework beyond 2030

Current Task force Members: Amelia Wenger, Linda Strande, Martin Gambrill, Andrés Hueso González, Alfred DeGemmis, Gin Dupont, Sarah Dickin, Prit Salian, Olivia Reddy, John Sauer, Maren Heuvels

New Task Force members: Vishvanath, Judith, Dorothee and Abishek

Discussion:

- How civil society can rally together to push SDG 6: engage early with governments, make understandable information available to use as material to rally for support, core group of member states to put capital and resources into this (previously Swiss funding).
- Identify which group – sanitation oriented in member states
- Co-hosts and Co-chairs of UN 2026 water conference might be interested in taking more leading roles in the beyond-2030 process
- Use contacts to learn about positions of member states
- Will see Juliet’s position in the future as a potential sanitation advocate.
- How can SuSanA support? SuSanA is well positioned to summarize our recommendations and key messages as the sanitation community ahead of SDG summit -> input to EU
- Indicator wise – what is the feeling about opening them up and whether we should be for 6.2? Political process making these decisions; thus, keep it simple for the politicians. General opinion is to keep them as they are to not overload the process.
- Key message should be the achievements of SDG 6.2 to showcase the impact of keeping the system running = successes to ensure continuity -> Narrative: "We have done well; 2 billion people have access to improved sanitation. Hence, give us the mandate".
- Concern: philanthropist involvement could become more pronounced in the coming years with their own agendas. Retreat from international aid architecture.

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	• Sanitation as the most unexpected and most vulnerable indicator of SDG 6. To keep it up, would need a lot of advocacy work and clear simple messages. Pragmatic approach to the process would be advisable. Address whole systems and not just infrastructure improvements. • Experience from the Indian context that South Asian hasn't been updated/shared since 2018. Things changing at a country level is receiving funding and positive change like using grey water, but… • Treated wastewater has been the focus of state governments in India (Swachh Bharat Mission). It also has been positioned as a resource for data centers. However, data center consumption is competing with agricultural use. Re-use and the allocation of re-used water becomes highly political. What to use treated wastewater for will still lead to major discussion. We have to be careful on how to frame and phrase reuse and circularity (in terms of UN language). This should be a priority for the secretariat for SuSanA unified language. • US focused on water reuse at G20 2026. Seems to be a political topic that many states can agree on. Something to keep in mind for the beyond-2030 advocacy process.	
4.	**UN Water Conference 2026 - SuSanA Contribution**	**Bettina-Sophie**
	SuSanA moderated water for prosperity (in Dakar) • SuSanA moderated "Water for Prosperity" (Preparatory Session for Interactive Dialogue 2) during the One-Day Stakeholder Meeting in Dakar • SuSanA is involved in the Interactive Dialogue A – Water for people (Switzerland and Ghana) • Coordinator for Workstream 1: Promote human rights-based approaches to water, sanitation, wastewater, and water quality across all contexts. • Additional workstream involvement: • Workstream 2: Strengthen inclusive and climate resilient WASH systems (SuSanA pushed and promoted WASH and School approach) • Workstream 6: Promote decentralized capacity, resources, and accountability for local delivery of water, sanitation, wastewater, and water quality services (Suggested the CWIS Accelerator approach; chosen as flagship) • Stronger Together Initiative in its final stage	

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	• Developed a document that proposed priority actions and flagship initiatives (for Ghana and Switzerland) • Outcomes of the contribution are unknown. • German WASH network: with potential for SuSanA involvement; the network coordinates a stakeholder declaration, SuSanA was not involved in the process yet but the final draft will be shared for revision and can be accessed here: The Declaration: Four Chapters and Our Commitments | Stakeholder Declaration. If you have feedback in the name of SuSanA, please get back to Bettina-Sophie so she can hand in collected feedback on behalf of SuSanA • **People that were interested in this process:** Judith	
	UN Water Conference 2026 - SuSanA Engagement	
	Side Event with civil society: • German Pavilion, 10.12. 10:15 – 11:45 (tbc) • Working Title: Advancing WASH: Scaling Sustainable Sanitation • Concept note currently being developed • WASH in Schools (WinS) and SuSanA • Feedback to the SuSanA Meeting: BMZ and head of division (Andreas Schaumayer) are very engaged and supportive of SuSanA now, after the SuSanA Meeting 2026 in Stockholm. • Interest to SuSanA: Pavilion for humanitarian issues, with SDC as main organizer; SuSanA could be involved. • A virtual CRSC event will take place	
5.	**Q&A / Feedback / Open Discussion**	
	Open Discussion a. **Who** is at the conference? b. In which **sessions** & **processes** are you involved in? c. Do you see additional **anchor points** for SuSanA? d. Additional **remarks** and **ideas** **Answers:** • Sean Furey (and Aline) will be at the conference: No specific roles, but supporting Women in Water Diplomacy and other initiatives with Aline and Batima. • Christoph Luthi & Abishek Narayan: Part of Eawag delegation. Together with a few others (5). Christoph and team still on standby.	

	• Maren Heuvels will be at the conference and suggests an informal SuSanA meeting; Alex Dubois (most likely) will also be present • John Sauer: Registered but not sure if attending. • Vishwanath: There is a lot of traction on the One Health front in India. We are trying to look at One Health-One water as a concept. Is anybody from SuSanA working on One Health/Wastewater epidemiology? • Alex Dubois: CRSC-Slides can be recycled for the SuSanA side event, coordination with Barabra. • Sean and Christoph announced a one week workshop in 2027: "WASH in times of disruption: how do we adapt when everything changes?"	
6.	**Wrap & Next steps**	
	• New link for the stakeholder decleration: The Declaration: Four Chapters and Our Commitments | Stakeholder Declaration. Feedback to be handed in via Bettina-Sophie. • Secretariat will keep everybody updated on the process of SuSanA engagement for the Beyond-2030-process and at the UNWC.	