

SuSanA GSC Meeting Minutes 26.03.2026

Attendees

GSC: Malesi, Munjed, Amelia, Tomaz, Girija, John, Dorothee

Secretariat: Alex, Juri

Missing:

Meeting notes – Agenda in bold

1. Institutional strengthening/reform process:

- a) 5 years strategy
 - John asked current status of by-laws for meeting March 31st
 - GSC will receive updates at the next meeting

- b) Organization of assignments in the group and clarity of what we need to achieve with the Bylaws
 - Identifying missing part is the first step
 - Not too many missing parts, but also these are the more complex issues
 - 1 member of GSC going through Bylaws to identify the missing parts, to be defined + Dorothee, Alex and Sean (Munjed, John, Girija, Amelia are part of the strategy task force already, so cant). Tomaz will support. Alex will organize a meeting

- c) Exchange with advisory board
 - Asure diversification of the members of the advisory board
 - Revitalization of regional chapters that are not very active
 - Engagement dynamic of advisory board on strategy discussions
 - John mentioned that advisory board contributed significantly in the past years with feedback and interviews, so maybe it is not necessary to repeat this at this point. The suggestions related to the topics discussed were summarized, Alex will look into the notes to share with GSC indicate summary, but John has sent it by email already.
 - Definition of moment for meeting/ with advisory board, to introduce GSC at least
 - Secretariat will map the number and geographical distribution of the board

2. Susana related conferences:

The events mapped by the secretariat so far:

2-4 Juni, 2026 Latinosan, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
9-12 July, 2026 IWA 2nd ICNSSS, Kerala, India
17-21 August, 2026 IRC Symposium, Kigali, Rwanda
23-27 August, 2026 World Water Week, Stockholm, Sweden
26-30 October, 2026 UNC Conference, North Carolina, USA
9-20 November, 2026 UN Climate Change Conference - COP31, Antalya, Türkiye
2-4 December, 2026 UN Water Conference, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Since the resources are limited, we need to optimize the participation with who is already attending the events and/or who is closer to the events.

Secretariat cannot secure the resources, but for now wants to identify availability/interests and who is already attending to see the possibilities

- Girija, along with CDD, is already (26/03) planning to join ICNSSS in Kerala, India
- Dorothee is attending the WWW and UN Water conference
- Munjed is planning to attend the WWW and CoP31
- Remaining members will send updates later

3. Decision making:

a) Topics for call of proposals for Susana Meeting in 2026 WWW

- 1 general assembly and 3 thematic sessions
- 3 thematic areas proposed by Secretariat: WASH sector updated; Capacity building and tools; Private sector engagement
- GSC brought several suggestions leading to the decision to make an adjustment and/or complementation of the topics (members to send suggestions on the chat)

b) BORDA

- New upcoming project in southeast Asia
- Noticed significant challenges related to knowledge and access to frameworks and tools, requiring efforts for strengthening the sector in the region
- Idea of hosting exchange events in the next 3 years, with 5 thematic tracks and asked for Susana collaboration
- Susana proposed new regional chapter in Southeast Asia, to be presented in the AD meeting on March 31st

- Pending topics of the agenda, to be approached in the next GSC meeting

- Discussion Forum
- Working group
- Fast decision making

* The secretariat and remaining GSC members in the meeting (Malesi, Munjed and Tomaz) discussed quorum and dynamic for decision making. It was agreed that decision depends on the entire group, and if the agenda requires any urgent decision the present group can formulate a direction to be discussed and validates with the entire group via whatsapp group