

SuSanA GSC Meeting Minutes 30.07.2026

Attendees

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

Secretariat: Alex, Käthe

Missing: Munjed

Meeting notes – Agenda in bold

– General Points:

Feeling of Ownership reduction by GSC

- A discussion was held on whether the GSC would need more insights/involvement in the outcomes of the strategy/ basket fund.
- The point was raised that the pitch to donors at Stockholm should be well prepared. Expertise from the GSC and advisory board in pitching to funding organizations should be tapped into. It has to be kept in mind that the message needs to be resonating the first time because often in these cases there are no second chances.

– GSC Presentation at SuSanA Meeting:

- Introduce GSC members and report on operational outcomes and task force updates.
- Invitation to members to reflect and discuss with the GSC on membership involvement and accountability.
- Present the basket fund: Challenge – brief introduction but also keeping in mind the presence of potential donors at the Meeting
 - The importance of using the momentum and outreach of Stockholm to deliver a meaningful and successful pitch was discussed. The point was raised that clear messaging and a pitch of why and how are necessary to get donors engaged.
 - On the other side it was mentioned that it might not be possible for the SuSanA Meeting to serve as a finalized donor pitch. Rather, the Meeting could serve to initiate the contact with donors and portraying the SuSanA value proposition.
 - It was further discussed that it might be useful if the strategy task force further develops the specific activities and usage/ need of the fund.

– Financial Sustainability, Strategy and SuSanA Basket Fund Workshop – 14./ 15. July with Prit and Sean

- The Workshop reiterated/ strengthened SuSanA's value proposition.
- SuSanA's positioning in general and in relation to other networks was identified. SuSanA was classified as a more outward-focused and cause-driven network.
- It proposes 3 concrete packages that fulfil individual roles and functions to the network but also act interdependently:
 1. Convening and Matchmaking from Local to Global
 2. Trusted Knowledge and Innovation Sharing
 3. Strategic Advocacy and Think Tank
 - All of these are carried by and serve the SuSanA community to carry out the cause of sustainable sanitation.

- The Basket Fund as a financing tool allows for all kind of contributions to support various SuSanA activities. It will serve as a structured mechanism for receiving and distributing money within a framework of guidelines and decision-making from the GSC. It will allow for different type of funds, donors, and allocating in the network. It allows for donors to directly fund specific activities but does not limit income for larger unrestricted funds.
- **Advisory Board Meeting – 09:00 – 11:00 (at Norrsken House):**
 - This will be the first formal meeting of the current GSC and the AB. The meeting serves to bring clarity to the relationship between GSC and Advisory Board and the Secretariat.
 - Dr. Schaumayer, head of division (BMZ) will be present. The meeting also serves as an opportunity to directly engage him and demonstrate the value of SuSanA and GSC leadership. In this regard, the SuSanA Financial Sustainability Strategy should be reiterated again to demonstrate alternative means of funding for SuSanA.
- **Decision-Making on New AB Member Invitation:**
 - It was decided that Marting Gambrill and Barbara Evans will be invited to become members of the Advisory Board.
- **Decision on SuSanA Co-Convening Side Event at UN Water Conference**
 - Agreed upon by all present GSC members.
- **Action Items:**
 - The SuSanA financial sustainability strategy/ basket fund needs to be finalized in a way that it is ready to be presented at the SuSanA Meeting and Advisory Board Meeting.
 - The GSC presentation shall be prepared collaboratively in advance.
 - A pre-SuSanA Meeting meet-up shall take place on 21.08. In the late afternoon/ evening in Stockholm to facilitate a preparatory discussion between GSC co-leads and the Secretariat.
- **Outlook:**
 - Sanihub AI Tool collaboration will be discussed in next GSC Meeting, as well as Updates from Task Forces. The updates from Task Forces will be the first agenda item in next meeting.