

SuSanA GSC Meeting Minutes 24.09.2026

Attendees

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

Secretariat: Alex, Käthe

Missing:

Meeting notes

1. Advisory Board Meeting – next steps

- The AB Meeting took place around 1,5 years after the last meeting.
- It was felt that there was a timely need for the AB Meeting.
- Attendance was around 20-30 people.
- The introduction focused on the role of the AB and the expectations from GSC and Secretariat towards AB.
- The second part of the Meeting focused on presenting the SuSanA Pitch Deck to prepare for the WASH funders meeting.
- The GSC could call for a next AB Meeting in November.
- There were a lot of questions on the engagement of the AB. It opened the need for a proposed concept to leverage the AB better. This concept can be presented at the next AB Meeting after finalizing with the GSC.
- It was requested to establish a task force for fundraising. The task force should develop a general pitch deck that can be taken to other events and a wide variety of donors.
- Impression from the AB Meeting: They seem eager to engage with the GSC but would like a concept on how they can engage more targeted and effectively. There were some questions on communication and the wish for more regular meetings.

1.1 Discussion:

How do we proceed in developing an AB concept in order to leverage their expertise better?

- More AB involvement can help to give SuSanA credibility and open doors and opportunities.
- Secretariat can make a draft for an AB concept.
- One proposal is to come up with a strategy for AB members to connect better with the SuSanA members in the regional chapters or working groups.

1.2 Decision - AB Concept:

The Secretariat will come up with a draft. The entire GSC will finalize and revise with the support of targeted AB members. Secretariat will lead the process.

2. Creating another task force for fundraising

2.1 Discussion:

- It was mentioned that there would be a need for developing the fundraising strategy (by the task force) as flowing from the strategy development. A strategy could be developed as a pathway for fundraising.

- The need for prioritizing and focusing efforts on prospects and donors was expressed.
- A dedicated group (task force) for fundraising could be set-up at a later stage.
- However, fundraising has already begun through the pitching and set-up of the basket fund. There is also a need to follow-up on these processes.
- There were questions about what fundraising for SuSanA means. What would be the approach and expectations from the fundraising activities. These approaches will have to be developed (by a fundraising task force) at a later stage.

2.1 Decision on setting up a fundraising task force:

- The founding of a fundraising task force will be put on hold. The strategy will be the focus for now. However, a pitch deck for donors should be ready for the UN Water Conference in December 2026. This will be done by the Secretariat with the support of the GSC and the AB, the same way it was done for the pitch deck for Stockholm 2026.

3. Next AB Meeting on 08.11.26 – What should be the topic items?

3.1 Discussion:

- There will be another UN Water Conference in Tajikistan in 2028 where a global water framework will be developed as a negotiated outcome. SuSanA should be ready to provide input when there is an opportunity. Follow-up on German government (BMZ) standing will be taken on by Secretariat.

3.2 Decision:

- The finalized concept for the AB shall be presented.
- Joint messaging to be provided by SuSanA at the upcoming UN Water conferences/processes shall be developed together with the AB, based on what has been produced by the post2030 Task Force.

4. SuSanA Meeting – South Asia Edition

- There will be a two-day conference on circular economy and sanitation hosted by Ecosan in Pune (India), 9.-10. October.
- In the framework of the conference, there will be a South Asia edition of the SuSanA Meeting focusing on engagement in the region and expanding the India chapter.
- It was discussed that the chapter meeting should be used for fundraising for the RC. A first round of fundraising approaches was already taken at the ICNSSS conference in Kerala.

5. Conference in Cape Town (Sustainable Sanitation Summit) organized by IWA

- Potential SuSanA workshop on water reuse is in planning. If anyone from GSC/AB/members are around, a joint activity should be developed, e.g. on SFD.
- Dorothee will be there. John is thinking about it.

6. Participation in UNWC:

- BMZ would like to know SuSanA participation in UNWC to jointly engage through some activity.
- Amelia and Malesi might be there.

- Upon confirmation, it would be good to communicate attendance.

7. John Sauer and Secretariat Strategy Meeting Update

- The meeting briefly served to elaborate on advantages and uses of AI for SuSanA, also with regard to curating the knowledge in our network.
- A discussion with the GIZ project planners Arne and Patricia, who are responsible conceptualizing and designing Water and Sanitation programmes, was held to get a better idea on the worldwide GIZ water and sanitation portfolio. It was further highlighted that the connection within GIZ to SuSanA needs to be deepened to anchor SuSanA more effectively within GIZ programmes.
- It became clear that SuSanA should become a broker in facilitating technical assistance more regionally and providing assistance in translating national financial resources (e.g. World Bank loans) into sector development. The idea was to leverage and maximise the use of expertise in the network to advocate and advise for sanitation priorities on national levels.
- The proposal is to matchmake the demands from governments with the expertise within SuSanA.
- An inspiration model (from Amelia): [Home - Australian Water Partnership](#)
 - ➔ This model is a matchmaking service for government partners by connecting different groups of expertise to government ambitions in the water sector.
 - ➔ It was discussed that it would be a good idea to speak with someone from the partnership to get a better grasp on their approach. Amelia will share a contact for facilitating a meeting.
 - ➔ Such model could be interesting for BMZ as a way to use SuSanA for targeted sector TA through the network
- To provide a similar platform, a system to classify the SuSaA members is necessary.
- Is there a need for a business model? Follow-up from the idea of SaniHub to develop an expert market place

8. Decision for the new GSC co-leadership from January 2027:

- The next round of co-leadership was already defined in January 2026 (see meeting minutes from 25.02.2026). Accordingly, the GSC co-leadership will be taken on by Amelia and Tomaz from January 2027.