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## SuSanA Africa Regional Chapter

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# ANEW & SuSanA - Joining forces for Knowledge Management

The Africa Regional Chapter will enable members and partners of WSSCC, SuSanA, and ANEW to **take local and global knowledge to scale**, receive access to knowledge management tools and to communicate and interact with a wider, international network

- Addressing WASH knowledge management constraints
- Promoting the application of KM practices, the proposed Africa Chapter will enhance knowledge sharing and reusing from the continent to strengthen African WASH CSOs, enhancing their value and their relevance in the sector, and ultimately providing a better link and improved coordination between African WASH actors overall.



## ANEW & SuSanA

- Influencing Policy and Focus on Women and Youth
- Regional African Chapter SuSanA will join forces with ANEW, to add value:
  - Prevent duplication of efforts by motivating match-making,
  - contribute to building consensus wherever possible to unify the sector,
  - build upon the work of local champions that want to make use of SuSanA as an international sounding board.



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# What is SuSanA?

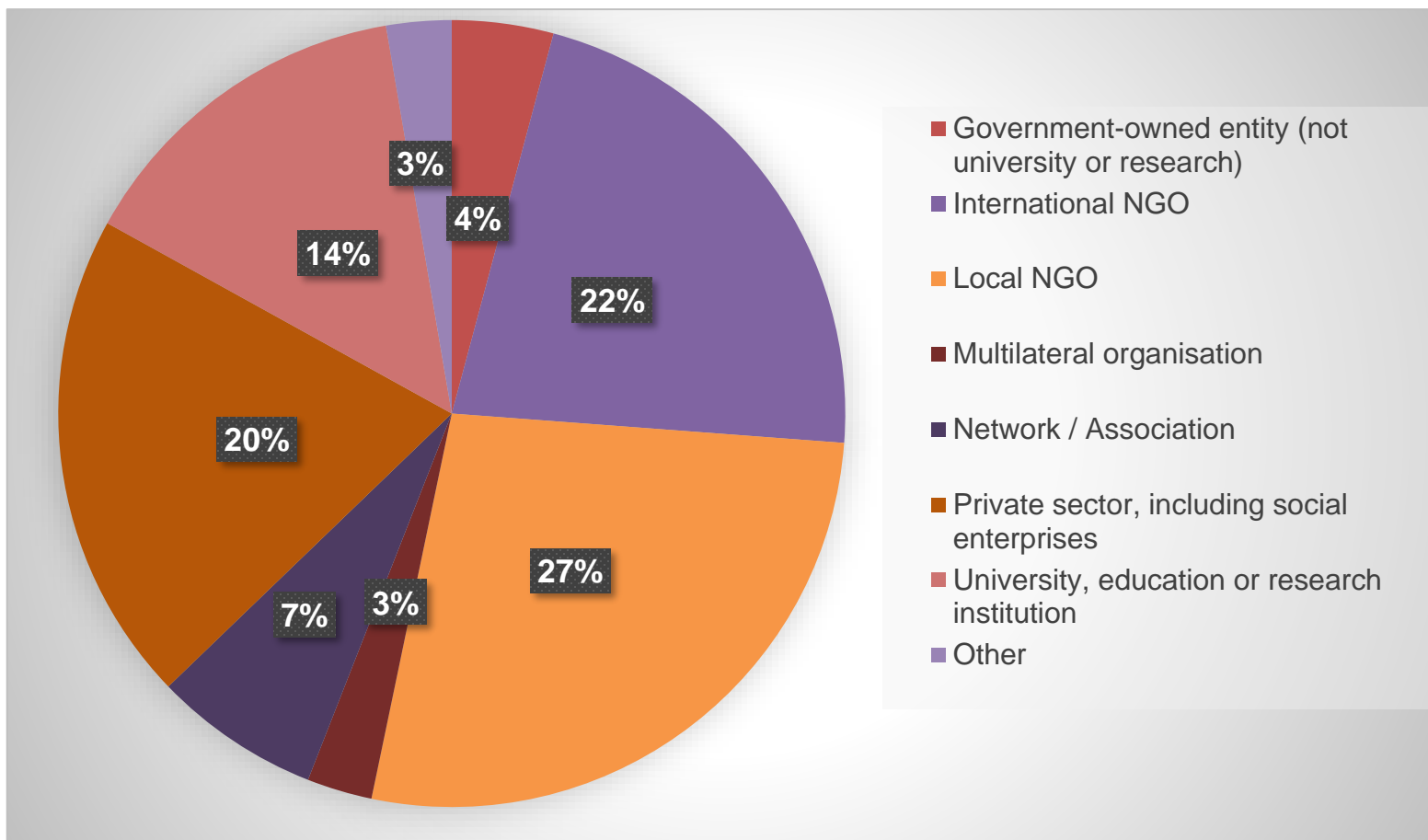
- SuSanA is a **open, dynamic and global network** of 12,500 individual members and 360 partner organisations working along the same vision for sustainable sanitation for all
  - Further individuals and organisations are welcome to join!



# SuSanA Members – Our Strength



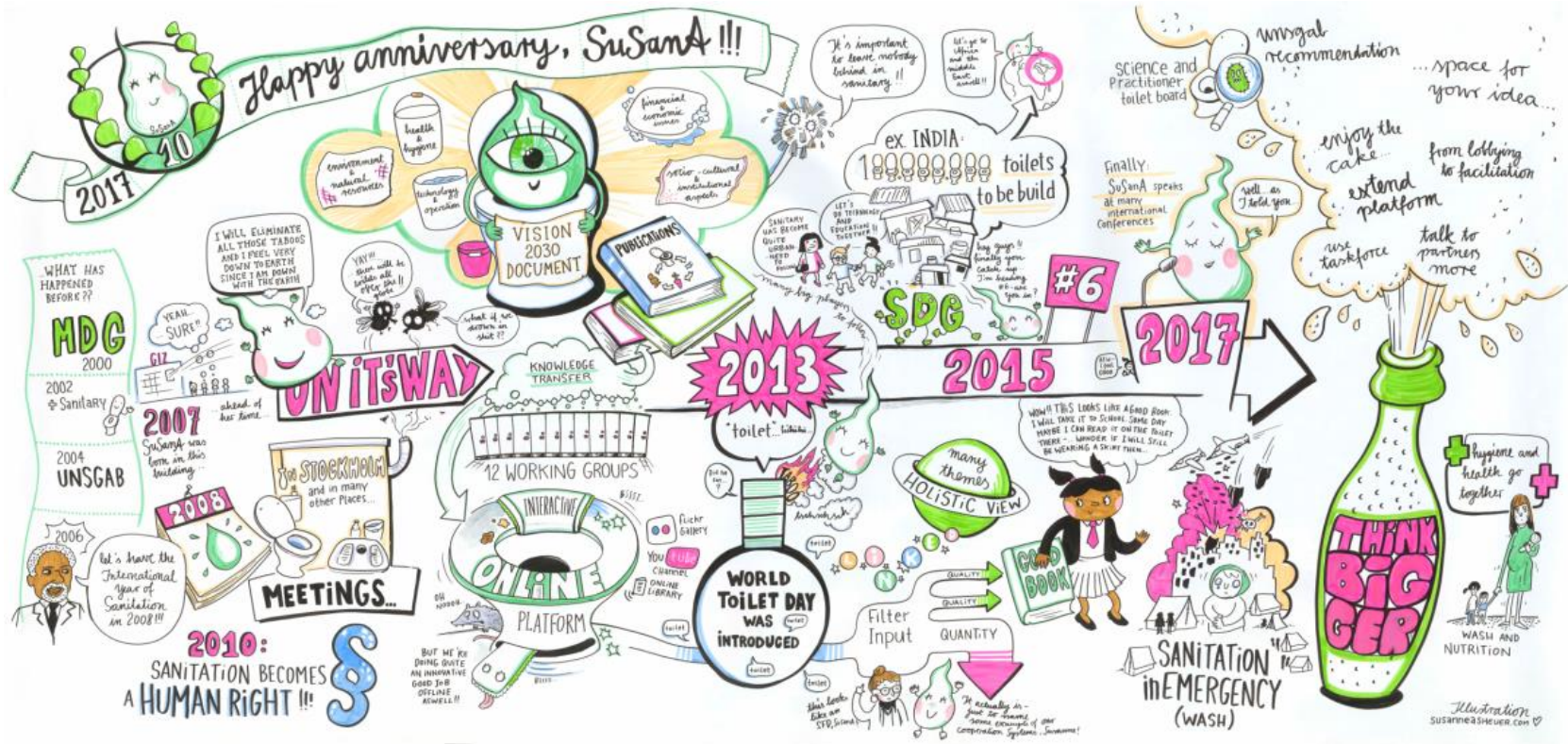
# SuSanA Partners – Our Strength



Distribution of SuSanA partners by category

# What is the goal of SuSanA?

- To contribute to the achievement of the SDGs by promoting sanitation systems based on principles of sustainability





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## **SuSanA Regional Chapters**

# Regional Chapters

- Aim is to better connect SuSanA to the regions with their local needs and to make SuSanA's knowledge products and services more accessible “on the ground”
- Cooperation system, a project within the SuSanA network in close cooperation with the SuSanA Secretariat and the SuSanA Core Group
- Formalised structure
- Specific outputs
- Timeline and Budget

# Existing Regional Chapters

- India chapter set up in 2016 – first chapter
- Latin America
- West Asia and North Africa



## Africa Regional Chapter Purpose

- To strengthen the voice, capacity and role of all critical actors in the sanitation sector (local governments, ministries, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), state & non-state service providers, etc.) in achieving and maintaining universal access to safely managed water and sanitation services in African countries.
- It also aspires to enhance knowledge sharing between and within African sanitation actors and the international SuSanA community.

# Planned Activities

1. Establish, curate and maintain a regional knowledge hub
2. Empower the leadership of African Women in the WASH sector
3. Strengthen individuals and youth organisations partnerships in the WASH sector
4. CSO engagement in key WASH processes and events

# Establish, curate and maintain a regional knowledge hub

- Regional Chapter Library
- Partner Profiles
- Project Database
- Discussion Forum
- Events calendar
- Chapter Newsletters
- ***WASH Professionals database***
- ***Hub of hubs***

# Empowerment of the leadership of African Women in the WASH sector

- Support and strengthen emerging national women WASH/sanitation networks
- Showcase female leadership examples and share their becoming
- Support the identification of mentors for women and the match-making of regional women's mentoring schemes

# Strengthening of individuals and youth organisations partnerships in the WASH sector

- Support youth involvement at different levels through outreach channels, visibility and providing a platform for exchange and networking.
- Support youth-led approaches instead of traditional ways of inclusion such as innovative creatives.
- Encourage a space where youth and WASH veterans forge a mutualistic relationship.



# CSO engagement in key WASH processes and events

- Inform about African Sanitation Policy Guidelines process and progress.
- Use network members as a sounding board to ASPG
- Support AMCOW's Ngor declaration & commitments monitoring process
- Identify and mobilise practitioners for AfricaSan 2021

## Outcomes

- Enabling greater visibility and engagement through effective knowledge management and outreach
- Drive development debates and actions that prioritise gender, youth, poverty, equality and inclusion in the WASH sector
- Build and strengthen the capacity and participation of African CSOs in ongoing sector processes

**Thank you for your attention**

