

Watershed empowering citizens programme
Concept note Global Annual Partnership and Learning meeting 2020

Location: *Online* through Zoom and Mural

Dates: 31 August – 3 September, from 1-4PM (CEST)

This coming September, the “Watershed empowering citizens programme” (watershed.nl) will come to an end. In 5 years, the strategic partnership between the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and IRC, Simavi, Wetlands International, and Akvo has delivered many improvements in the governance and management of water resources and water, sanitation and hygiene services through evidence-based advocacy and strengthened capacity of local civil society organizations.

This year’s annual partnership meeting will look different because of the Covid-19 health pandemic and travel restrictions. However, the final year of Watershed empowering citizens programme will end well through the first “virtual Global Partnership and Learning meeting”. In contrast to earlier annual partnership meetings, while leaving no one behind - all Watershed team members are invited to join at least the plenary sessions. The meeting is jointly organised by the consortium and the Kenya work package, and the interactive sessions are spread over 4 days with 3-hour timeslots (of which Watershed members received calendar invitations).

Objectives of annual partnership and learning meeting

- Share end of programme; lessons/achievements/success stories and key messages across work packages,
- Collect and extract insights on what works and what does not, and why, regarding capacity development of CSOs in evidence-based advocacy,
- Learn from other WP teams’ experience and knowledge products,
- Get inspired about the future; “Watershed Legacy Campaign” and fundraising
- Programme closing and celebration!

More details on the programme and preparation guidelines for Work Packages will be shared by mid-July (week of 13 July).

Overview 4-day programme:

| No. | Date | Programme item |
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| 1. | Monday 31 August [1-4PM CEST] | Plenary opening, introductions and looking back with Work Packages. |
| 2. | Tuesday 1 September [1-4PM CEST] | Bringing the field to us (Kenya CSOs), Progress on Theory of Change and Learning Trajectory sessions. |
| 3. | Wednesday 2 September [1-4PM CEST] | Learning Trajectory sessions, Documentation Fair and Harvesting Insights |
| 4. | Thursday 3 September [1-4PM CEST] | Looking forward: Legacy Campaign and Fundraising, celebration and plenary closing |

Facilitation team: The planning and facilitation team consists out of Patrick Mwanzia, Samson Shivaji, Lilian Nyaega (Kenya work package: Simavi, KEWASNET and Wetlands International), Sara Ahrari (Simavi), Evita Rozenberg (IRC), and Anita van der Laan (Akvo).

Watershed attendance: For now, each Watershed member is invited for at least the plenary sessions. More details on attendance shall follow with the detailed programme.

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