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TOPIC PAPER FOR THEME 2, TOPIC 2.1

Draft 0
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Theme	2. Advancing Human Development and the MDGs
Topic	2.3 Ensuring water, sanitation and hygiene for all
Main Question	How can everybody in the world have safe water and adequate sanitation and hygiene?
<p>Draft list of key questions</p> <p><i>(this list combines the WWC's 100 questions with others from the co-ordinators. It will need to be shortened in due course)</i></p>	<p>What is the current progress towards water and sanitation for all, how do we know, and how can we improve our indicators and/or monitoring systems?</p> <p>How can the water and sanitation sector learn more from other human development sectors (e.g. health, education)?</p> <p>What are the great new ideas, approaches and technologies that could make really big contributions to water and sanitation for all?</p> <p>How can we change our mentality from doing projects to providing sustainable services?</p> <p>Can pilot projects actually be successfully scaled up, or should we instead plan to work at scale in the first place?</p> <p>How can we close the gap between the numbers of people who have water and those who have sanitation?</p> <p>What were the achievements and shortfalls of the International Year of Sanitation, and how can we build upon them now?</p> <p>How can we make sanitation a tool for economic development, both as a service industry itself and in its positive impact on people's economic position?</p>
<p>General introduction to this topic</p> <p><i>(this section will be expanded in future drafts. It basically needs to sell this topic to potential)</i></p>	<p>This subject has been repeatedly debated at global meetings over the past few years. Most of the targets and policy requirements are known. Many high-sounding resolutions have been agreed. Now the main need is to get on with the work. So the main emphasis of this topic will be practical collaboration, debate, advice and mutual support to improve the world's progress to water and sanitation for all.</p> <p>There are still some contentious issues, on which stakeholders should at least understand each other's position even if they will not reach agreement. These include, for example: the involvement of the private sector, the need for more water storage, the effectiveness of supply-led or demand-led sanitation programmes.</p> <p>New developments continually affect the feasibility of ensuring water and sanitation for all. Some are problems such as improved competition for</p>

attendees)	water, pollution of water sources, population growth, urbanisation. Others are solutions such as improved water treatment technologies, increased political concentration to sanitation, new community-based sanitation methods.
Structure of the topic (these are draft ideas only)	<p>Given the vast size of a World Water Forum and the number of parallel sessions, the topic must have a clear, unified and easily understood overall structure.</p> <p>The titles of the sessions that constitute the topic must be clear and must address the key questions.</p> <p>A forum participant should benefit either from attending one session or from attending the whole topic.</p> <p>The contentious issues should be discussed openly and constructively within the topic debates, not as separate side meetings.</p> <p>New developments and ideas should be highlighted during the sessions.</p> <p>Each session should contain a minimum number of short presentations and a maximum amount of well-moderated discussion and debate, preferably leading to some answers to the key question(s).</p> <p>The topic could have a final concluding session or mechanism that brings together the conclusions of the individual sessions.</p>
Provisional list of key stakeholders for this topic	<p>Proposed Topic co-Coordinator: UNICEF, WHO, WSP, WSSCC</p> <p>Multilateral Entities: AMCOW, EU, UNDP, UN-Habitat, UN-Water offices</p> <p>Governments (Min of finance/water/health/development): many</p> <p>Professional Networks: AquaFed, GWA, IWA, ISW, PSI, RWSN, SuSanA, WBCSD, WIN, WTO</p> <p>Research Institutions: CREPA, IRC, IWSD, LSHTM, NETWAS, SANDEC, Skat, SIWI, SEI, SoK, WEDC, WRC</p> <p>International Finance Institutions: AfDB, ADB, IADB, World Bank</p> <p>International NGOs: CARE, Gates Fdn, GWC, ICRC, Plan, Water Advocates, WaterAid</p> <p>National NGOs and civil society: many</p>
Process of developing the topic, sessions and papers:	<p>Under the overall guidance of the Theme Coordinator, the Topic co-Coordinator will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree the provisional overall design of the topic including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. agree the key questions (see draft list above), b. agree the structure of the topic (see draft ideas above), c. draft the overall headings of the sessions to address the key questions, 2. Include all the above points in draft 1 of this topic paper. 3. Submit draft 1 to the 7-8 February coordinators meeting to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. comment on the key questions, b. suggest revisions to the topic document, c. suggest the key stakeholders to take part in the development of

	<p>the topic (see provisional long list above),</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. agree on consultation process e.g. relevant meetings with key stakeholders, e. agree on the process and actors to develop the forum sessions. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Send draft 1 for comments by email to the key stakeholders likely to be involved in the topic. 5. Include the comments from the 7-8 February meeting and from the key stakeholders into draft 2 of the topic paper. 6. Place draft 2 on the website. 7. Invite any stakeholders to apply to manage individual sessions within the topic. 8. Select the most appropriate and effective stakeholders as Session Managers for the sessions in order to achieve the agreed purpose of the topic. 9. Delegate to the Session Managers to manage each allotted session, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. design the programme for the session to address the given key question(s), b. invite anybody to submit papers, c. select the minimum number of most appropriate papers to be presented in the session, d. invite panellists or discussants as appropriate, e. actively manage all the speakers and panellists, f. chair the session, g. draw conclusions from the session, h. write up the appropriate record of the session. 10. Manage the process to develop the topic (as agreed in 3e above), including supervising the Session Managers. 11. Publicise the whole topic and its sessions clearly in advance, so the Session Managers do not need to publicise each session separately (which confuses forum participants).
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