



Changing Hearts & Minds to Leave No ONE Behind

Ensuring everyone, everywhere is able to enjoy and maintain safe and hygienic sanitation without stigma or discrimination, all of the time.

Key constituencies include: Adolescent girls and boys, women and men at different stages of their life course, trans men and women, elderly people, persons with disabilities and sanitation workers.



SANITATION ACTION SUMMIT
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Introduction

The Swachh Bharat Mission has created unprecedented momentum around the issue of sanitation in India and globally. The Sanitation Action Summit is designed to support and accelerate SBM objectives by bringing together government practitioners and policymakers, representatives from marginalized communities, academia, private sector, development partners and global citizens to share experiences and solutions in response to some important questions: Is everyone able to use safe and decent facilities all of the time? What happens when they leave their household? When they have had an accident or have a disabled family member? Are blind or deaf persons able to participate in community triggering, hygiene promotion activities or verification processes? Older people cannot squat or carry water for handwashing—how will we address their needs? Women and girls menstruate. How can we

make sure that their monthly sanitation and hygiene needs are met with dignity and pride? Transgender persons are stigmatised and not allowed to use sanitation facilities—how can we change this so that everyone, everywhere can benefit from a Swachh Bharat?

Despite heavy investments in Information, Education and Communication, SBM finds it hard to reach many individuals and groups. SBM has thrown up many innovations and incentives designed to change behaviour and improve practices, with village after village declaring open defecation-free status. Including every single citizen in this achievement is no small task. Sustaining this massive behaviour change is even more difficult. How can SBM processes, designs, maintenance and verification ensure that No One is Left Behind?

The Leave No One Behind Journey: India and South Asia

Since 1990, The Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC) has worked closely through its individual members, the National Coordinator and partners to support improved access to sanitation and hygiene in India.

The **Leave No One Behind** initiative was developed in 2015 in order to listen and learn from the invisible and unheard across South Asia and was led by WSSCC in partnership with the Fresh Water Action Network South Asia (FANSA).

55 structured consultations with elderly and disabled persons; in 2015, women and adolescents, sanitation workers and transgender persons were held in **Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan** and **Sri Lanka**. The recommendations

from these consultations were presented by representatives of each of these groups participating for the very first time on Ministerial panels at SACOSAN VI in Dhaka in January 2016. WSSCC and FANSA also developed a regional report and 8 country-specific reports that can be found at http://wsscc.org/resources-feed/leave-no-one-behind-reports/?_sf_s=Leave+no+one+behind.

Ministers and policymakers expressed a keen interest to engage systematically in platforms such as these for sharing and joint action. **The Sanitation Action Summit in Mumbai provides another milestone in the Leave No One Behind process.** With the SDGs and Swachh Bharat as overarching guides—governments, agencies, NGOs, academia and the private sector are all key players with roles and responsibilities to ensure a clean India.



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Sanitation Action Summit: Where Swachh Bharat Abhiyan meets voices of the marginalized and invisible

In a country where around 44% of the 1.27 billion people still defecate in the open, the absence of safe and hygienic sanitation disproportionately affects marginalized individuals and groups such as adolescent girls, the elderly, transgender persons, persons with disabilities, migrant and construction workers and people living in remote, water scarce areas or in difficult topographies. Sanitation workers are doubly disadvantaged because of the stigma they face as a result of their occupation and because they are denied these facilities.

In India, there are over 26 million people with disabilities, 100 million elderly people, 4 million rag pickers, 490,000 transgender people and around 459 million women who menstruate every month. If old age is viewed as a burden, then transgender is simply viewed as an aberration to be wished away—trans women and men report that they are not welcome in toilets for men or for women.

Listening to these voices and integrating their demands in the Sanitation Action Summit will bring together different voices with shared aspirations and one objective: A clean India for everyone, everywhere all of the time as per the vision and mission of the Swachh Bharat Mission. The objective is to move from problems and exclusion to solutions so that every Indian can enjoy access to safe, accessible, acceptable and affordable sanitation facilities as a basic human right.

SBM has demonstrated that it is possible to reach remote areas, find affordable and appropriate solutions for behaviour change through innovative, people centred approaches. There is a need for systematic dialogue and improved understanding in order to involve every Indian in this movement.

Conference Logistics

The Sanitation Action Summit will be held on the lawn of the Taj Lands End hotel in Bandra, Mumbai, India. The Summit begins with tea and snacks at 3pm, followed by the inauguration and welcome at 3.45 pm. Dinner will be served at 9pm. RSVP at actionsummit@wsscc.org.

Key Outcomes

- Increased understanding of the aspirations and challenges of the invisible and unheard in accessing and using safe sanitation and hygiene
- Appreciation of the scale and complexity of the challenge faced by the government and all citizens
- Commitments for Joint Action to achieve Swachh Bharat for everyone, everywhere, all of the time.



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PROGRAMME

18 November 2016, Taj Lands End, Mumbai, India

Time	Session
15:00-15:45	Registration, Tea and Snacks
15.45-16.00	Lighting of the lamp
16:00-16:15 15 mins	Welcome Ms Manisha Mhaiskar, Secretary, Urban Development, Government of Maharashtra Mr Arun Baroka, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Government of India Dr Chris Williams, Executive Director, WSSCC
16:15-16:45 30 mins	Opening Roundtable Discussion: Setting the Scene Mr Hugh Evans, CEO, Global Citizen Ms Patricia O'Hayer, Global Head Communications & Government Affairs at Reckitt Benkiser Ms Rupali Balu Naik—young adolescent girl from Thane District Ms Archana Patkar, Programme Manager, WSSCC
17:00-18:00 60 mins	Session 1: Touching and Moving Hearts <i>Participants are invited to join a corner to discuss shared aspirations, experiences and challenges in accessing safe sanitation and hygiene, and solutions and examples for successfully including the hard to reach.</i> Corner 1: Sanitation Workers Corner 2: Adolescent Girls Corner 3: Adolescent Boys Corner 4: Transgender Persons Corner 5: Elderly Persons Corner 6: Persons with disabilities
18.00-19.15 75 mins	Session 2: Transforming Mindsets <i>All 6 Corners above will discuss demand creation, behaviour change, appropriate design and maintenance, and verification. The objective is to come up with Joint Actions to ensure that No One is Left Behind.</i>
19:15-19:45	Performance by Dharavi Rocks
19.45-20.45 60 mins	Session 3: Joint Action to Achieve Sustainable Behaviour Change Leaving No One Behind Mr. Parameswaran Iyer, Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Government of India Ms. Navraj Sindhu, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Haryana Dr. Ashish Srivastava, District Magistrate, Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand Mr. Shekhar Singh CEO, Sindhudurg District, Maharashtra Ms. Amudha Periswamy, Secretary Labour and Employment, Tamil Nadu Ms. Heena Jhala, Dewas, Madhya Pradesh Sushila Sable, President, Parisar Bhagini Vikas Sangh
20:45-21.00	Closing Remarks - Dialogue: Minister Amina J. Mohammed, Minister of Environment of Nigeria and Chair of WSSCC Ms. Poonam Mahajan, Member of Parliament, Mumbai, North Central