UN Women and WSSCC to Promote Menstrual Hygiene Management in Cameroon

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) Cameroon and the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC) to train key stakeholders on Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) in Cameroon.

Yaoundé, 27 May, 2016 - The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) Cameroon in partnership with the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC) will organize a five day workshop to train trainers on menstrual hygiene management in Cameroon from Monday May 30 to Friday June 4, 2016 in Kribi, Cameroon.

The main objective of the workshop is to reinforce the capacity of key government officials involved in education, water and sanitation, health and environment that can in return train their colleagues in their respective institutions and are capable of acting as catalysts in ensuring that menstrual hygiene management is integrated in the national sectorial policies in Cameroon.

At the end of the training, over 45 participants from UN agencies, International organizations and the civil society in Cameroon will be expected to have understood the relationship between MHM and the SDGs, to identify strategies in integrating MHM in the national public policy, train agents working in the areas of hygiene, sanitation, environmental health, and education but to also better explain the necessity and importance of MHM to the public.
This training comes after a series of other UN Women Cameroon and WSSCC joint activities, notably; trainings and the realization of a study in 2014 titled “Menstrual Hygiene Management: Behavior and Practices in Kye-Ossi and Bamoungoum, Cameroon”.

UN Women and WSSCC are working together to implement the joint programme on Gender, Hygiene and Sanitation in West and Central Africa, which is aimed at changing policies and behaviors in the region to improve women and girls’ human right to water and sanitation.

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About the Water Supply & Sanitation Collaborative Council
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