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Women on the Rise: Women's Health and Hygiene in the SDG Era

Technical Side Session during the World Health Assembly

Hygiene and its links to health are enablers to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), yet these preventative issues are often forgotten in discussions at global fora. This session aims to deepen the dialogue on the intersectionality of SDG 3 (Health), SDG 5 (Gender Equality) and SDG 6 (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, with special attention to SDG 6.2) by reviewing progress in programming and policy at local, national and global levels.

This session will:

- Provide evidence-based approaches and share best practice on what the challenges are and especially focus on the solutions for sustainable hygiene and health for women and girls across the globe.
- Break barriers to discussions at the highest level and explore the roles and responsibilities for different stakeholders within the SDG framework.
- Drive a collaborative approach and issue a call to action on the next steps to ensure hygiene and health needs everywhere are given the attention and support required.
- Feature the launch of a new joint report from Essity and WSSCC entitled Personal Well-being - Key to Public Progress.

Provisional programme

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Moderator: Ms Catarina de Albuquerque, Executive Chair, Sanitation and Water for All, Former Special Rapporteur, Human Rights to Water and Sanitation

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Dr Johan Carlson, Director General of the Swedish Public Health Agency (Folkhälsomyndigheten)

LEARNING AND SHARING SESSION

National progress for women's health and hygiene:

- Government of Tanzania
- Government of Malawi (tbc)

Dr Venkatraman Chandra-Mouli, Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health, WHO: Menstruation needs to be put on the Global and National Health Agendas

Representative from WaterAid: Progress on WASH in Healthcare facilities, especially for women and girls

Mr Rolf Luyendijk, Executive Director, WSSCC: Putting Women and Girls at the centre: Using MHM and SRHR as a driver for lifelong health and well-being

A COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY SPEECH

Ms Kersti Strandqvist, Senior VP Sustainability, Essity: Health and Hygiene for Women and Children: A collective responsibility

MODERATED DISCUSSION

The way forward

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