

Rolf Luyendijk

Rolf Luyendijk, a well-respected international development professional who has served as Chief of Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) for UNICEF in Afghanistan, and as UNICEF's Senior WASH Statistics and Monitoring specialist, is Executive Director of the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC) since 1 March 2018.

He holds a MSc. in Environmental Engineering from the Agricultural University of Wageningen in The Netherlands and a MPH from the Netherlands School of Public Health. During his first studies in 1987, he researched on-site sanitation in Bandung, Indonesia and from then on, knew that he wanted to dedicate his professional career to development work. Since then he has worked with four UN organizations, with WHO/PAHO in Mexico, with UNICEF in Mexico, Laos, New York and Afghanistan and with UNDP and UNV in Laos. He also lived with his spouse in Morocco and North-Sudan, while working for UNICEF in New York.



Rolf has worked with UNICEF in WASH, Health, and Statistics and Monitoring and, for 12 years, was the lead from the UNICEF side on the WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Program for Water Supply and Sanitation (JMP), responsible for monitoring progress towards the water and sanitation MDG targets. In that capacity he has supported countless countries in improving their national WASH statistics and has presented at numerous international WASH conferences and events.

During his last years at the JMP he was instrumental in mobilizing the WASH Sector partners around the formulation of the SDG targets on water supply and sanitation, a process facilitated by the JMP that greatly contributed to the formulation of SDG 6 on Water Supply and Sanitation. In November 2014, Rolf went back to the field in the position of Chief of WASH with UNICEF in Afghanistan, where he built and led a team of 20 staff while overseeing a US\$16 million/year WASH program implemented by Government and NGOs.

About WSSCC, he says: "WSSCC holds a unique mandate within the United Nations system as the only UN body fully dedicated to sanitation and hygiene, and I see it as my role to make the most of that position by facilitating national platforms for collaboration with governments, civil society partners, other UN agencies, the Sanitation and Water for All partnership, faith-based organizations and interested foundations and private sector initiatives to reach Sustainable Development Goal target 6.2 on sanitation."

Rolf is a Dutch National, was born in 1964, and is married with two children, a girl and a boy who study in London and Rotterdam.

About the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC)

Founded in 1990, WSSCC's mission is to ensure sustainable sanitation, better hygiene and safe drinking water for all, with focus on the poorest and most marginalized members of society in Africa and Asia. WSSCC facilitates sector coordination at national, regional and global levels, and engages rights holders and duty bearers to adopt policy guidelines on menstrual hygiene and disability. WSSCC also supports national sanitation and hygiene improvement programmes, coordinates knowledge platforms, and advocates on behalf of the 2.3 billion people without access to improved sanitation across the globe. The United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) is the legal and administrative host of WSSCC.