



**Report**  
**on**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Inter Country Working Group (ICWG) Meeting of SACOSAN**



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**Hotel Pan Pacific Sonargaon, Bangladesh**

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## Background

The Inter Country Working Group (ICWG) of SACOSAN has been established as a regional forum to discuss the sanitation issues and to implement SACOSAN process. ICWG works under a specific framework as set by the member countries during the 4<sup>th</sup> ICWG which was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka in 2011. The key tasks of the ICWG includes monitoring the progress of Sanitation programmes in the member countries sharing of experiences between countries, facilitate linkages with SAARC, MDGs and other SANs and provide technical support to SACOSANs. The last ICWG meeting was held in Nepal in 11-13 February, 2014.



This report that includes the proceedings and decisions of the 7<sup>th</sup> ICWG meeting held in Bangladesh. The aimed at reviewing the SACOSAN process for better sanitation outcome in the regions and preparation for SACOSAN-VI. Delegates from seven SACOSAN member countries viz. Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka and representatives from

UNICEF, WHO, WB, Water Aid, FANSA and WSSCC participated in the meeting. Representatives from Maldives could not participate due to unknown reasons.

## Day I, 27 January 2015

The 7<sup>th</sup> Inter Country Working Group Meeting began with an opening session graced by the presence of the Senior Secretary of Local Govt. Division under Ministry of LGRD & Cooperatives Mr. Monzur Hossain as chief guest. Prof. Dr. Feroze Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, Stamford University was the special guest and Engr. Mrs Khaleda Ahsan, Chief Engineer, DPHE chaired the opening session. Mr. Md. Wali Ullah, Superintending Engineer, DPHE and Member Secretary of Sanitation Secretariat moderated the opening session.





Mr. Md. Khairul Islam, Deputy Secretary, Local Government Division and the Bangladesh Country Focal Person welcomed the participants and the guests. Mr. Akram Al Hossain, Joint Secretary, Local Government Division and Coordinator of SACOSAN-VI Secretariat briefly highlighted the objectives of the meeting. The Chief Guest expressed his concern to improve the regional sanitation

scenario and ties and asked the technical persons to work with the member countries of SACOSAN in an innovative and sustainable manner. He wished fruitful interactions among the participants would help the meeting a successful and declared open of 2 days ICWG meeting. The chairperson expressed her thanks and gratitude to the participants and organizers and wished pleasant stay of foreign delegates in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The opening session ended with a vote of thanks from the chair.



The first technical session of Day I started after the tea break and a group photo session. The session was chaired by Mr. Joel Kolkar, WSP,

WB and moderated by Mr. Henk van Norden, UNICEF-ROSA. Updates of Kathmandu Declarations were presented by the country representatives started from Afghanistan followed by Bhutan, India,



Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. After presentation participants took part in the discussions and exchanged their experiences on how they had tried to implement the declarations in their respective countries. The session was concluded with a vote of thanks and invitation to lunch from the chair.



Afternoon session started with a presentation from the Country Focal Person of Nepal Mr. Ram Chandra Devkota on “Action Points of 6<sup>th</sup> ICWG Meeting”. This session was chaired by Mr. Akram-Al-Hossain, Joint Secretary, Local Government Division and Coordinator, SACOSAN-VI Secretariat and moderated by Mr. Henk van Norden, UNICEF-ROSA. Mr. Devkota informed that most of the action points addressed by the respective country and organization and others were in process. He also mentioned about the SAARC action framework for sanitation and lessons learned from SACOSAN-V.



Discussion was also held in relation to combination of participants in next SACOSAN-VI and was agreed by participants that a possible draft could be forwarded to all member countries by the present host country. The



duration of the conference could not be extended to ensure the presence of relevant Ministers. After then, Mr. Ramisetty Murali, Regional Convener-FANSA presented the ‘SACOSAN -V Declaration Commitment Indicators’. A few queries and comments raised on this presentation. Mr. Henk lead the discussions. Mr. N.L. Sherestha of Nepal mentioned about the

impact of monitoring and an important tool for further regional monitoring to measure WASH activities. Monitoring should be incorporated in policy and strategy for measuring WASH as well as health services. Mr. S. Mojumder of India said that unique indicators can be set at national level but it should be flexible, available and easier to measure. Mr. Areef Anowar Khan, Executive Engineer of Bangladesh opines that sustainable indicators should be measured, otherwise it might not work as we have had regional monitoring indicators, traffic light on declaration etc. The Chair opined that we should have indicators which should be realistic, achievable, measurable and availability. The chair thanked the presenter and participants for their valuable inputs and closed the session.



The technical session continued after the tea break. The session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Mujibur Rahman, BUET. Mr. Balasuriya of Sri Lanka presented the “Status of Regional Sanitation Centre”.

Several questions were raised and discussions were made. Mr. Sherestha of Nepal told that it would be difficult for the Regional Sanitation Centre to work properly if there were no posts and personnel. It could not be one man show. Mr. Ullah of Bangladesh informed the house that there was a regional



knowledge hub in India for South Asia and India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka were the members. Would it not be duplication or overlap activities? Effective roles should be played so that sector improvements could be accelerated. Mr. S. Mojumder of India mentioned that each country should contain a ministerial website and might have easy access to the web site. Some

interventions such as Sanitation, Hygiene and Nutrition might have data and could be share with all regional partners. Fund should be available for the regional centre so that the relevant work could be done as per commitment.

The next presentation was made jointly by Ms Archana Patkar and Mr. Rabin Lal Shrestha on “Linking SACOSAN with the SAARC and SDG (Post MDGs)”. The presenters opined that Sanitation should be a priority issue in the discussion of SAARC Summit held in Nepal. Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Nepal achieved the basic sanitation but improve sanitation could be a good solution for sustainable health. The political commitment was necessary to develop child’s health. In SAARC summit there were many agendas and protocols but sanitation was not there. So, sanitation should be added as an agenda in future SAARC Summit. SAARC secretariat might take an immediate measure to include sanitation as an agenda in future summit. They also added that national level target and framework should be set such as for 2023 and targets must be specific. Disables, children and underserved marginalized group should be given priority in setting indicators and relevant determinants. Draft SDG was underway of finalization in UN in September 2015 but still there was an opportunity to make comments from eight (8) SACOSAN member countries. The government of each SACOSAN member countries might push WASH issues so that it would be focused globally through the UN. As a result, the SAARC Countries and the region would be benefitted. Target and goal-6 of SDG (draft) was much relevant with SACOSAN vision. Meaningful response from representatives, civil society and professionals were required so that those responses would supplement the SDG no.6 and sustainable development might ensure in the region. If we could express our commitment and emphasis on WASH as a priority target and goal in SDG by sending a letter signed by the sectoral minister it would be better. The day ended with a commitment that a letter signed by the sectoral minister would be sent and the concerned focal person of the host country might lead in that case. The chairman thanked the presenters and the participants for their valuable inputs and suggestions and closed the session.

## Day II, 28 January 2015

The first session of the day was chaired and moderated by Mr. Shamsul Gafur Mahmud, National Program Officer, WHO, Bangladesh. Mr. Md. Wali Ullah, Superintending Engineer, DPHE and Member Secretary of Sanitation Secretariat presented “Updates on Preparation of SACOSAN-VI”. He briefly informed about the overall preparation status and feedback of last video conference held on 20 October 2014.



Professor Dr. Md. Ashraf Ali, Director, ITN, BUET presented the next presentation on detailed draft program schedule, proposed conference logo & and the conference theme of SACOSAN-VI. Mr. Henk of UNICEF proposed to include SDG issues in the programme

schedule as SACOSAN-VI will be held in 2016, immediately after global SDG conference to be held during October 2015. Ms. Archana of WSSCC opined that the very specific goals & objectives of SACOSAN-VI should be defined first and then the proposed program schedule could be drafted in order to align the program objectives. Mr. Gulam Qader of Afghanistan proposed to include a slot to discuss the history/journey of SACOSAN to focus on lessons learnt, achievement made in last decades and what worked and what did not work. He also mentioned that there should be linkage among SWA, SAARC and SACOSAN. Mr. Murali of FANSA requested to include a session on reviewing the status on past declarations. The Eight (8) member countries would have an opportunity to internalized interims of sanitation and hygiene which was very similar or suggested in



SDG. Suggestion was made for organizing a parliamentary debate hosted by a renowned journalist where 100-150 people of various sections like parliamentarian, government officials, professionals, general people and students can take part. The theme of the conference “**Better Sanitation Better Life**” was adopted as conference theme. The conference logo would be revisited and



revisited according to the regional perspective and focusing on sanitation rather than water. Mr. Wali Ullah proposed for a unique Logo for future SACOSAN like SAARC rather to go for a logo in each SACOSAN. The chair thanked the presenters and participants for their valuable comments and suggestions and closed the sessions.



The second session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Feroze Ahmed, Vice Chancellor of Stamford University and moderated by Professor Dr. Md. Ashraf Ali from BUET. Mr. Shamsul Gafur Mahmud, WHO Bangladesh presented a draft Country Paper Outline, Technical Thematic Sessions and Side Events. In discussions Mr. Murali

from FANSA suggested that last five SACOSAN country papers, commitments should be reviewed and more learning's might come out. Ms. Archana from WSSCC proposed that a short combined video film could be developed containing all the countries progress and great achievements in the regions instead of traditional country paper presentations. Discussions might be held in the plenary based on

the content of the film. Film should be endorsed by all the member countries. Mr. Namaste Lal of Nepal opined that country paper should be included with baseline vs. achievement and success vs. failure. Mr. Henk proposed country paper might be presented as Poster. Mr. Areef Anowar Khan, Executive Engineer, DPHE proposed that waste management might be an important



part in country paper presentation as it was not focused in previous SACOSANs. In regard to technical thematic sessions WASH should come separately as well as improved basic behavior was necessary in South Asia. Mr. Henk again reminded that we should focus on sanitation and behavior as it was an appropriate sanitation forum to discuss the issue regionally and globally. Mr. Imran of Pakistan proposed to accommodate a session or a time slot for MDG or SDG in any thematic session. After discussions the thematic sessions were distributed among the partner countries based on their choices as follows:



Sl.	Name of Thematic Session	Responsible Country	Supporting Partner(s)
1	Hygiene Promotion	Afghanistan	WSSCC
2	Gender, Equity and Right (GER)	Bhutan	Unicef, FANSA, WSSCC
3	R & D and innovation	India	WSSCC, WSP, BMGF
4	WASH in Institutions and Public Places	Nepal	Unicef, WaterAid, WHO
5	Climate Change and Sanitation	Pakistan	Water Aid, WHO
6	Sanitation for Hard to Reach Areas	Sri Lanka	FANSA, WSSCC
7	Urban Sanitation	Bangladesh (later finalized)	WHO, BMGF
8	Financing of Sanitation	Maldives (later finalized)	Water Aid, WSP



Mr. Henk van Norden and Ms. Rokeya gave a presentation about “Discussion on Points Suggested by External Support Agencies”. Discussions were held about the budget of SACOSAN-VI. Participants proposed that total budget should be finalized with detailed breakup. Participants list

from LGI, Region, State or Govt. should also be confirmed. Gender should be balanced and equitable participation from each corner was expected. Dr. Md. Khairul Islam from Water Aid & Ms. Rokeya from World Bank, Bangladesh informed that the proposed budget which was submitted by SACOSAN-VI Secretariat was on the upper side comparing with other SACOSANs. They expected for a justified and rational budget. Country Focal Person of Bangladesh replied that Secretariat had been waiting for receiving budgets from each sub-committees and would be finalized as soon as they received the proposed budget from each sub-committees. The chair thanked the



presenter and the participants for their valuable comments and inputs and closed the session. The chair invited the participants and guests to join the lunch and pray.

After lunch, session started with a presentation from Mr. Kazi Abdul Noor, Project Director (Joint



Secretary) Policy Support Unit, on Exhibition and stall layout and the website of SACOSAN-VI.

Mr. Dr. Khairul Islam, Country Director of Water Aid chaired the session. The official address of SACOSAN-VI website was

[www.sacosanvi.gov.bd](http://www.sacosanvi.gov.bd). Mr. Md. Khairul Islam, Country Focal Person of Bangladesh, discussed the possible Date of Conference, List of

Participants, Date of next Video Conference and the Next Host Country. The chair opened the floor for discussions on two presentations. In regard to the proposed dates of SACOSAN-VI (11-13 January 2016) India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka showed their satisfaction with no reservation. Sri Lanka also mentioned that there would be budget session in November- December in the parliament and the honorable ministers or any officials were not permitted to go abroad during that time. So, they were

okay with the proposed dates. Afghanistan showed their concern on the proposed dates as the weather of Kabul become very foggy and cold in January. Kabul used to have snow fall and international airport become closed during that period. It would be very hard for them to come out from Kabul during the proposed dates. Ms. Rokeya told that January was the beginning



month of new fiscal year of many donors. It would be difficult for the donors to extend their support and participation in the SACOSAN VI main event. After vigorous discussions it was agreed that if possible, Bangladesh would try to shift the dates onward by one week based on availability of conference venue.

Regarding participants, Mr. Henk proposed to include youth & school children in the list of participants. Mr. Rabin Lal of Water Aid proposed to include representatives from health ministry & finance ministry in each country team. It was also proposed to invite observer from United Nations, Africa San, Latino San & so on in the main event of conference. Ms. Archana urged to arrange translation system for the grassroots people.



In regard to next host country, Afghanistan and Bhutan raised valid reasons for not being able to host SACOSAN-VII. Mr. Imran of Pakistan showed his country's interest to host SACOSAN-VII. As no participants from Maldives were present in the meeting it was decided to communicate with Maldives to get their opinion regarding hosting SACOSAN-VII. It was

also agreed that if Maldives unable to host SACOSAN-VII then, Pakistan would host SACOSAN-VII. In this respect the country focal person of current host country would communicate with the counterpart of Maldives.

It was agreed that next video conference would be held on 24 March 2015. It was also agreed that Afghanistan, Bhutan and Maldives might arrange some ICWG meetings as part of SACOSAN. Accordingly, the 8th ICWG meeting was decided to be held in Bhutan on 1<sup>st</sup> week of November 2015. Participants appreciated Bhutan for hosting the next ICWG as an initial event of SACOSAN.

A Group Work was made among the participants to identify the possible objectives of SACOSAN-VI. Group findings was presented and consolidated. The Chair Dr. Khairul Islam expressed his thanks and gratitude to the presenters and respected participants for well cooperation, valuable comments and inputs and closed the afternoon session.





Mr. Akram Al Hossain, Joint Secretary and Coordinator of SACOSAN Secretariat chaired the Closing of the two days meeting. Mr. Henk of Unicef –ROSA shared the summary of findings, decisions and action points of the meeting and could be seen in Annex-3.

Mr. Khairul Islam, Country Focal Person, Bangladesh expressed his thanks and gratitude to the participants and guests in his vote of thanks speech. The Focal Persons of each country shared their views and comments on some areas for further improvement. They also expressed their satisfaction and thanked for the great hospitality of Bangladesh. The two days meeting was closed with the thanks from the chair.

A social event followed by a dinner was organized for commemoration and farewell until the 8<sup>th</sup> ICWG meeting.

## Annexes:

### Annex- 1 Schedule of the 7<sup>th</sup> ICWG meeting, 27-28 January 2015, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

#### Day-1 : 27 January 2015

##### Opening Session :

Time	Chair Person	Moderator	Activities	Speakers
Opening Session :				
08.00-09.00	Registration			
09.00-09.20	CE, DPHE	Md. Wali Ullah, DPHE	Welcome Address	Country Focal Person (CFP), Bangladesh
09.20-09.30			Self Introduction of Participants	
09.30-09.40			Briefing of Objectives	Coordinator SACOSAN-VI Secretariat
9.40-09.50			Address by Special Guest	Dr. Prof. Feroze Ahmed
09.50-10.00			Opening Address by the Chief Guest	Senior Secretary, Local Government Division
10.00-10.30			Address by the Chair	Chief Engineer, DPHE
10.00-10.30 Tea Break & Group Photo				
Technical Sessions:				
10.30-11.00	Mr. Joel Kolker, WSP, WB	Henk van Norden, UNICEF	Review of ICWG ToR and current status of performance and discussion on way forward	CFP, Maldives
11.00-11.40			Updates in Response to Katmandu Declaration:	
			Afghanistan	CFP, Afghanistan
			Bhutan	CFP, Bhutan
			India	CFP, India
11:40-12:00			Maldives	CFP, Maldives
11:40-12:00 Discussions				

12:00-12:40		Henk van Norden, UNICEF	Nepal	CFP, Nepal
			Pakistan	CFP, Pakistan
			Sri Lanka	CFP, Sri Lanka
			Bangladesh	CFP, Bangladesh
12:40-13:00			Discussions	
13:00-14:00	Lunch and Pray			
14:00-14:30	Coordinator, SACOSAN -VI Secretariat	Henk van Norden, UNICEF	Action Points of 6 <sup>th</sup> ICWG Meeting	CFP, Nepal
14:30-15:15			SACOSAN-V Declaration Commitment Indicators	Ramisetty Murali, FANSA
15:15-15:30	Tea Break			
15:30-16:00	Dr. Prof. Mujibur Rahman	Henk van Norden, UNICEF	Status of the Regional Sanitation Center	CFP, Sri Lanka
16:00-16:45			Linking SACOSAN with SAARC and SDG (Post MDGs)	Robin Lal Sherestha/Archana Parker
<b>Day -2: 28 January 2015</b>				
<b>Time</b>	<b>Chair Person</b>	<b>Moderator</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Speakers/Process</b>
9:00-9:30	Director General, LGD	S G Mahmud, NPO, WHO	Updates on preparation of SACOSAN VI	Member Secretary, Sanitation Secretariat
9:30-10:30			Discussion and Finalization of Various Issues :	Professor Md. Ashraf Ali
			Program Schedule	
			Conference Logo & Theme	
10:30-10:45	Tea Break			
10:45-11:45	Dr. Prof. Feroze Ahmed	Professor Md. Ashraf Ali	Country Paper Outline	S G Mahmud, NPO, WHO
			Technical Thematic Session	
	Side Events			
11:45-12:30	Addl. Secretary (Urban Development), LGD		Discussion on points suggested by external support agencies	Mr. Henk/Ms. Rokeya
12:30-14:00	Lunch and Pray			



14.00-14.20	Addl. Secretary (Admin), LGD	Dr. Khairul Islam	Exhibition stall layout	Kazi Abdul Noor, PD, PSU
14.20-15.00			Conference dates & duration	CFP, Bangladesh
			Finalization of the list and category of participants	
			Next Host Country	
			Date of Next Video Conference	
			Date of Next ICWG	
15.00-15.15	Tea Break			
15.15-15.45	Addl. Secretary, LGD		Wrap up	Member Secretary, Sanitation Secretariat
15.45-16.30			Closing	CFP, Bangladesh
			Remarks from Participants	
			Remarks by Chair	
19.30-22.30	Closing Dinner			Chief Guest - Senior Secretary, Local Government Division

**Annex 2 List of Participants***(Not in Seniority)*

SI N.	Name	Organization	Country
1	Eng. Mohammad Afzal Safi	National Program Advisor, Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development	Afganistan
2	Eng. Ghulam Qader	Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development	Afgnistan
3	Eng. SonamGyaltshen	PHED, Ministry of Health	Bhutan
4	Mr. Sujoy Majumdar	Director (SBM-G), Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation	India
5	Mr, BalasubramanianGovindasamy	Deputy Advisor (SBM-G), Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation	India
6	Mr. Ram Chandra Devkota	Joint Secreetary, Chief - Water and Environment Division, Ministry of Urban Development	Nepal
7	Mr. NawalKishor Mishra	DDG, Dept. of Water Supply &Swerage	Nepal
8	Mr. Namaste Lal Shrestha	Sanitation and Hygiene Specialist, Unicef Nepal	Nepal
9	Mr. Imran Khan	Assistant Director (Data Base Management), Ministry of Climate Change	Pakistan
10	Mr. B.W.R. Balasuriya	General Manager, National Water Supply & Drainage Board	Sri Lanka
11	Ms. W M D T Wickramasinghe	Director (Development), Ministry of Water Supply & Drainage	Sri Lanka
12	Ms. ArchanaPatkar	Program Manager, WSSCC	Switzerland
13	Mr. Henk Van Norden	Regional Advisor, Unicef ROSA	The Netherlands
14	Mr. RamisettyMurali	Regional Convenor, FANSA	India
15	Mr. Rabin Lal Shrestha	Regional Advocacy Manager, Water Aid	Nepal
16	Mr. Akram-Al-Hossain	Joint Secretary, Local Govt. Division, MoLGRD&C	Bangladesh
17	Mr. Kazi Abdul Noor	Project Director(Joint Secretary), PSU, LGD	Bangladesh
18	Mr. Md. Khairul Islam	Deputy Secretary, Local Govt. Division, MoLGRD&C	Bangladesh
19	Dr. M. Feroze Ahmed	Vice Chancellor, Stamford University	Bangladesh
20	Dr. Md. Mujibur Rahman	Professor, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology	Bangladesh
21	Dr. Ashraf Ali	Director, ITN, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology	Bangladesh
22	Mr. Charlie Sargysan	Chief, WASH Section, Unicef Bangladesh	Bangladesh
23	Dr. Khairul Islam	Country Representative, Water Aid Bangladesh	Bangladesh
24	Eng. Shamsul Gafur Mahmud	NPO, WHO	Bangladesh
25	Mr. Shofiqul Alam	WASH Specialist, Unicef Bangladesh	Bangladesh

26	Mr. Joel Kolkar	Lead Spealist, World Bank	Bangladesh
27	Ms. Rokeya Ahmed	WS Specialist, World Bank	Bangladesh
28	Eng. Md. Wali Ullah	Superintending Engineer, DPHE	Bangladesh
29	Eng. Shamsul Hoq Bhuiyan	Executive Engineer, DPHE	Bangladesh
30	Eng. Areef Anowar Khan	Executive Engineer, DPHE	Bangladesh
31	Eng. SharmisthaDebnath	Executive Engineer, DPHE	Bangladesh
32	Eng. Md. Atiqul Islam	Assistant Engineer, DPHE	Bangladesh
33	Mr. M. M. Zulfiqar Rahman	Training Officer, DPHE	Bangladesh
34	Mr. Md. Babul Akter	JSDO, DPHE	Bangladesh
35	Mr. Mofizul Islam	Administrative Officer, LGD	Bangladesh
36	Mr. A H M Foysoul	Media Manager, DORP Bangladesh	Bangladesh



### Annex 3 Action Points.

<b>7<sup>th</sup> SACOSAN ICWG meeting – ACTION POINTS</b>	<b>WHO?</b>	<b>WHEN?</b>
<b>1.0 Preparation of Country Paper:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Involve Central Statistics Offices in preparation of Country Paper</li> </ul>	Country Focal Persons	15 March '15
<b>2.0 Action points remaining from 6<sup>th</sup> ICWG meeting</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government of Nepal MoUD will write to Government of India MDWS to propose a learning exchange on rural sanitation programming focused on ODF.</li> </ul>	Mr. Devkota, Govt of Nepal	15 Febr '15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bring sanitation into WHO-SEARO hosted annual meeting of Health Ministers</li> </ul>	Mr. Mahmoud, WHO	15 Febr '15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revised version of the conference concept paper.</li> </ul>	Mr Wali Ullah	30 March'15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invitation for SACOSAN ICWG 4-6 person delegation to share SACOSAN experience at AfricaSan5, May 2015</li> </ul>	Archana	30 Jan '15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invitation from SACOSAN ICWG to AfricaSan, EASAN, LatinaSan to present at SACOSAN6</li> </ul>	Mr Wali Ullah	24 March
<b>3.0 Indicators for progress on monitoring SACOSAN5 declaration commitments</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revise draft indicators</li> </ul>	Murali	5 Febr '15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggestions for improvements</li> </ul>	Country Focal Persons	15 Febr '15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation of final version of indicators during next VC</li> </ul>	Murali	24 March '15
<b>4.0 Regional Centre for Sanitation</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revise the concept note, based on ICWG comments (target audience, best means of communication, plan 3-4 learning activities per year (e-discussions, webinars, etc), key human resources needed, core budget needed.</li> </ul>	Mr Balasurya	31 March '15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore possible linkages with the Regional Knowledge Hub</li> </ul>	Mr Balasurya	31 March '15
<b>5.0 Linking SACOSAN to SDG goals and targets and SAARC</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft letter on SACOSAN linkages to SAARC planned activities</li> </ul>	Rabin	28 Jan '15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter from sanitation nodal Ministries to SAARC Secretariat through national SAARC Divisions</li> </ul>	Country Focal Persons	31 March '15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter from sanitation nodal Ministries to Ministries of External Affairs, to advocate for sanitation goal, targets, indicators for the SDGs; and to lobby with MoEA to send this proposal to Permanent Mission of countries to the UN in NY.</li> </ul>	Country Focal Persons	20 Febr '15
<b>6.0 Preparations for the SACOSAN6 conference:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revise the draft conference agenda, to reflect comments received.</li> </ul>	Md. Khairul Islam	15 Febr '15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revise conference logo, reflecting suggestions from the floor, circulate among ICWG member countries</li> </ul>	Md. Khairul Islam	15 Febr '15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revise country paper guidance, reflecting suggestions</li> </ul>	Md. Khairul Islam	24 March

from the floor.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guidance on preparing and organizing technical sessions, in/c role of lead countries + ESAs</li> </ul>	Md. Khairul Islam	28 Febr '15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft conference budget, in/c proposed requests for external support, in/c recipient(s) of ESA funds</li> </ul>	Md. Khairul Islam and Dr. Khairul	31 March '15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft guidance of composition of country delegations, diverse and equitable participation</li> </ul>	Md. Wali Ullah and Ms. Rokeya	28 Febr '15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inform Secretariat of equipment needed in the country exhibition stall</li> </ul>	Country focal points	31 March '15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Verify with the Govt. of Maldives regarding interest to host SACOSAN7</li> </ul>	Md. Khairul Islam	10 March '15
<b>7.0 Next SACOSAN6 video conference:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formal announcement and booking of VC facilities</li> </ul>	Md. Wali Ullah and Ms. Rokeya	30 March '15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share the agenda for the VC</li> </ul>	Mr Wali Ullah	30 March '15