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To

The Principal Secretary/Incharge of Rural Sanitation
All States and UTs

Sub.: National WASH Summit from 16-18 February, 2015- participation of State Governments –
regarding

Sir/Madam,

Water Aid India in collaboration with Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation and Ministry of Urban Development is organizing a 3 day National WASH Summit from 16-18 February, 2015 at New Delhi. The objectives of the summit are:


- a) Assess existing and upcoming programme in taking forward India's WASH agenda, with a focus on Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) addressing:
 - i) Sustainability through hygiene messages
 - ii) Replicable models in WASH services in rural and urban areas
 - iii) Approaches in water security and water quality
 - iv) Effective solid and liquid waste management
- b) Partner with WASH professionals in sharing expertise and building innovative models in water and sanitation, in line with SBM
- c) Bring resources and leadership together in finding solutions and finalizing concrete plans of action.

The State Governments are requested to participate in this Summit. It is proposed that the Principal Secretary/In-charge of Rural Sanitation and State Coordinators of the Swachh Bharat Mission in the State participate in the programme. A concept note of the programme is enclosed for information.

The nomination may be sent to Mr. Nitya Jacob, Head of Policy, Water Aid India at nityajacob@wateraid.org, 9810189408 or Siddhartha Das, Manager Policy, Water Aid India siddharthadas@wateraid.org, 9818961605 under intimation to the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

Encl.: As above


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- b) TD, NIC, please host it on the MDWS website.

Concept note for India WASH Summit: Solutions to Swachh Bharat Mission

February 16-18, 2015

Venue: India International Center, New Delhi

WaterAid India

Water Aid India, planning in collaboration with the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (MDWS) and the Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD), will be conducting a three day national WASH summit from 16th-18th February, 2015.

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- 1) Assess existing and upcoming programs in taking forward India's WASH agenda, with a focus on Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM). Addressing:
 - Sustainability through hygiene messages
 - Replicable models in WASH services in rural and urban areas
 - Approaches in water security and water quality
 - Effective solid and liquid waste management
- 2) Partner with WASH professionals in sharing expertise and building innovative models in water and sanitation, in line with SBM
- 3) Bring resources and leadership together in finding solutions and finalizing concrete plans of action

Background

The WASH agenda in India continues to be critical. For the first time ever, a national WASH summit is being organized to bring attention to this, and to work towards finding long-term sustainable solutions. There is sound evidence that improving water, sanitation, and hygiene issues is central to ensuring the rights of the rural and urban poor. Many programs in the WASH area are addressing this. This summit aims to bring these programs together further, as well as encourage ingenuity in new approaches, to bring the impact to the desired scale.

About WASH Summit

This summit will bring together relevant WASH stakeholders over three days to share experiences and ideas on eliminating open defecation and ensure usable and functional facilities by 2019, in line with Prime Minister Modi's Swachh Bharat Mission. International NGOs, inter-government agencies, corporates and representatives from the state and central governments, as well as WaterAid will be at the summit. The summit will work to mobilize these stakeholders to work together to evolve a strategy for effective and speedy implementation on a large scale. Identifying possible areas of resource mobilization and future collaboration is key for this. Participants will present technical papers on sanitation, hygiene and water. There is a possibility of forming initial links between donors and NGOs for funding, as both will be present in the summit. Approximately 300 people are expected to attend the summit.

Participants:

Summit participants will include:

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Plenary Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WASH in India: Issues and Challenges • High Level Panel Discussion • SBM - current status and objectives • GAP launch 	Sanitation - Technology	Innovating technology and ways to move forward
Institutional and government role	Session with parliamentaries	Water - Preconstruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schemes for enhancing accessibility • Groundwater challenge • Evaluating management of water at different levels
WASH in Health		Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making hygiene the focus of behavioral change • Understanding a broader scale - experiences in developing and developed countries

February 17, 2015 (Day 2) – Execution

Session Title	Topic	Session Title	Topic
SBM - Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larger developmental issues • Mainstreaming WASH 	Sanitation - During Construction - Monitoring	Quality of construction, location
Institutional issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban and Rural applications • Planning at scale • Resources, service benchmarks. • Mapping access to sanitation, mapping agencies 	Institutional and government role	Session with parliamentaries
SBM -Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban and Rural Applications • Bringing the pieces together • Making a toilet - process, technology, materials, human resources • Compact toilets, networked systems, onsite sanitation. • FSM 	Footing the bill	Sector financing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private donors • Public donors • Other donors
SBM - Monitoring	Monitoring quality - construction and location		
Inclusivity	Rights, equity, and inclusion		
Behavior Change/ Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainstreaming WASH • Smart Cities and the WASH agenda 		
Urban Sanitation - Environment, Finance	Knowledge, practice towards common spaces. Baseline		
Water issues	Contamination sources, pollution, availability		

February 18, 2015 (Day 3) – Sustainability

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