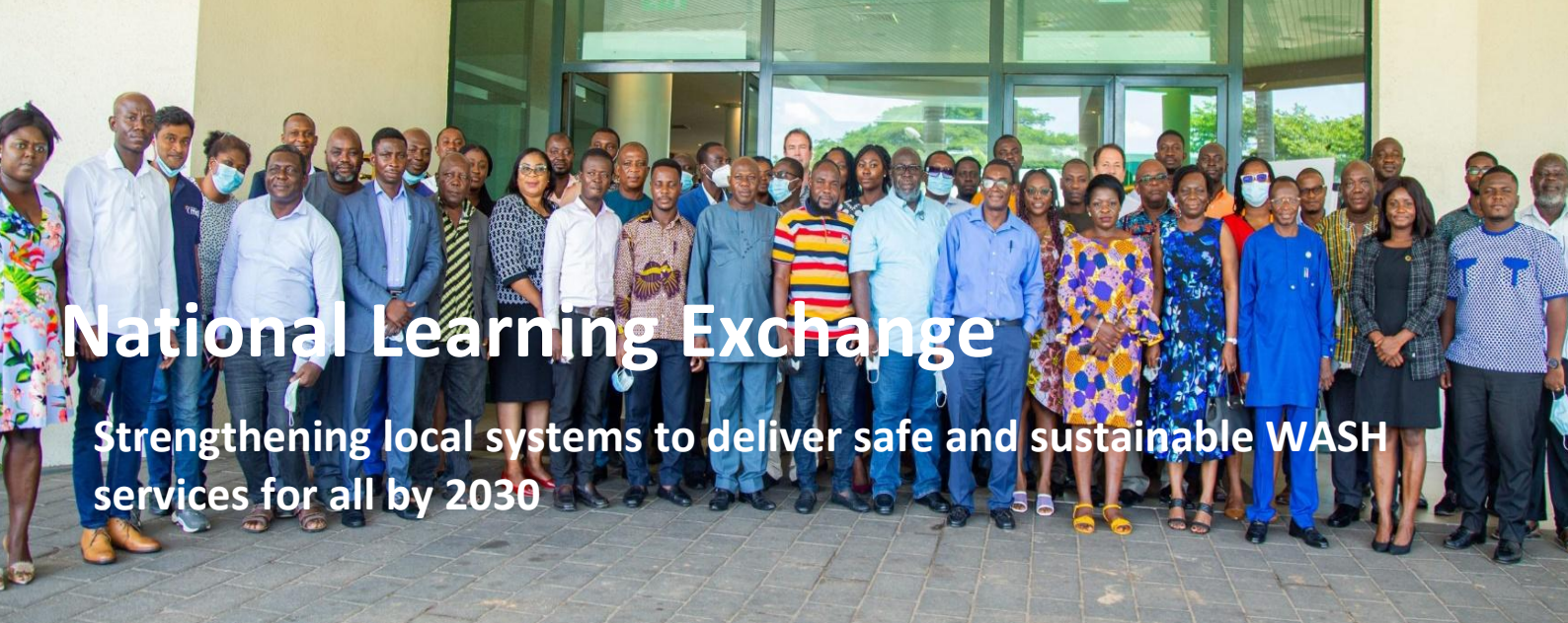




Join us for the National Learning Exchange on Strengthening local systems to deliver safe and sustainable WASH services for all by 2030: Reflections on district-wide approaches | Venue: Coconut Grove Hotel, Accra | Date: August 7, 2025 | Time: 09:00–16:00

Achieving universal access to safe and affordable water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) by 2030 demands collective action, adequate financing, and strong partnerships. With the 2030 deadline fast approaching, it is vital to reflect on recent innovations, share lessons learnt, and identify scalable actions to accelerate progress.

IRC, in collaboration with the National Development Planning Commission (NDPC), CONIWAS, WaterAid, and other partners – together with the respective District Assemblies – is convening a National Learning Exchange on District-Wide Approaches (DWAs) under the theme: "Strengthening local systems to deliver safe and sustainable WASH services: Reflections on district-Wide Approaches towards Meeting the Targets for SDG 6."

The National Learning Exchange provides a platform for like-minded partners implementing district-wide approaches to achieving WASH and WASH-related SDGs to share their experiences and gain first-hand insight into how these approaches are being rolled out and replicated. The objective is to strengthen robust local systems that deliver safe and sustainable WASH services for all. The platform seeks to stimulate inclusive, district-focused dialogue and interaction to identify key learning points that can accelerate improved planning and practice towards achieving universal access to WASH services.

This session aims to reflect on Ghana's progress towards SDG 6 and share lessons from district-wide WASH interventions, highlighting how local governments and partners are collaborating to deliver services in diverse contexts. It will also explore how WASH plans are being integrated into Medium-Term Development Plans, examine what is working and what is not, and provide an opportunity for learning, dialogue, and the development of actionable recommendations to enhance planning and support the replication of successful approaches.

Programme:

Time	Activity	Responsibility
08:30	Registration/ Networking	All/ Facilitator
Opening session		
09:00	Opening Prayer Introduction	Facilitator/ All
09:05	Welcome Address	IRC Ghana Country Director
09:20	Brief messages	MWHWR, MLGCRA, DPs, CONIWAS, WAG
09:40	Keynote Address	Director General - NDPC
Learning exchange session:		
09:50	WASH SDG Country Status & MTDP Framework updates	NDPC
10:05	WASH Systems strengthening	IRC Programme Manager
10:15	District Updates: - Progress of masterplan implementation - Level of integration of plans into MTDPs/ Action Plans - Partnerships for delivery Learning Experience - what works & what does not & what should be done differently?	Asutifi North Asunafo South Asunafo North Tano North Bongo
11:15	Quick Clarification/ Q&A / Comments	All
11:30	Coffee Break	All
11:45	Overview of the national NTDs-WASH situation / Case of UDEMA	GHS-National NTD Unit / UDEMA-MHD
12:05	District expert panel discussion: - Direct impact of WASH intervention on health - WASH-NTDs masterplan implementation - Level of integration of plans into MTDPs/ Action Plans - Partnerships for delivery Learning Experience - what works & what does not & what should be done differently?	UDEMA GHS-UDEMHD Bongo GHS-National NTD Unit
12:45	District Updates: - WASH Masterplan & What next? - How are you integrating WASH plans into MTDPs/ Action Plans? - Any partnerships for delivery? - Expectations going forward?	Asutifi South Tano South RCC NDPC Districts
13:20	Quick Clarification/ Q&A / Comments	Facilitator / All
13:30	Lunch	
14:30	Overview: Pathways to universal WASH coverage in Ghana: lessons from scaling Asutifi North's master planning approach	IRC
	Institutionalisation (Prioritising WASH in the MTDP)	NDPC
14:50	Group Discussion: Emerging issues for strengthening local systems to deliver universal WASH services - How do we make WASH one of the key priorities? - Funding to implement the prioritised WASH Actions? - What partnerships do we need in place? - How do we institutionalise this process? - How do we sustain this process?	Facilitator / All
Closing session		
15:30	Reflections	AhRCC Districts
15:40	Recap key lessons & call to action	NDPC /CONIWAS
15:50	Wrap-up	IRC Country Director
16:00	Closing Prayer/ Lunch/ Departure	Facilitator