

		Room ?	Date 27 May	Time 12:30-14:00	Side Event # 19
Session Title		Strengthening Learning in Africa: Coordinated learning for sustainable WASH services in partnership with AMCOW			
Conveners and partners		AMCOW, IRC, UNICEF WCARO, WSSCC, Gov of Senegal			
Session objectives		<p>Overall objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To inform the vision, structure and process towards a joint regional learning initiative To set out the main tenets of the AMCOW-IRC MoU and announce its imminent signature To announce the UNICEF-IRC West- and Central Africa knowledge management and sector learning initiative <p>Detailed objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To exchange views and build agreement on constraints in existing learning initiatives in Africa and improvements needed. To exchange views and build agreement on the focus and added value of coordination: approaches, methods, tools, solutions, experiences for the delivery of sustainable WASH services To identify opportunities for implementing the joint regional learning component of the MoU. To build ideas and insights on strategies, modalities and partnerships for designing and implementing joint learning. 			
Session agenda		Session Chair: Bia-Mass Taal	Moderator: Juste Nansi	Rapporteur: Abubakari Wumbei	
#	Time	Item	Presenters / Panellists (name, organization)	Process Notes	
1.	12:30-12:35	Set the scene – introduce the side session agenda and objectives, and sketch background to the MoU (how and why).	Juste Nansi		
2.	12:35-12:45	Statement of support for sector learning initiatives that are better coordinated and have stronger policy impact.	Bia-Mass Taal		
3.	12:45-12:50	Purpose and objectives of the MoU plus the need for partnerships to strengthen the coherence of an Africa WASH learning agenda, reduce duplication, build on synergies between learning events, and strengthen the policy impact of learning initiatives.	Alana Potter		
4.	12:50-12:52	Introduce the West and Central Africa knowledge management and sector learning initiative as a practical opportunity to implement the “strengthening learning” component of the MoU.	Alana Potter		
5.	12:52-13:05	Components of the West and Central Africa knowledge management and sector learning initiative.	Kelly Ann Naylor or Gaelle Fohr		
6.	13:05-13:25	Moderated discussion on the ‘why’ and ‘what’ of a joint learning initiative.	Juste Nansi		
7.	13:25-13:30	Summary and conclusions with follow-up actions to implement the MoU and to take forward a joint learning initiative.	Juste Nansi		