Citywide Inclusive Sanitation
A Call to Action
Citywide Inclusive Sanitation: A Global Coalition

• Six global organizations started thinking and talking about inclusive sanitation for cities in 2016:
  • What does ‘inclusive sanitation’ look like?
  • Who should be involved?
  • What do we know and don’t we know?

• The Citywide Inclusive Sanitation (CWIS) Call to Action (CtA) resulted…
  
  ...subsequently endorsed/supported by 30+ organizations/individuals
The Atlanta workshop results suggested a growing group of stakeholders, gathering momentum over time, building on a consensus around who should be involved and what the result would be for cities.

**Timeline Overview**

Conception

- 2016 Atlanta workshop.

Call to Action

- Publication of CWIS CIA 4-pager

Growing the Coalition

- Defining Citywide Inclusive Sanitation
  - Describing the myths to be busted
  - Agreeing on key principles of action

Finalize Structure

- Sharing with more organizations
  - Inviting engagement
  - Finding the non-WaSH partners

Agree Ideas

- Collect feedback
  - Publish reviewed Foundational Paper
  - Organizational Clarity

Implement

- Plan 1, Partner 1
- Plan 2, Partner 2
- Plan 3, Partner 3
- Etc.

- Global and country-level activities, supported by partners
- Implementation of ideas, supported by partners

We are here
A Vision for Healthy Cities

• **Our vision is for cities where...**
  ✓ ...all citizens live productive, healthy, dignified lives in an environment free from fecal contamination
  ✓ ...human waste is managed to safeguard the urban environment, including water and food supplies

• **A vision which is increasingly under threat as cities struggle to cope with...**
  ✓ ...limited financial and human resources
  ✓ ...rapid, unplanned urbanization
  ✓ ...a changing climate
Removing Roadblocks: addressing myths

Click Here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NecZFRcLCuw
Business As Usual Isn’t Working

• We need a shift in mindsets and practices to transform cities into clean, livable and productive places... this will require:

  • Political leadership and accountability...

  • ...engaging all stakeholders, to...

  • ...drive a coherent citywide strategy that delivers sanitation for all as a human right
Engaging All Stakeholders

✓ Urban development professionals to better coordinate mandates (sanitation, land use planning, housing, drainage, solid waste...)

✓ Sanitation professionals to
  ✓ blend both conventional and new solutions in innovative ways
  ✓ consider both reticulated and onsite approaches
  ✓ take account of the needs and resources of customers, including the poor
  ✓ link sanitation solutions to broader urban development priorities
But Recognize Complexity

- Driving collaboration among groups of different actors is not trivial
- Each city is organized in its own unique way – there is no ‘one size fits all’
- Political leadership and/or city institutions may be lacking or weak

The CtA calls on all actors to work on the basis of four inter-locking principles...
KEY PRINCIPLE: INCLUSION
Prioritize the human right of all to sanitation

- Develop inclusive strategies and programs to reach the most vulnerable, especially women & children

- Focus on informal settlements and account for land tenure insecurity

- Show political, technical and managerial leadership

- Allocate sufficient funds for investment and O&M

- Empower qualified staff

- Take calculated risks to shift the status quo: start addressing the challenges!
KEY PRINCIPLE: THE WHOLE SERVICE CHAIN
Deliver ‘safe management’ along whole sanitation service chain

- **Address complex problems** rather than deliver fixed solutions
- **Allow for a diversity of solutions and approaches**, focusing on outcomes rather than technologies
- **Focus on innovation**, testing and evaluating approaches
- **Facilitate progressive realization**, building on what is already in place – embrace incrementalism
- **Recognize the tradeoffs** that exist along the sanitation service chain
KEY PRINCIPLE: PARTNERSHIPS
Commit to working in partnerships to deliver CWIS

- Embed sanitation within urban governance, integrating with other urban services

- Leverage urban development, health, education, environmental budgets, as well as savings from improved sanitation

- Establish clear roles and responsibilities, with accountability and transparency

- Articulate and build demand

- Engage with civil society at the grass roots level
KEY PRINCIPLE: THRIVING CITIES
Sanitation contributes to a thriving urban economy

- Integrate sanitation in urban planning & renewal
- **Clean up city streets:** remove unsightly pollution & bad odors
- Increase resource recovery and reuse
- Reform regulatory policies
- Recover water bodies for **recreation** and for **fauna & flora**
Moving the initiative forward: 
Recommendations from *Achieving Universal Access to Urban Sanitation Services Workshop, Emory University, Atlanta, June 2016*

- Connect with other urban services and development initiatives, associations, and coalitions
- Work with existing WASH fora and partnerships to promote Citywide Inclusive Sanitation
- Set up a *Global Challenge Fund for CWIS*
- Develop *Global Support Facility for CWIS* projects with compendium of relevant knowledge products, tools, and resources
- Create Community of Practice for advocacy and research
- Develop global initiative for training and capacity building in CWIS design & implementation
- Initiate global benchmarking on status of CWIS using meaningful indicators
What Next? ...priority actions

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Feb 1 2018: Options proposed
Jun 1 2018: Decision made

June 2018: Paper published

WWW 2018: Review of progress against tool agendas

...and other actions...?
Getting/Staying Engaged

- Contribute to ongoing activities within the specified time frames
- Propose additional actions that could be taken on by the CWIS Coalition
  - ‘Crowding in’ CWIS in specific cities
  - Knowledge exchanges
- Commit to specific actions that support or promote CWIS as organization or individual
- Email: citywideinclusivesanitation@gmail.com
CWIS at SIWI WWW 2017

• Monday August 28th, 16:00-17:30, room NL 255
  Operationalizing Citywide Inclusive Sanitation: right tools? right use?

• August 29th, 09:00-10:30, room NL 253
  Call to Action: Radically Shifting Mindsets for Citywide Inclusive Sanitation