

SuSanA GSC Meeting

29.01.2025

Attendees:

GSC: Rohini Pradeep, Carla Liera, John Sauer

Secretariat: Alexandra Dubois, Bettina-Sophie Heinz, Christina von Jasienki

Meeting notes

SuSanA @Stockholm World Water Week 2025

- SuSanA Meeting will take place on Saturday 23rd of August @SEI offices
- Secretariat has secured some budget from the GIZ Sector Programme to organize a 2 days workshop with the GSC to finalize the By-Laws prior the SuSanA Meeting (Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd) @SEI offices
- Question: do we need a moderation for the 2days workshop? Yes, it would be better to open a call for tender, however we can take advantage of the ongoing contracts that we have with WASH Netzwerk (Thilo) or Skat Foundation (Sean), which has the advantage that we will have someone well versed with SuSanA and the change process, and it is administratively simpler.
- Open question: Do we want to organize an hybrid Advisory Board Meeting?
 - **To Do:** Alex will reach out to the invitees (GSC + guest + moderator) to check availability. Alex will inform the number of participants to Carla
 - **To Do:** Carla will ask for a quote at the same hotel as in 2023

Updates on Pending tasks

Feedback on WASH AI

- the feature is easy to use on WhatsApp
- If you start to ask to many in-depth questions, the AI responds “we don’t have the answer”
- Some answers are too general
- Carla provided feedback to Sean
- SuSanA will wait until the technology is more advanced before exploring the option of implementing it in susana.org

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- Sean indicated that the SDC proposal process was for now on hold

Event Task Force

The current meeting is used to organize the SuSanA events in Stockholm and is attended by Secretariat + GSC

Context:

There is the Event Task Force and Donor Task Force. The Advisory Board can choose in which it would like to participate. The Event Task Force decides in which Events SuSanA should be involved/represented.

- **Idea:** one person of each regional chapter should participate, to foster events in their region
- **Objectives:** Activating existing network and positioning SuSanA in countries where things are happening

- Many members haven't logged in for 10 years
- We aren't engaging them actively
 - **To Do:** Call for interest on chapter members / broader community, establish a separate regular meeting

Engagement Updates

LatinoSan

- It will take place in the Dom. Rep. – no venue yet
- To Do: Carla will follow up

GWOPA Congress

- Where: In Bonn most likely
- When: in Oct. 2025

GWOPA Workshop

- Next Monday at the UN
- Discuss synergies and collaboration on Sanitation strategy
- The last Webinar series was successful in Sub-Saharan Africa – will there be a follow up?

WANA webinar series

- Sanitation Sector Awareness Raising Event in Jordan organized by BORDA
- Arwa represented SuSanA

Implementation of SuSanA 2.0 / Change process

SuSanA Website – hosting webinars

- There is a designated section for webinar documentation ([here](#))
 - **To do:** The secretariat should promote this service – use Social media – “reach out to us, if you need a webinar posted”
- Add information on landing page about this function

Suggestion to have a strategic partnership with Global Waters (if that keeps going) and repost their webinars

Hosting of external websites

- **Talk about this next meeting**
- e.g. Emergency WASH Knowledge Portal of German Network is hosted by SuSanA
- Ongoing reflection about asking for members wanting SuSanA to host their website to contribute to hosting costs. Question: do we also ask members with whom an agreement has been reached in the past (e.g. SFD PI, WASH Netzwerk) --> balance between transparency, fairness and strategic positioning of SuSanA

Decision should be agreed upon once the basket fund is established

KPIs for the GSC

- Idea to motivate and monitor consistent engagement of GSC members
- John: We are good at process indicators and not at outcome indicators – should slowly shift to action related results
- Carla: the KPIs should be based on By-laws
 - **To do:** John, Carla, SuSanA Secretariat separate meeting on this
 - **To Do:** Collect data from last website, who is active who is not, quick presentation for the kick of the new Task Force

By-laws

- Rohini bilateral meetings with Chapter coordinators to review the regional chapter by-laws
 - o In contact with Arne, process is almost completed
- The Skat foundation contract has not been signed yet.
 - **To Do:** When the contract is ready, Sean will reach out to to the GSC

New Meeting time and date?

- Poll on WhatsApp (Carla)
- Tuesdays or preferably **Thursdays**