

Virtual 8th WASH in Schools International Learning Exchange

East Asia & Pacific and South Asia Regions
16-18 November 2021 / 12:00 -16:00 (GMT +7)



Administrative Note

1. Overview

The 8th WASH in Schools (WinS) International Learning Exchange (ILE) 2021 will be held virtually from 16-18 November 2021. This year's event is hosted by UNICEF, GIZ, WaterAid in collaboration with Global WASH in Schools Network.

The main purpose of the WinS ILE 2021 is to share existing good practices, information and materials available to support countries in the improvement of their WASH in Schools conditions with particular focus on the process of re-opening schools under stricter hygiene requirements or alternative modalities for WinS during school closures. Country delegations will also exchange their experiences, plans and challenges and learn from each other.

In pursuit of improving WASH services in schools, and the enabling environment to deliver and sustain these services, the 8th WinS ILE aims to:

- Facilitate learning on WASH in Schools among countries towards reaching SDG 4 (quality education) and 6 (water, sanitation and hygiene)
- Generate momentum and political commitments towards accelerating progress on WASH in Schools
- Reinforce linkages between Ministries of Education and strengthen the regional network of WinS practitioners

The WinS ILE country delegations are typically comprised of members from WASH in Schools Technical Working Groups, including officials from the ministries responsible for education, WASH and health, and external support agencies or other stakeholders supporting the implementation and management of WASH in Schools policies and programs.

2. Agenda

The virtual event will be conducted through a video conferencing platform on from 16 to 18 November 2021. The sessions will begin at 12:00 and end at 16:00 (GMT +7 / Bangkok) daily. The agenda is attached. All sessions will be in English language, with interpretation considered on a case-by-case basis.

3. Registration

All country delegations, participants and speakers/presenters/moderators are requested to send the full lists of the members of their country delegations to their UNICEF regional focal point no later than 31 October 2021. An excel file has been attached to this administrative note with the fields required to register participants. Please do not delete or add columns, though please note that only the email address and name are mandatory. Contacts for completed registration forms are:

- Ms. Brooke Yamakoshi, WASH Specialist, UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office, byamakoshi@unicef.org
- Ms. Nicole Klaesener-Metzner, WAHS Specialist, UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia, nklaesener@unicef.org

In addition, this year there is an opportunity for observers to join the opening and plenary sessions through a livestream. Observers will not have access to technical sessions or country update and planning. To register as an observer, use [this link](#).

4. Joining the virtual platform

The event will use the online conference platform Hubilo for the event. The conference link will be provided for pre-registered guests on 8 November 2021. All participants will be requested to include their institution and name in their connection ID or username. For security purpose, connectors without identify in the connection ID or username and without advance registration will not be admitted to the VC platform.

All speakers are encouraged to connect 30 minutes before the meeting starts to check their connection and devices' audio-visual readiness. Other participants are encouraged to connect 10 minutes in advance to check their connection.

5. Important information

- Sessions will start and end promptly on time. It is recommended to join the link a few minutes in advance to check your connection and avoid technical problems.
- Participants can use chat box to ask questions, notify the moderator or facilitator when they wish to make a direct intervention, or share written comments.
- Participants are requested to keep their microphone muted unless presenting.
- The event will be recorded and shared following the conclusion of the event, along with the conference report. By joining the event, you are consenting to recording the session.

Contacts

For other questions, please contact your organizational focal point:

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