We are pleased to announce the second African WASH in Schools (WinS) International Learning Exchange (ILE), an event co-organized by GIZ, UNICEF and the WinS Network!

It will take place from 7th-10th May 2024 in Zanzibar, Tanzania and it will be an opportunity to bring together WASH in Schools actors across the two regions of East and Southern Africa and West and Central Africa with invited global partners. Ideally, international learning exchanges comprise of country delegations made-up of Ministries of Education, Health and/or Water Ministries and national experts. Delegations exchange with one another, as well as with technical experts and resource persons from various organisations and fields.

The event aims to:

- Facilitate learning between country delegations with participation of Ministry of Education, Health and Water and development partners active to improve WASH in Schools towards reaching SDG 4 and 6.
- Generate momentum and political commitment towards accelerating progress on WASH in Schools using frameworks for reporting such as the Enabling Environment Matrix (EE matrix) and building on the momentum of the ILE 2023.
- Strengthen the regional network of Ministries of Education, Health and Water and development partners.

Over four days, participants will be able to:

- Exchange experiences, including institutional benchmarking, plans and challenges related to WASH in Schools.
- Reflect and create learning opportunities on specific underserved thematic areas of WASH in Schools (climate-resilience, disability-friendly WASH in Schools, menstrual health and hygiene).
- Identify further capacity building needs, resources and technical support required to incorporate novel approaches to WASH in Schools programming and respective monitoring in Africa.

The planned conference schedule is:

Day 0: Arrival of the participants
Day 1: Full day sessions with presentations, small group work, videos showcasing country examples and discussions
Day 2: Full day with thematic sessions and discussions
Day 3: Full day field visit with clear assignments and tasks debriefing & group work
Day 4: Half day plenary discussion, conclusions, and way forward

We encourage you to get in touch with key actors in WinS or where it exists the national WinS technical working group to form country delegations.

We invite you to submit names as an expression of interest between now and 16th of February 2024: https://bit.ly/3w5Wgpv / Please note that this is an expression of interest, an official invitation including the registration form will be sent after the expressions of interest have been evaluated. More details will be sent to you shortly (including the concept note, agenda, and the Forum’s Administrative Note).

We look forward to seeing you all soon. https://bit.ly/3w5Wgpv