

34th AGUASAN Workshop – 25th to 29th June 2018, Spiez, Switzerland

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the AGUASAN Community of Practice, the workshop steering committee is pleased to inform you about this year's AGUASAN Workshop titled:

Leveraging the data revolution – informed decision-making for better water and sanitation management

The focus of this year's AGUASAN Workshop will be on improving evidenced-based decision-making for more priority-driven and targeted water and sanitation management. We will determine which data, processes and tools are needed and available to inform investment and O&M decisions and how stakeholders should manage this evidence-based decision-making process.

While exploring the technical and social innovations that have arisen with the data revolution, we will also look at steering measures to close gaps in data literacy and access to information and to address issues such as data sharing and privacy – amongst other challenges.

We will tackle the topic by looking at practical insights from the field and by working on case studies. The participants constitute the main knowledge resource for the event by bringing in their insights, expertise and topic-related questions. They will be supported by a team of facilitators and interactive formats to share experiences and leave the event with concrete learnings as well as strengthened professional ties. The **accompanying announcement** outlines the focus and the features of the workshop in more detail.

If you are interested in attending the workshop, please **complete the [online application form](#) by March 20th 2018**. If you wish to forward this information to colleagues and partner organisations, please feel free to do so. Since we need to limit the number of participants to optimise the working environment, the applications will undergo a selection procedure. A well-balanced mix of participants – regarding their expertise, gender, their thematic, organisational and geographic backgrounds – is aimed at, whilst ensuring that communication in English can be achieved. Five young water professionals will be sponsored to participate in the AGUASAN Workshop. The workshop steering committee bears the responsibility for handling the selection procedure.

We are looking forward to your reply.

Kind regards,

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