

# LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

Africa Regional Water Team Days 2019

*Kick-off of the Sub-RésEAU Africa*

27.-29.05.2019 in Niamey, Niger

## Workshop report



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## Executive Summary

The first Africa Regional Water Team Days took place from 27 – 29 May 2019, in Niamey, Niger. 25 participants working in different countries of Sub-Saharan Africa participated in this event. The event took place over three days, including a half-day field visit to four sites of the World Bank [PEAMU \(Projet d'Eau et d'Assainissement en Milieu Urbain\) project](#). The construction of latrines at a school/kindergarten, a sludge treatment plant, community taps and social water connections were visited. There was a good balance between plenary sessions (key note presentations on different levels of leaving no one behind, panel, key note speech on menstrual health, RésEAU presentation) and group work (thematic discussions in the form of a World Café, poster presentation, market place, and an open space for the future development of the Sub-RésEAU Africa).

Overall, participants rated the event as a success, with many peer-to-peer learning moments and thematic discussions. Participants also indicated clear learning outcomes and a general desire for future exchanges. Some of the most frequently mentioned take-home learnings included a better understanding of aspects related to leaving no one behind and exchange of expertise, as well as the importance of having launched the Sub-RésEAU Africa, which was highlighted by several participants as an important achievement. Nevertheless, there is room for improvement. Some of the lessons-learned for the future of the Sub-RésEAU Africa include (i) the need to be more inclusive by increasing female and youth participation, and (ii) encourage participation from other parts of the Sub-Saharan region as well as more SDC National Programme Officers. As most of the participants were from West Africa, it has to be ensured that other regions and countries, which were not represented at the event, also feel part of the Sub-RésEAU Africa. A greater effort will be made to include other regions in future exchange activities. Promoting exchanges across two languages (French and English) remains a challenge; we will need to explore further mechanisms for enhancing collaboration across languages in the region.

Apart from the thematic and conceptual learnings, the event was an important step in developing the Sub-RésEAU Africa. Establishing and strengthening personal relationships is at the core of peer-to-peer learning processes. These personal relations, supported by the [Shareweb](#) and [DGroup](#) platforms, will facilitate future exchange. The launch of the Sub-RésEAU Africa comes out of this event with four promising action plans and a rich body of experience, knowledge and learnings to share within and beyond the region.

## 1. General information about the event

### Context

The SDC's water network [RéseEAU](#) aims at ensuring knowledge management within SDC on the one hand, and with and between its partners on the other. In order to foster exchange at the regional level, regional sub-networks have been developed. The [Sub-RéseEAU Africa](#) covers all countries on the African continent, with the exception of the North African countries<sup>1</sup>, which are under the [Sub-RéseEAU MENA](#). The Sub-Saharan Africa region covers projects from the Humanitarian Aid, the Global Programme Water and the operational divisions of West, East and Southern Africa.<sup>2</sup> Regional Water Team Days are face-to-face meetings, which represent the main tool for knowledge exchange in the Sub-RéseEAUs, and allow for targeted networking and sharing of experiences among countries with similar background and needs. The first Africa Regional Water Team Days took place on 27 - 29 May 2019, hosted by the SDC Cooperation Office in Niamey, Niger.

### Learning journey

The Regional Water Team Days are an important step in the learning journey of the Sub-RéseEAU Africa, and by no means a 'one-off' event. It is rather part of a learning journey, i.e. a series of activities (face-to-face and online) before and after the meeting, based on topics that will be proposed by the members. Before the event, the participants were invited to attend a [RWSN](#) (rural water supply network) [webinar on leave no one behind](#). Further an [e-discussion](#) on the topic was initiated for the members of the Sub-RéseEAU Africa through a DGroup platform dedicated to the Sub-RéseEAU Africa. The DGroup platform was initially dedicated only to participants of the Africa RWTD; an invitation was issued during the event to invite other members of the RéseEAU with an interest in water in Sub-Saharan Africa to join. The DGroup platform now counts 55 members, and remains a way for participants and other Sub-RéseEAU Africa members to exchange on issues of interest and plan activities as part of the Learning journey. For an overview of the activities foreseen to follow-up on the action plans elaborated during the event, please refer to [section 2.3](#).

### Objectives

The objectives of the Africa RWTD were:

- Exchanging information on water projects in the region, with a focus on experiences and challenges encountered in the field;
- Highlighting successful interventions but also failures and challenges, as well as innovations and going to scale, through an active dialogue between participants;
- Strengthening possible synergies, discuss joint advocacy actions, strategic and thematic positioning in the region for the water sector;
- Launching the Sub-RéseEAU Africa and deciding on an action plan;
- Networking to strengthen exchanges and contacts between colleagues.

### Participants

25 people from 8 countries participated in this event. Half of the participants mainly work in Niger (12), followed by Mali (4), Chad (1), Mozambique (1), Burkina Faso (1), Ethiopia (1), and others working in multiple countries of the region (4). The participants were either SDC staff (28%) or their local counterparts (72%; staff of implementing organizations, government counterparts, and research institutions). Many of the participants were coordinators or directors of programmes, which allowed

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<sup>1</sup> Yemen, Tunisia, Egypt, and Morocco

<sup>2</sup> SDC priority countries with water interventions currently include: Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe.

for a lot of in-depth exchange on thematic, conceptual and practical aspects of water-related programmes. It also meant that all participants had a high level of expertise in different topics within the water domain. Most participants spoke French; however, two people did not speak or understand French. Therefore, the sessions were consecutively or simultaneously translated in English and French.

## Venue

Hotel Terminus, Niamey – Niger  
<http://hotel-terminus-niger.com/>

## Lessons-learnt

For the organisation of future meetings, there are various points that should be considered and could be improved. There is a need to be more inclusive in the RésEAU itself, by increasing female and youth participation, participation from other parts of the region as well as more SDC National Programme Officers. As most of the participants were from West Africa, it has to be ensured that other regions and countries, which were not represented at the event, also feel part of the Sub-RésEAU Africa. A greater effort will be made to include other regions in the future exchange activities. Promoting exchanges across two languages (French and English) remains a challenge; further mechanisms for enhancing collaboration across languages in the region will need to be explored.

Feedback from the participants showed the scope of the thematic coverage for a 3-day workshop (Leave no one behind/ Sub-RésEAU/ participants' own thematic interests) was too ambitious: a more focused approach would benefit the next RWTD. DGroup has been a good mechanism for knowledge exchange prior and post-event, but requires additional resources for moderation and support.

## 2. Programme

### Activities Day 1

#### Morning:

- Welcome (Hanna Capeder, RésEAU Focal Point, SDC GPW; Christian Eggs, Head Swiss Cooperation Office Niger)
- [Introduction and objectives](#) of the event by the moderator, Agnès Montangero;
- Getting to know each other: a round of presentations in plenary and using the Spectrum Lines methodology to know what field people are working in and what their experience with leaving no one behind is.
- Plenary session aimed at illustrating different dimensions of inequalities, with a focus on who is left behind and why. This included 3 key note presentations on different levels of leaving no one behind, followed by a panel discussion, by:
  - Esther de Vreede (Simavi) on [Dynamics of Exclusion in the WASH sector: Insights from around the world](#)
  - Taibou Adamou Maiga (World Bank), who [introduced us to the context of WASH and Poverty in Niger](#)
  - Kabirou Ibrahim Dan Bariah (World Youth Parliament for Water) who [brought in the perspective of the youth on leaving no one behind](#)
- Market place: Tools to identify the most vulnerable and to identify barriers and factors to empower vulnerable groups were presented and analysed. This included:
  - A draft [SDC guidance note/ toolbox on leaving no one behind in the water sector](#). Participants gave feedback on the guidance note during and after the workshop. The final version will be published and shared with participants shortly.

- A Simavi publication on [Dynamics of Exclusion in the WASH sector: Insights from Bangladesh, Nepal and Uganda](#)

**Afternoon:**

The afternoon was largely dedicated to thematic discussions in small groups (World Café). The moderator proposed four topics to deepen the understanding of different dimensions of leave no one behind. Participants could choose two of them. Two rounds of group discussions were facilitated by a participant each. In the end, each group presented their three most important points to the plenary; this was followed by a plenary discussion and synthesis. The most important points presented by each group for each topic are highlighted below.

**Topic 1: Enabling environment**

What are elements of a promising approach to shape the enabling environment to be conducive to empowerment and targeting of the most vulnerable?

- Municipal development plan
- Collect/analyse data / challenge stakeholders
- Support/assist in the reissue of accounts

**Topic 2: Affordability**

What are promising experiences with financial mechanisms that support access for the most disadvantaged (e.g. targeted subsidies, pro-poor tariff setting, solidarity fund)?

- Subsidies
- Equalization
- Solidarity mechanisms

**Topic 3: Empowerment**

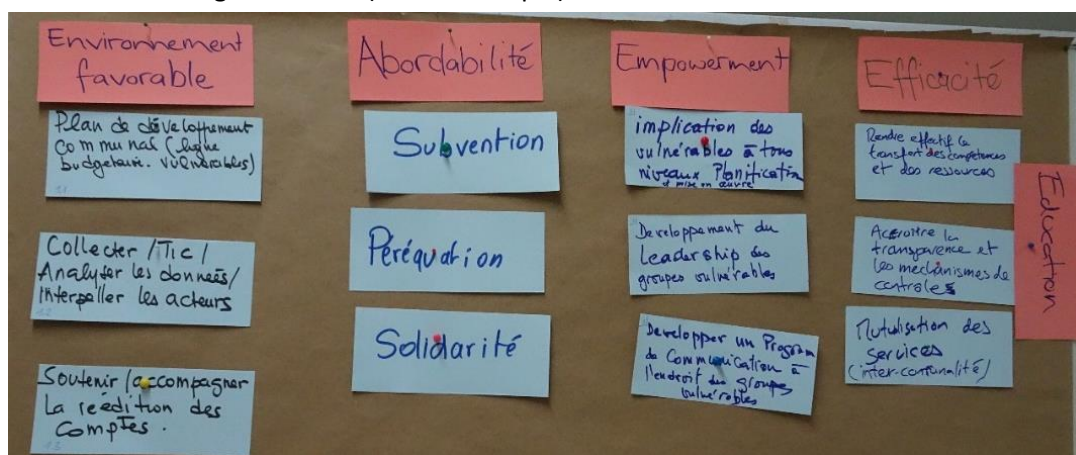
What are promising methods to support vulnerable groups to participate and have a voice in planning and decision-making (incl. water allocation)?

- Involvement of vulnerable people at all levels: planning and implementation
- Leadership development for vulnerable groups
- Develop a communication programme for vulnerable groups

**Topic 4: Efficiency**

What are good practices in the sector to reduce ‘losses’ e.g. by optimising Operation & Maintenance and thus enhancing functionality, improve transparency and accountability to reduce the misuse of funds.

- Make the transfer of skills and resources effective
- Increase transparency and control mechanisms
- Sharing of services (inter-municipal)



Keywords of each group regarding the different dimensions of leaving no one behind

## Activities Day 2

### Field trip

The second day was dedicated to a [field visit](#) to get some practical insight into how aspects of leaving no one behind are implemented and how it could be improved. We visited the Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Project (PEAMU) of the World Bank at different locations in the peri-urban area of Niamey. The field visit included visits to latrines built by the project in a school/kindergarten, a faecal sludge treatment plant, community taps and social water connections.

The visits were introduced in the PEAMU office. The first stop was at a school and kindergarten, where the project financed the construction of two new latrines for the teachers. Up until now, there had only been two latrines for the school with 653 students and 16 teachers and theoretically, none for the kindergarten with its 90 children and 4 teachers, so they used all the two toilets of the school and the teachers went to the toilets of the neighbours. It was astonishing that they planned the latrines, which were currently under construction, only for the teachers. Hence, the amount of pupils per latrine will remain the same. This illustrates clearly that children are the ones being left behind in this case. The quality and cleanliness of the toilets as well as the missing handwashing facilities are problematic.



*Field visit to the construction of latrines in a kindergarten/school (left) and to Niger's first sludge treatment plant (right)*

The second stop was at the Koubia sludge treatment plant, the first and only sludge treatment plant of Niger. Around 50 trucks bring sludge from the city to the treatment plant. Only one quarter of the faecal sludge produced in Niamey ends up there. The treatment plant consists of four lines of parallel treatment, of which currently half are in use. When the truck arrives, a pH test is conducted. If the truck's content is too acidic, it is rejected: it is assumed the truck dumps its content somewhere illegally. The accepted truckloads are put through a coarse screen in a decantation basin of 400m<sup>2</sup>. It stays around 3 days in the decantation basin. The wastewater is pumped into a two-step phyto-treatment basin. After these two basins, the water is infiltrated. The sludge is pumped into a drying bed. Currently, the dried sludge gets stored as they do not know yet what to do with it. The idea is to use it in a commercial way and to get revenues out of it. During the initiation phase, the households only pay 1/10 of the pumping costs, which the treatment plant operator wants to increase once the plant is well established.



Visiting a public water point (left) and social water connections (right)

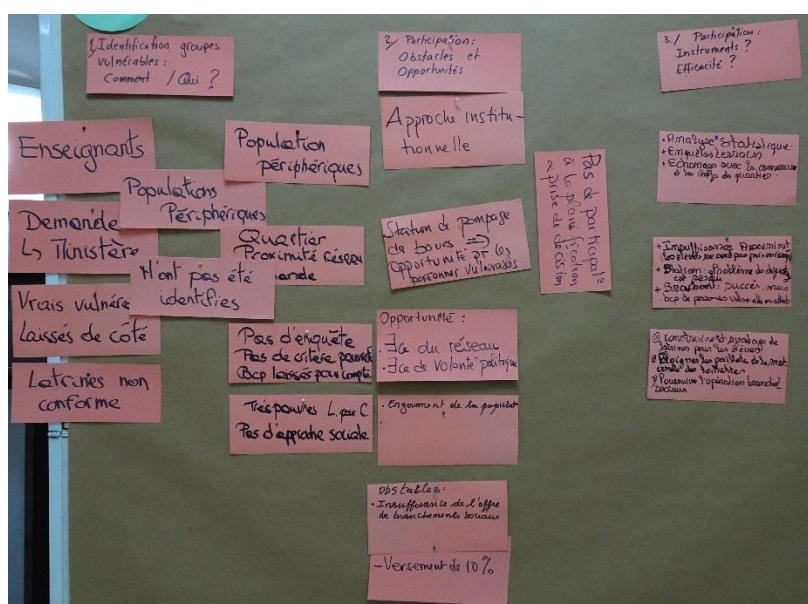
Finally, participants visited a sample of public water points, where people could go and buy water. There are also people coming to get water and bringing it to households that pay for it. The last stop was in a low-income neighbourhood with social connections to the water network. Apparently, this project is a big success, but there are more households in need of such a connection.

### Field trip analysis

Back in the venue, the field visit was discussed in three groups that focused on different aspects of leaving no one behind within the visited projects, such as:

1. How were vulnerable groups identified, and who are these groups?
2. What are the obstacles and opportunities for vulnerable groups to participate in planning and decision-making in the context of the project?
3. What instruments have been put in place to enable vulnerable groups to participate in planning and decision-making? And how successful have these efforts been?

The participants concluded that for some of the sub-projects, an incomplete identification of vulnerable people was made. This might be the reason why really vulnerable people were left behind. Participation in the planning process was quite superficial and limited to some exchanges with the communities.



Results of the field trip analysis



### Discussion about menstrual health

In honour of the [Menstrual Hygiene Day](#), Madame Coulibaly Rahila, Director of school health from the Ministry of Secondary Education in Niger, initiated the discussion about menstrual health with impressive descriptions about the situation in Niger. Some of the conclusions of the discussion were that it is important to break the taboo around menstrual health, and that it is the responsibility of all: government, schools and parents, fathers in the same way as mothers. Based on this presentation and discussion, one of the participants, Moumouni Magawata wrote an [article about Menstrual Hygiene Management in Niger](#).

This day ended with the Water Cinema, during which five participants shared interesting videos of projects and initiatives.

- Contribution to the reduction of conflicts between farmers/breeders by facilitating access to drinking water on the transhumance routes of Mayahi / Niger, Elhadji Moutari (8:46)
- From pond to tap: a film on drinking water supply in Foneko / Niger, Bruno Métral (9:30)
- [RANAS - JIKURA, an innovative project drawing on effective methods](#), Jacques Louvat (6:58)
- Planning fairs – Towards participatory planning, Moçambique, Helvetas, Fernando Pililao (10:00)
- Hygiene promotion in health centres in Tanzania, Esther de Vreede

### Activities Day 3

#### Introduction

The focus of the last day was on the development of the Sub-RésEAU Africa. Hanna Capeder, RésEAU focal point, gave an [introduction about the RésEAU](#) with its structure and instruments and shared some learnings from the other Sub-RésEAUs. Additionally, she showed the video of SDC's [Trend Observatory](#) and one of its first outputs, a [trend sheet on digitalisation](#).

#### Poster Session

A poster session gave participants the opportunity to present their projects in the region. This set the ground for the development of the Sub-RésEAU Africa.

- [Groundwater drilling for Resilience in Afar Region](#), by Tarik Hassan, Unicef
- [Le PHRASEA mots à MOCT](#) (Maîtrise d'Ouvrage par les Collectivités Territoriales), by Moumouni Magawata, Helvetas Niger
- Trend Observatory on [How digital technologies can help reduce inequalities in water management](#), by Hanna Capeder, SDC Global Programme Water
- [WASH Status at Health Care Facilities in Tanzania: A case study in Dodoma](#), by Esther de Vreede, Simavi
- [Evidence Informed Programming & RCT on Menstrual Health](#), by Esther de Vreede, Simavi

#### Development of the Sub-RésEAU Africa

The session about the future development of the Sub-RésEAU Africa was conducted in the form of an open space. Therefore, participants proposed important topics they would like to tackle through the Sub-RésEAU. These four main topics were identified:

1. IWRM: peace and water
2. youth
3. water in institutions
4. new technologies

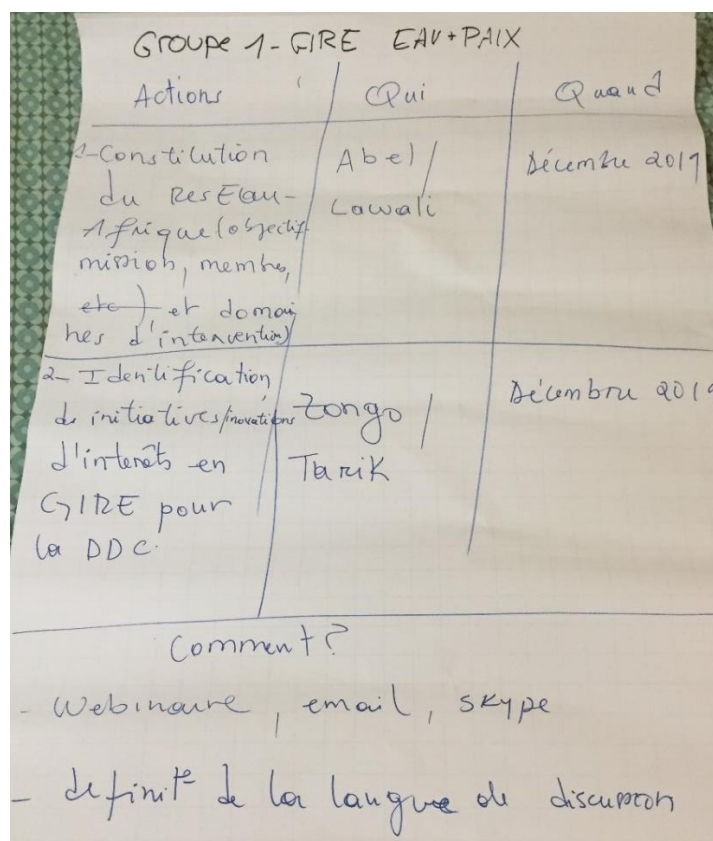
Participants worked in groups to do a mapping of the current situation followed by an action plan. These action plans are presented below for each topic.

1. IWRM (Integrated Water Resource Management): Water and Peace

The "IWRM, Water and Peace" thematic group identified two main activities.

1. The aim is to define for the Africa IWRM sub-region the objectives, missions and areas of intervention on which IWRM can focus. As the IWRM issue is very vast and complex and even transversal, they thought it is important to define the aspects with which the sub-region of Africa could identify.
2. There are initiatives and innovations in IWRM. Taking into account the SDC's interests, the aim will be to identify and propose these initiatives/innovations to the Sub-RésEAU Africa.

In terms of methodological approach, these two actions will be carried out via webinars, emails and skype within the IWRM team before submitting the products to the Sub-RésEAU for assessment. It will also be necessary to define the language of discussion in order to facilitate exchanges and participation by all (French or English).



Actions	Who is responsible	By when	How
a. Build a water sub-network for West Africa.	Abel Gouba Laouly Yahouza	December 2019	Webinars, email, Skype. Need to define the language of discussions
b. Map innovative SDC initiatives on IWRM for SDC	Beteo Zongo Tarik Hassan	December 2019	

## 2. Youth

A roadmap for Youth actions was developed and will be monitored and implemented by representatives of the Youth Parliament for Water in Niger. One of the key activities is meeting with the Niger National Assembly's Network of Parliamentarians on Water and Sanitation to conduct high-level advocacy actions, as well as to take stock of the "One MP, One Water Point" project. Mr. Kabirou Ibrahim, in his capacity as focal point of the World Youth Parliament for Water, is in charge of revitalizing the commitment of Niger's youth to this water issue. This action plan also provided for concrete actions on WASH in schools with the support of Helvetas, Swissaid and HEKS EPER in Niger.

Grande 2 - JJE  
Jeunesse  
Plan d'actions

Activités	Quand ? (date)	Où (Lieux)	Comment ? (Méthodologie / Moyens)	Qui ? (Responsables)
Interconnexion des (Réseau Consortium eau ODC...)	30/01/19	Niamey / Bamako	Internet	- Jacques
Redynamisation du Réseau de jeunes sur l'eau (PNJE), A.G.	Septembre 2019	Niamey	- CCAJ - Internet	PNJE PMJE
Rencontre avec le R.P.F.H.A	Juin 2019	Niamey	- à travers de RJEA	Kabirou Ibrahim
Mise en place de clubs d'hygiène scolaire / G.S	Novembre 2019	Niamey et Régions	- Ecoles - Inspection - DRH/A	- PMJE - PNJE - Helvetas
Initiation (Ecoles B/écoles 2j)	Novembre 2019	Niamey et Région	- Ecoles - Inspection - DRH/A	- Helvetas - PMJE - PNJE - HEKS - Swissaid
Implication de jeunes (plaidoyer) Solidarité	Permanent	Niamey et Régions	- Information - Inclusion - Ardonnement	- Parlement (jeunes) - Coalition Wash
Plaidoyer sur le Budget allouer au secteur Eau	Permanent	- Niamey (AN) - CT	- Communication - Lors des instances - Publication - Témoignage - Diffusion de bonne pratique	Juillet

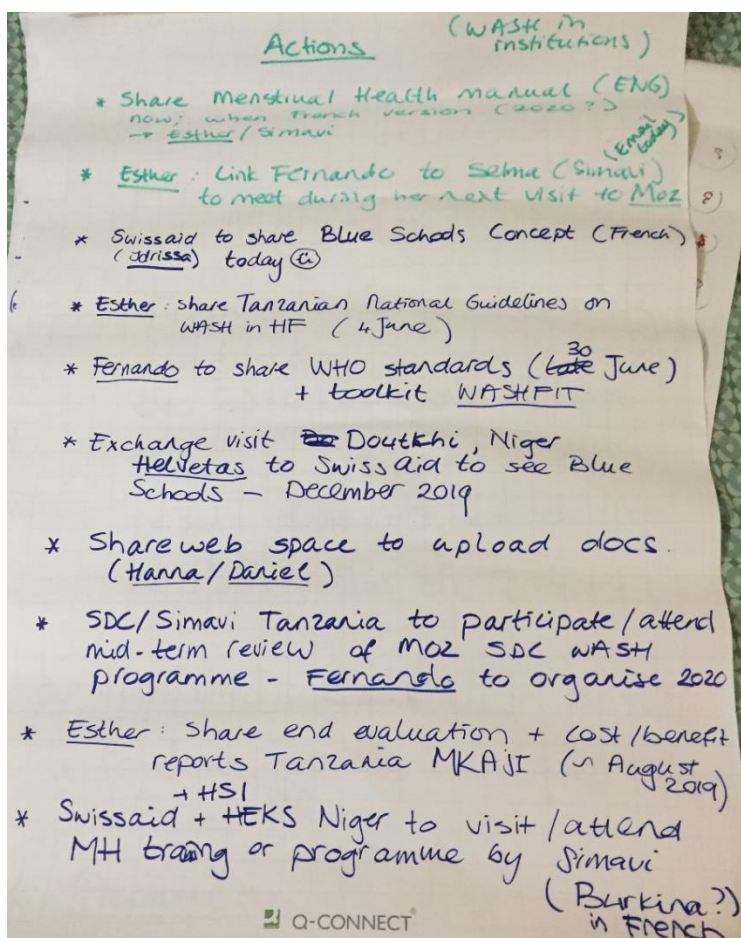
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Actions	Who is responsible	By when	Where	How
Interconnection of the RéSEAU with the SDC Water Consortium	Jacques Louvat	30/01/19	Niamey/Bamako	Internet
Revitalization of the Youth Water Network (Youth Parliament for Water)	- Kabirou Ibrahim - Issa Oumarou - Parlement National de la Jeunesse pour l'Eau	September 2019	Niamey	- Cadre de Concertation des Associations de Jeunes - Internet

Meeting with the Network of Water and Sanitation Parliamentarians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kabirou Ibrahim</li> <li>- Issa Oumarou</li> <li>- Parlement National de la Jeunesse pour l'Eau</li> </ul>	June 2019	Niamey National Assembly of Niger	- Via the Network of Journalists on Water and Sanitation
Establishment of school hygiene clubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kabirou Ibrahim</li> <li>- Issa Oumarou</li> <li>- Helvetas</li> <li>- SwissAid</li> <li>- HEKS EPER</li> </ul>	November 2019	Niamey and other regions of Niger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Schools</li> <li>- Teaching inspections</li> <li>- Regional Directorate of Hydraulics and Sanitation</li> </ul>
Initiation of the "Blue School" approach		November 2019	Niamey and other regions of Niger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Schools</li> <li>- Teaching inspections</li> <li>- Regional Directorate of Hydraulics and Sanitation</li> </ul>
Involvement of the private sector (Advocacy), Solidarity for WASH		Permanent	Niamey and other regions of Niger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Information</li> <li>-Incentive</li> <li>-Revitalization and Interpellation</li> </ul>
Advocacy for the Water Budget		Permanent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Assembly</li> <li>- Territorial Communities (Municipalities, Regions)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Communication during meetings (as a sectoral review Water and sanitation)</li> <li>Testimony</li> <li>- Publication and Dissemination of good practices</li> </ul>

### 3. WASH in Institutions

The group dedicated to water in institutions proposes a lot of knowledge exchange through the sharing of documents and publications. Besides, they plan to have exchange visits and attend each other's trainings.

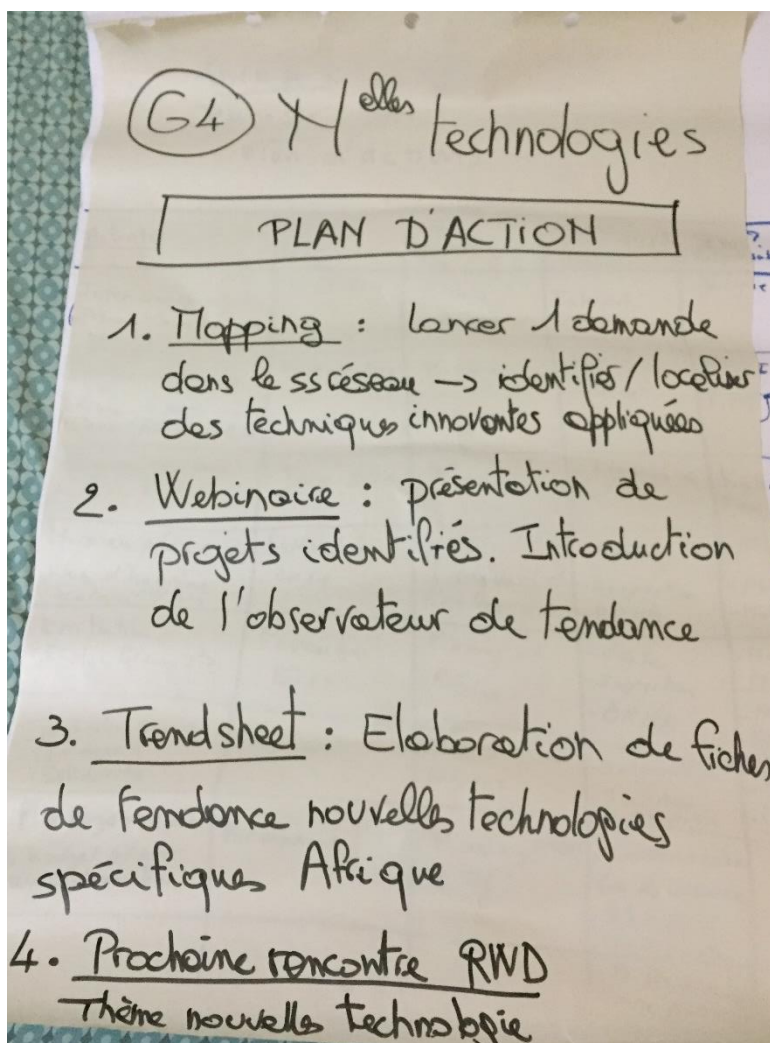


Actions	Who is responsible	By when	How
a. Share Menstrual Health Manual (Eng)	Esther de Vreede	Now; French version 2020	DGroups: reseau_africa@dgroups.org
b. Link Fernando to Selma (Simavi) during the next visit to Mozambique	Esther de Vreede	Late 2019	Share experience and work done in Tanzania to potentially implement this in Mozambique
c. Swissaid to share Blue School Concept	Idrissa Moussa	Now	
d. Share Tanzanian National Guidelines on WASH in Health Facilities	Esther de Vreede	June 2019	Need to understand how each country is positioned regarding those standards
e. Share WHO standards & toolkit WASHFIT	Fernando Pililao	June 2019	

f. Exchange visit between Helvetas and Swissaid to visit Blue Schools	??	December 2019	
g. Provide shareweb space to upload documents	Hanna Capeder/ Daniel Maselli	Ongoing	
h. SDC/Simavi to participate/attend mid-term review of Mozambique SDA WASH programme	Fernando Pililao	2020	
i. Share end evaluation & cost/benefit reports Tanzania MKAJI	Esther de Vreede	August 2019	
j. Swissaid and HEKS Niger to visit/attend Menstrual Health training or programme by Simavi, in Burkina Faso in French	Esther de Vreede	probably end of 2019	
k. Link up with Swiss and Dutch WASH consortium	Esther de Vreede	Now	

#### 4. New technologies

The group of new technologies would like to make an inventory of innovative technologies, produce a trend sheet and webinar based on this inventory as part of the Sub-RésEAU learning journey. They also propose to make this topic the main theme of the next Africa RWTD.



Actions	Who is responsible	By when	How
a. launch a first call within the Sub-RésEAU Africa to map innovative technologies.	Jaques Louvat Bruno Métral	July 2019	Through global RésEAU
b. Webinar on good projects identified through mapping	?	End of 2019	Through global RésEAU
c. Development of a trend sheet about new technologies specific for Africa that can be applied in the field.	Adelphi	?	Feedback to be given to Adelphi by RésEAU focal point (Daniel)
d. Next RWTD to be dedicated to new technologies	RésEAU focal point (Daniel Maselli)	?	

**ANNEX I: List of participants**

Title	Name	Surname	Working country	Organisation
Titre	Prénom	Nom de famille	Pays du travail	Organisation
Mr	Abel	Gouba	Burkina Faso	SDC Burkina Faso
Ms	Agnes	Montangero	Switzerland/ Global	HELVETAS
Mr	Amadou	Maiga	Mali	GWP
Mr	Beteo	Zongo	Mali	Wetlands International
Mr	Bruno	Métral	Niger	HELVETAS
Ms	Carola	Bänziger	Switzerland	Skat Consulting Ltd.
Mr	Christian	Eggs	Niger	SDC Niger
Mr	Douma	Yeya	Niger	HELVETAS
Mr	Elhadji Moutari	Maman	Niger	HEKS/EPER
Ms	Esther	de Vreede	Netherlands/ Global	Simavi
Ms	Fatimé	Abdallah Mahamat	Tchad	SDC Tchad
Mr	Fernando	Pililao	Mozambique	SDC Mozambique
Ms	Hanna	Capeder	Switzerland/ Global	SDC
Mr	Ibrahim	Ba	Niger	SDC Niger
Mr	Idrissa	Moussa	Niger	Swissaid
Mr	Issa	Oumarou	Niger	PNJE
Mr	Jacques	Louvat	Mali	HELVETAS
Mr	Johan	Gély	Switzerland/ Global	SDC
Mr	Laoualy	Yahouza	Niger	HELVETAS
Mr	Mahamadou Kabirou	Ibrahim Dan Bariah	Niger	PNJE
Mr	Moumouni	Magawata	Niger	HELVETAS
Mr	Radji	Garba	Niger	Partenariat National de l'Eau
Mr	Ron	Delnoije	Mali	Caritas
Mr	Taibou	Adamou Maiga	Niger	World Bank
Mr	Tarik	Hassan	Ethiopia	UNICEF



## ANNEX II: Detailed programme

# 27 MAY | INSPIRE AND DISCOVER

### 8.15 – 8.45 WELCOME COFFEE AND REGISTRATION

### 8.45 – 9.30 WELCOME, OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMME

This welcome session provides the workshop frame: introduction to the Sub-RésEAU learning journey, workshop objectives and programme. Security briefing.

**Opening remarks:** Hanna Capeder, RésEAU Focal Point, SDC GPW, **Christian Eggs**, Head Swiss Cooperation Office Niger. **Security briefing:** Jean-Baptiste Bless, Security Advisor, Swiss Cooperation Office Niger.

### 9.30 – 10.00 INTRODUCTION ROUND

This session aims at getting to know each other. The 'Spectrum Lines' method will support first reflections on the topic of

leaving no one behind while introducing each other.

### 10.00 – 11.00 UNDERSTANDING INEQUALITIES

This plenary session aims at illustrating different dimensions of inequalities, with a focus on who is left behind and why.

**Short inspiring keynote speeches**  
**Q&A to all keynote speakers**

### 11.00 – 11.30 TEA BREAK

### 11.30 – 12.45 LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND – A MARKET PLACE FOR TOOLS

An interactive session with “market stalls” offering practical tools (e.g. to identify the most vulnerable, identify barriers and factors to empower vulnerable groups).

**Introduction to the methodology and short teasers**  
**3 rounds where participants select their tools of interest**

### 12.45– 14.00 LUNCH

### 14.00-15.45 EMPOWER AND ENACT – A WORLD CAFÉ (I)

An interactive session with facilitated group/table discussions in which participants feed in their experiences. Selected table topics/questions will enable to deepen our understanding of different dimensions of Leave No One Behind.

**Introduction to the World Café incl. the topics/questions: Enabling environment, Affordability, Empowerment, Efficiency.**  
**2 rounds of table discussions**

### 15.45 – 16.15 TEA BREAK

### 16.15-17.05 EMPOWER AND ENACT – A WORLD CAFÉ (I)

**Presentation by each group/table**

**Discussion and synthesis**

### 17.05 – 17.15 CLOSURE OF THE DAY

### WELCOME APÉRO RICHE

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## 7.45 DEPARTURE FROM HOTEL TERMINUS BY BUS

### 8.30 – 9.00 INTRODUCTION TO THE FIELD TRIP

**Introduction to the project and the field trip** (Taibou Amadou Maiga, World Bank, Niger); introduction to key questions to analyse during the field trip.

**Group 1:** How have the vulnerable groups been identified and who are they?

**Group 2:** What are barriers and opportunities for vulnerable groups to

participate in planning and decision-making in the context of the project?

**Group 3:** What instruments have been put in place to empower vulnerable groups to participate in planning and decision-making and how successful these efforts have been?

### 9.00 – 12.30 FIELD TRIP

The World Bank 'Urban Water and Sanitation Project' aims at improving access to sustainable WASH services in selected urban areas in Niger. The project (2011-2020) comprises three components: urban water supply with a focus on network extension incl. water quality improvement,

urban sanitation, and institutional building and capacity development. The field trip will take place in Niamey and include a visit of the Koubia faecal sludge treatment plant, a school that benefitted from a connection to the water supply network, and institutional latrines in a neighbourhood of Niamey.

### 13.30 – 14.30 LUNCH

### 14.30 – 16.00 FIELD TRIP ANALYSIS

**Group work:** synthesis of observations

**Discussion and synthesis**

**Presentation of the 3 groups in the plenary**

### 16.00 – 16.15 CLOSURE OF THE DAY

### EVENING WATER CINEMA (OPTIONAL)

**Interested participants share videos about their projects and facilitate discussions.**

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## 9.00 – 9.15 PROGRAMME OF THE DAY

### 9.15 – 10.30 EMPOWER & ENACT - CASE CLINICS

**Case Clinics** guide a team or a group of peers through a process in which a case giver presents a case, and a group of peers help as consultants. Case Clinics allow participants to **generate new ways to look at a challenge** or question and develop new approaches for responding to the challenge

or question. The **Case clinics** will be related to reducing inequalities in your initiatives.

**Introduction to the methodology**

**Teasers** (brief presentation of the cases)

**Peer exchange on the cases**

### 10.30 – 11.00 TEA BREAK

### 11.00 – 11.30 SHAPING THE SDC SUB-RESEAU AFRICA - INTRODUCTION

**Introduction to the session ‘Shaping the SDC Sub-RésEAU Africa’ (objectives and methodology)**

**Sharing of lessons learnt from other Sub-RésEAUs** (Hanna Capeder, Christian Eggs)

**Presentation of the ‘Trend Observatory’ incl. short video** (Hanna Capeder)

### 11.30 – 12.30 POSTER SESSION

Learn from each other’s projects, approaches, and tools (visit of the poster exhibition and exchange with the poster

owners). Posters will be exhibited throughout the workshop.

### 12.30 – 13.30 LUNCH

### 13.30 – 15.30 OPEN SPACE – SHAPING THE SUB-RESEAU AFRICA (I)

This session will enable you to propose and explore key topics that will be at the core of the Sub-RésEAU Africa.

**Two rounds of group discussions on prioritised topics: identifying potential synergies for each topic.**

**Proposition and prioritisation of topics by the participants.**

### 15.30 – 16.00 TEA BREAK

### 16.00 – 17.30 OPEN SPACE – SHAPING THE SUB-RESEAU AFRICA (II)

**Action Planning: Developing a rough action plan** to create synergies within the Sub-RésEAU building up on the group discussions (immediate concrete actions you can commit to).

Brief presentation of each group/topic (3 key actions per group)

### 17.30 – 18.00 EVALUATION & WORKSHOP CLOSURE

### 18.00 RECEPTION AT CHRISTIAN EGGS' RESIDENCE

## ANNEX III: Participants' feedback

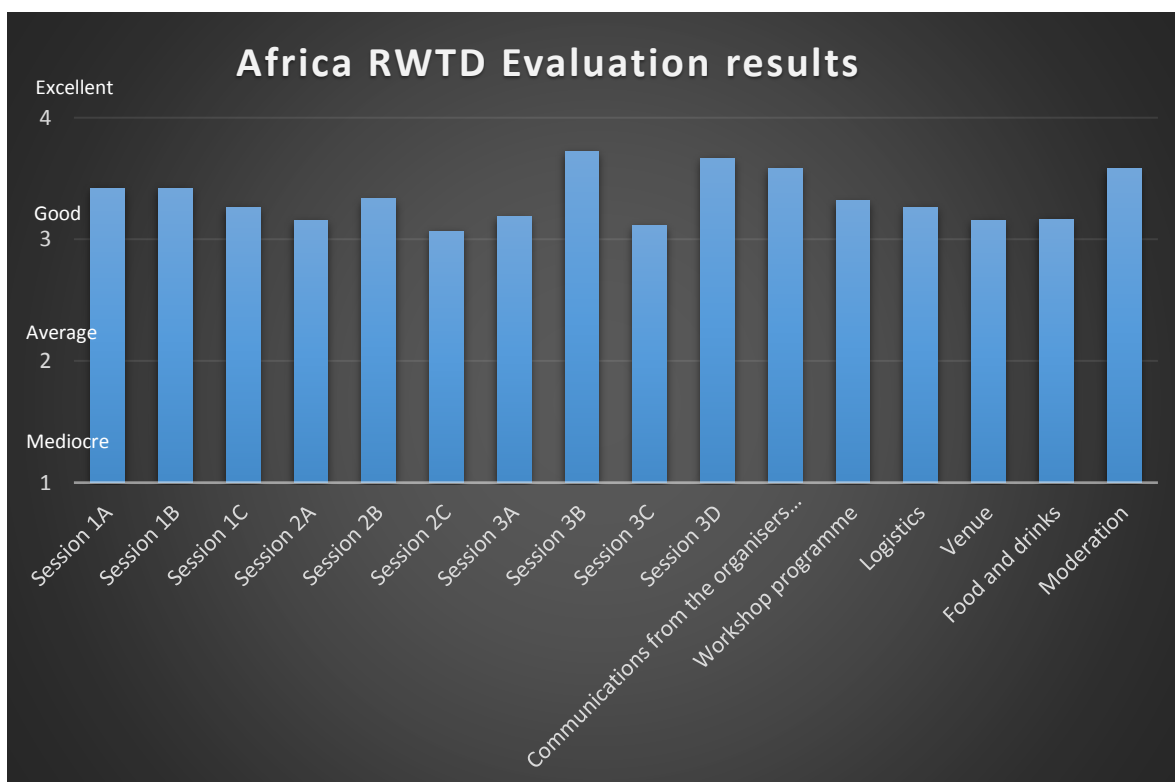
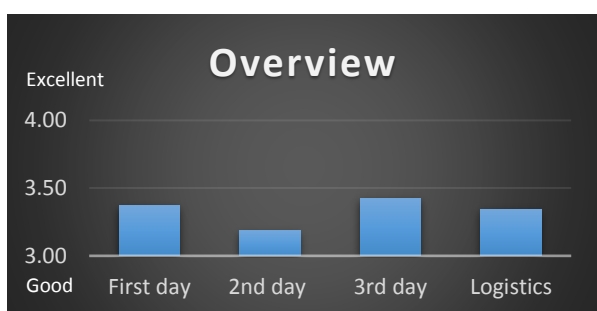
### 1. Main takeaways

The main takeaways from participants revolved around the following:

- Having gained thematic expertise on Leave no one behind
- Having improved their professional network
- Having learnt more about SDC's RésEAU

### 2. Session feedback

While all sessions were rated between good and excellent, overall day 2 (field visit, analysis and water cinema) was rated the lowest by participants. Session 3B and 3D (about the Sub-ResEAU) were rated the highest.



### 3. Other comments

Moderation and communications from the organisers were rated quite high, while the main source of criticism was around the timing of the event (Ramadan). Daily rapporteuring at the workshop was also suggested as a potential improvement.