

## Dear WSSCC member,

In this era of the Sustainable Development Goals, I am excited to welcome you as a member of the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council. We look forward to working with you to improve the lives of poor and vulnerable people through better access to sanitation, good hygiene practices and safe drinking water.

As a global membership organization that works to save lives and improve livelihoods, WSSCC enhances collaboration among sector agencies and professionals who are working to improve access to improved sanitation for the 2.4 billion people that lack access. Members, including you, are the heart of what we do and your knowledge and skills are essential to the success of our global work. Our vision is of a connected community of active members who are committed to achieving access to sanitation and hygiene, with equity and sustainability for all. WSSCC currently has members in more than 140 countries, a Global Sanitation Fund and a Geneva-based Secretariat hosted by the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS). WSSCC celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in December 2015.

We communicate regularly with our members in a number of ways, including via our newsletter, website, social media and Members' Community platform. Our work in the sector and the latest content as well as resources on sanitation, hygiene and water supply-related topics are shared on our website and are regularly updated. Members are encouraged to write to us or post stories and achievements in the WASH sector in the Members' Community for an opportunity to be featured in the newsletter and other channels as well as serve as inspiration to others.

As a registered member, you will have access to all the features of the Members' Community, which is an online directory of all WSSCC members that helps you learn from one another and collaborate by allowing you to connect with members from your country or region, including those that share the same interests as you do. I would encourage you to visit the WSSCC website regularly, log in to the Members' Community, and connect with other members to share knowledge and best practices derived from your experience and national context. As an ardent user of social media myself, I encourage you to follow us on twitter at @WSSCCouncil.

While WSSCC membership is not limited to a specific duration, we urge you to maintain an updated member profile with details on any WASH-related work that you have been involved in. Please contact the WSSCC membership team, if you have any questions or suggestions at <a href="members@wsscc.org">members@wsscc.org</a>

We look forward to working with you and once again, welcome to the family.

With best regards,
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