Working Group 1 Meeting Minutes

Date: 29.09. 2017 Venue: Elite Adlon, Stockholm

Due to low attendance, the activities and discussions around the set objectives were set aside to discuss more generally the value proposition for WG1 members and the need for a capacity development map.

Why did they show up to the WG 1 meeting on August 29th?

- The desire to know and connect with other organizations working in Capacity Development and learn about WG1, who is involved, and what the group was doing
- Recognizing that one of the greatest challenges in reaching universal access to sanitation is the capacity gap, we need to know how to do capacity development well and reach all of the necessary stakeholders.
- The ability to see who is doing what in capacity development to identify potential partners (cooperation systems) to address the audiences and topics we do not currently reach
- Opportunity to collaborate with content experts to make sure that information coming out of high level discussions and academia reach the appropriate target groups and is applied on the ground. Capacity development is an expertise within itself.
- Advocacy for Capacity Development. Few actually understand what it is and that CD is not just a one-off activity. WG 1 could be a space to share CD approaches. What works well and for what audiences?

The need for a Capacity Development Map

- Kirsten (IWA) mentioned that IWA aims to be a knowledge broker. Their goal is similar to that of WG 1. IWA would like to map organizations doing capacity development and be a one-stop shop to address the needs of different audiences.
- The plan during the meeting was to start this process and map who was doing what (topic and approach (i.e. webinar, Mooc, workshop, mentoring, etc.) for what audience.
- The group expressed interest in developing a map of the actors in capacity development. It was mentioned that the mapping would be "invaluable" to those working in Capacity Development and would also benefit the sector. One suggestion was to develop a google document (a living document) to update capacity development activities within the sector. One of the questions that came up was how do we collect that information from the 300 SuSanA partner organizations?
- Kirsten suggested that she could help in moving this forward because it is of interest to IWA. IWA would like to make all trainings available through the IWA platform. IWA would like to collect CD gaps through IWA, including the 300 partner organizations and share the results through SuSanA.