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# WATER AND OPEN GOVERNMENT DECLARATION

Open Government Community of Practice

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# CURRENT SPONSERS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF A WATER AND OPEN GOVERNMENT DECLARATION



## OUR THEROY OF CHANGE

sector

That transparency of government information on the water sector, public engagement in the decision-making and policy process of government, and in delivery of services and the set up of appropriate accountability systems to address complaints for failures in water service delivery are essential to address the root causes of some of the inequities in delivery of sufficient, safe, acceptable, physically accessible and affordable **water** for personal and domestic uses

# WHY CREATE A WATER AND OPEN GOVERNMENT DECLARATION?

To define global priorities on open government commitments on water service delivery and measure progress based on commitments that will have impact.

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## GOAL OF THE DECLARATION

IF DECISIONS ABOUT THE DELIVERY OF WATER SERVICES ARE MADE IN A MORE TRANSPARENT, PARTICIPATORY AND ACCOUNTABLE FRAMEWORK THIS WILL ENSURE BETTER SERVICE DELIVERY THAT IS EQUITABLE , TIMELY, AND THAT SERVES THE MOST VULNERABLE.

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## AREAS THE DECLARATION WILL COVER

**TRANSPARENCY:** Commitments to share data on water access and quality, setting tariffs, level of service, distribution and recovering cost or investment plans;

■ **PARTICIPATION:** Commitments to integrate participatory and equitable approaches to decision-making, budgeting and contracts and citizen monitoring using technology to accelerate response

■ **GENDER AND SOCIAL INCLUSION:**

Commitments to create access to clean, affordable water for all; addressing reasons for inequitable water quality and sanitation; focusing on water stressed and marginalized communities, with a focus on empowering people with disabilities, indigenous peoples, women, the poor and other vulnerable groups; and

■ **ACCOUNTABILITY:** Commitments to improve compliance mechanisms.

## MEASUREMENTS OF SUCCESS



Transformative Commitments implemented that impact peoples lives, especially the vulnerable and marginalized and indigenous peoples



## CREATION OF A FLOOR NOT A CEILING



- We want a short/ concise declaration with clear representative standards on open data and water, gender inclusive participation, complaint mechanisms/ accountability that is the level that all governments should be able to meet with reforms



## AN INFLUENTIAL DOCUMENT

We want global priority open government commitments on water service delivery that are practical and influential E.g. all governments commit to create complaint mechanisms on service delivery that address ( supply , pollution and affordability of water)

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# THE PATH WAY

- Workshops on the elements and ideas for the Declaration
- Draft Declaration
- Public Comment period
- Finalization and presentation of communication products
- Messengers use the Declaration to help influence commitments

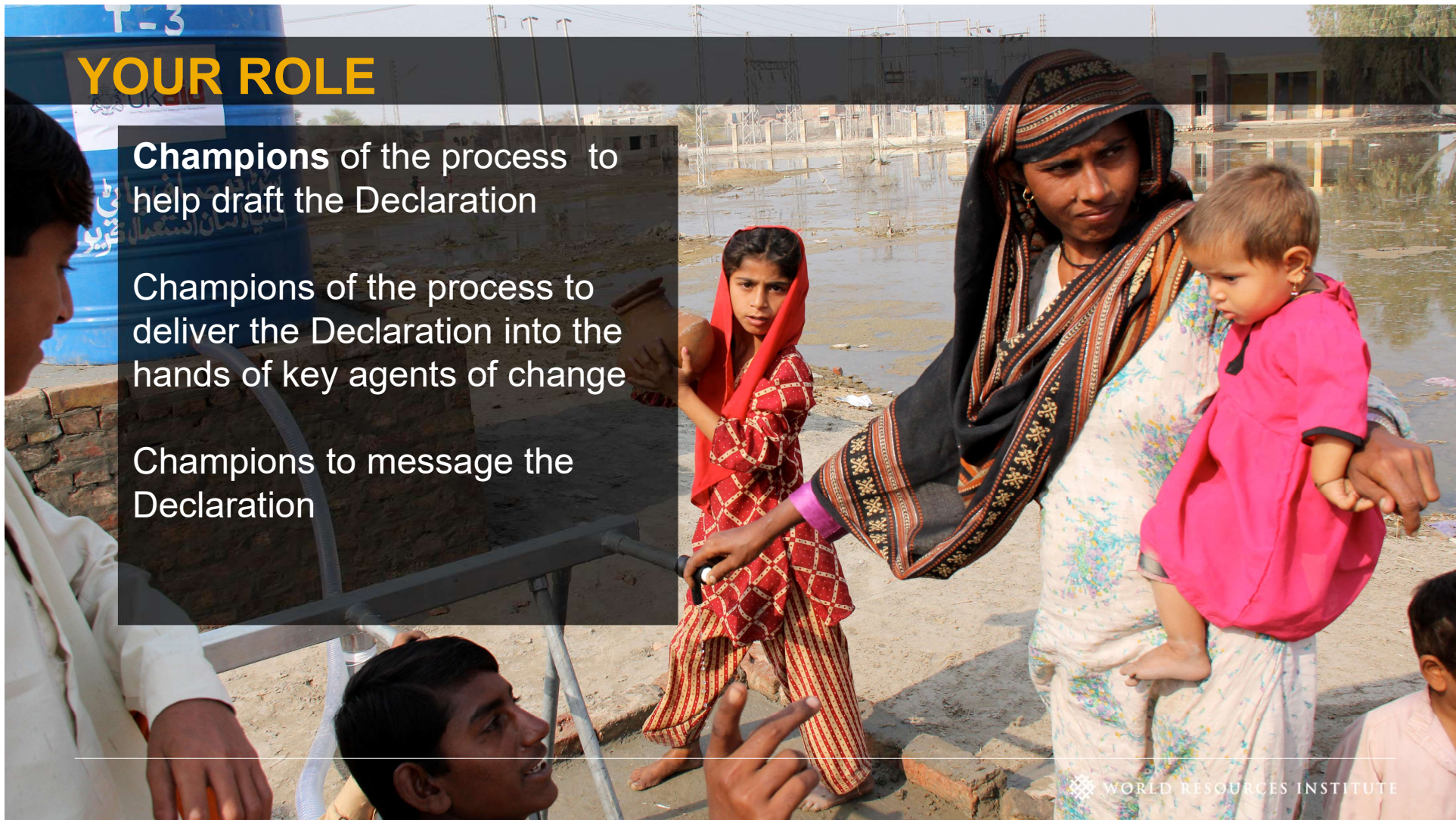


## YOUR ROLE

Champions of the process to help draft the Declaration

Champions of the process to deliver the Declaration into the hands of key agents of change

Champions to message the Declaration



# THERE ARE MANY PROCESSES WE CAN LEARN FROM

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/146x42i6AyqZ2sjQx8udcHz\\_LbQrZSmCpQm5890EhmV4/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/146x42i6AyqZ2sjQx8udcHz_LbQrZSmCpQm5890EhmV4/edit)



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# RESULTS OF SURVEY

35 responses

4 Priority Areas agreed

Transparency – Focus on investments Public Participation – Community Water Management Inclusion and Gender – Capturing inequalities Accountability - Accountability of service management

Initiatives that the result of this process can feed into

- Global Accelerator Framework  
<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2020/sdg6accelerationframework>
- Sanitation and Water for All  
<https://sanitationandwaterforall.org/>
- Human Right to Water  
<https://www.unwater.org/water-facts/human-rights/>

# KEY QUESTIONS

How could the Declaration get buy in from Government institutions and UN and other financial institutions to drive addressing these key priorities ?

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# PRACTICAL NEXT STEPS

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Adjective

1. Of or concerned with the actual doing or use of something.
2. (of an idea, plan, or method) Likely to succeed or be effective in real circumstances; feasible.

Synonyms

handy - real - businesslike - virtual

## Discussion of

- which area of the Declaration you will work on
- which organization you will work with to create a first draft .
- thoughts on communications and messaging about the Declaration