

Draft Strategic note on action plans to achieve equitable access to water and sanitation

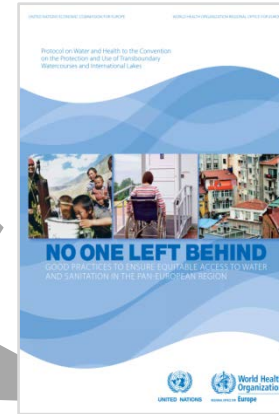
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Progress of the work on equitable access under the Protocol

Self-assessment tool: work in countries → Baseline measures of equity of access



Setting the framework: defined main disparities, policy options & possible concrete measures

? How to translate assessment's outcomes into action to achieve equitable access

Developing a Strategic note on the development of equitable access action plans

Rationale

- Several international requirements to ensure equitable access (HRWS, Protocol, SDGs)
- Difficulty to address inequities in access identified through equitable access assessment
- Development of Strategic note to guide development of action plans to address equity gaps

Process

Expert Group on Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation (May 2015): exchange of experience and initial discussion on possible «equitable access action plan»

Working Group on Water and Health (November 2015): draft Strategic Note submitted for comments

Equitable Access workshop (March 2016): exchange of experiences to inform development strategic note

MOP4 (November 2016): possible adoption

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What do we call an Equitable Access Action Plan?

A document which identifies and prioritizes:



Measures to be adopted to address the identified gaps



Opportunities for including priority measures in official plans, programmes and projects



Stakeholders to be involved

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What could be the content of an Equitable Access Action Plan?

- Identify a limited number of main priority areas
- Identify priority of measures (evaluation of existing policies, legal & institutional reforms, targeted investments, communication efforts...)
- Identify existing or planned strategies in which to integrate prioritized equitable access measures
- Identify governmental institutions responsible
- Include a resource mobilization strategy

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What could be the process for the development of an Equitable Access Action Plan in a country / region?

- Involvement of key agencies / stakeholders which have contributed to equitable access assessment. Depending on priorities identified: Min. finance, Min. in charge of water and sanitation, environment, health, education, housing, social protection, regional development, service providers, CSOs, academics...
- Set up of small expert group + consultations
- Timeframe: limited time, to develop, consult and agree on draft Action plan
- Lifecycle: // policy process where measures will be adopted (national water strategy, regional development plans...)