



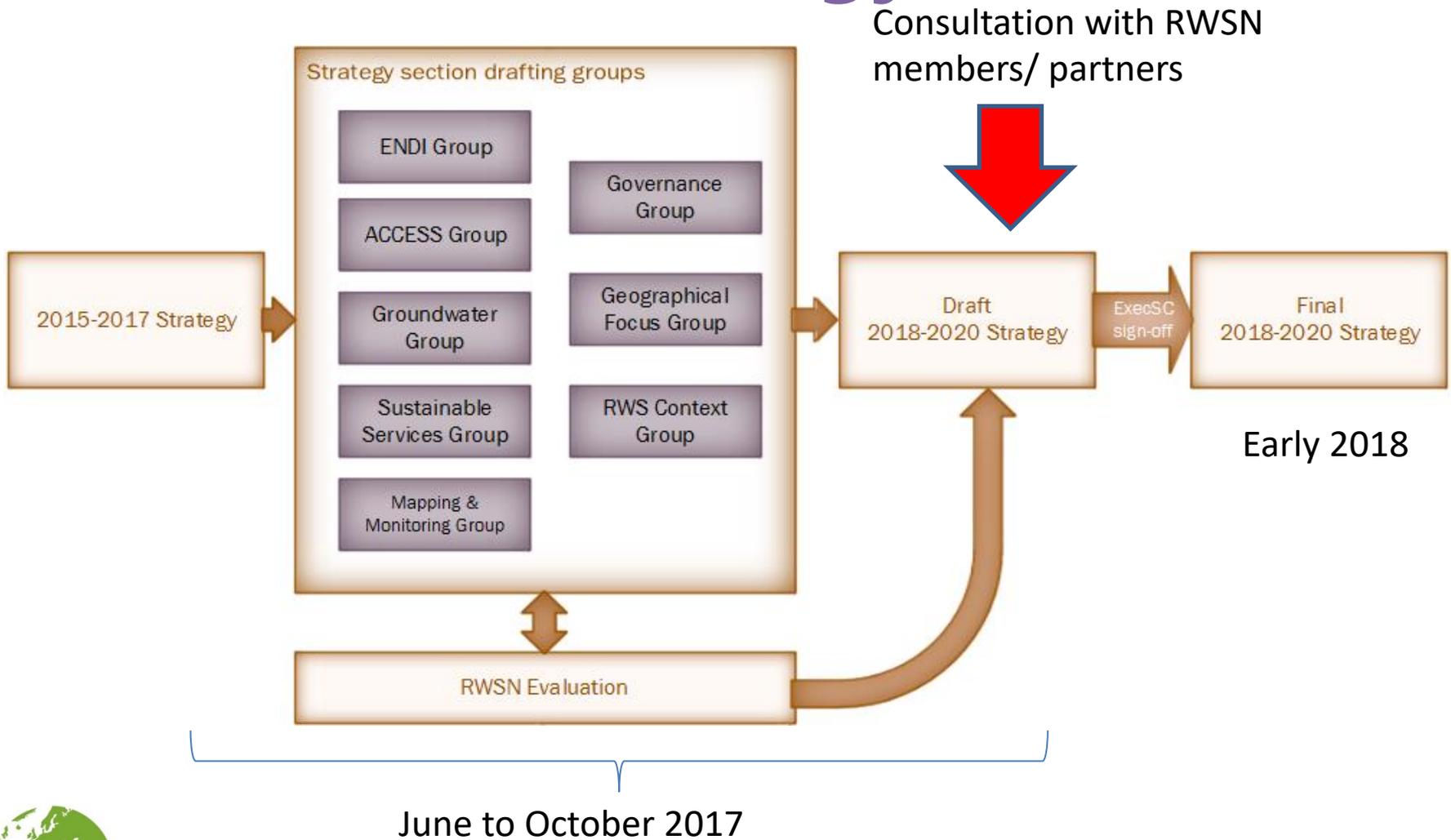
The new RWSN Strategy 2018-2023

Development process and
opportunities for contribution

Outline

1. Development of the new RWSN strategy
2. What has changed (and not changed) from 2015-2017 strategy
3. Opportunities for collaboration
4. Consultation period

1. Development of new RWSN strategy



2. What has changed (and not changed)

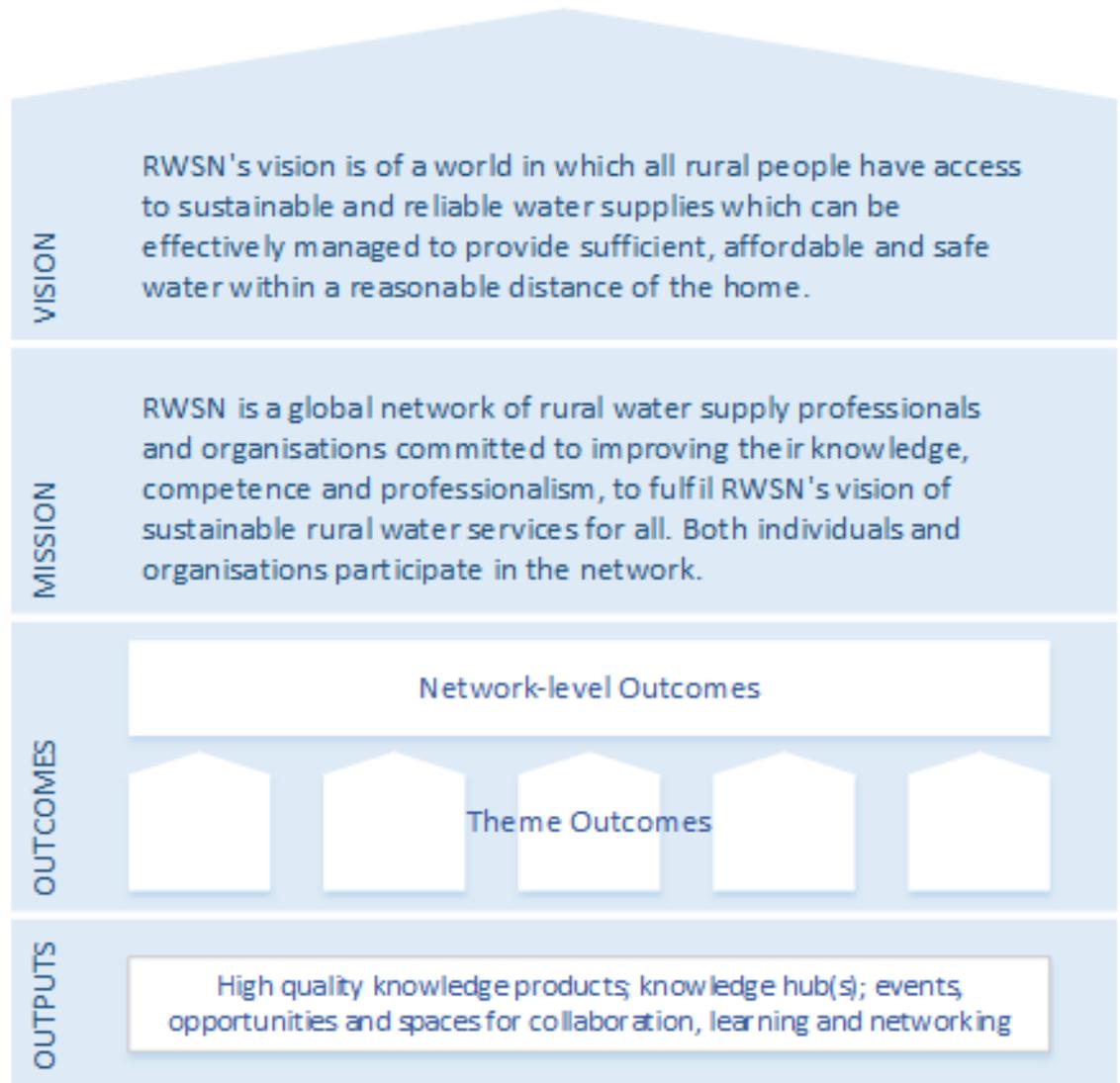
- **Vision and Mission** stay the same as in previous strategy – aligned with SDGs and Human Right to Water
- **Timeline** increased to 6 years (with a mid-term review)
- Improved **Theory of Change**
- **Network-level outcomes**
- **Themes & Topics** defined differently
- More collaboration between Themes

RWSN Vision and Mission

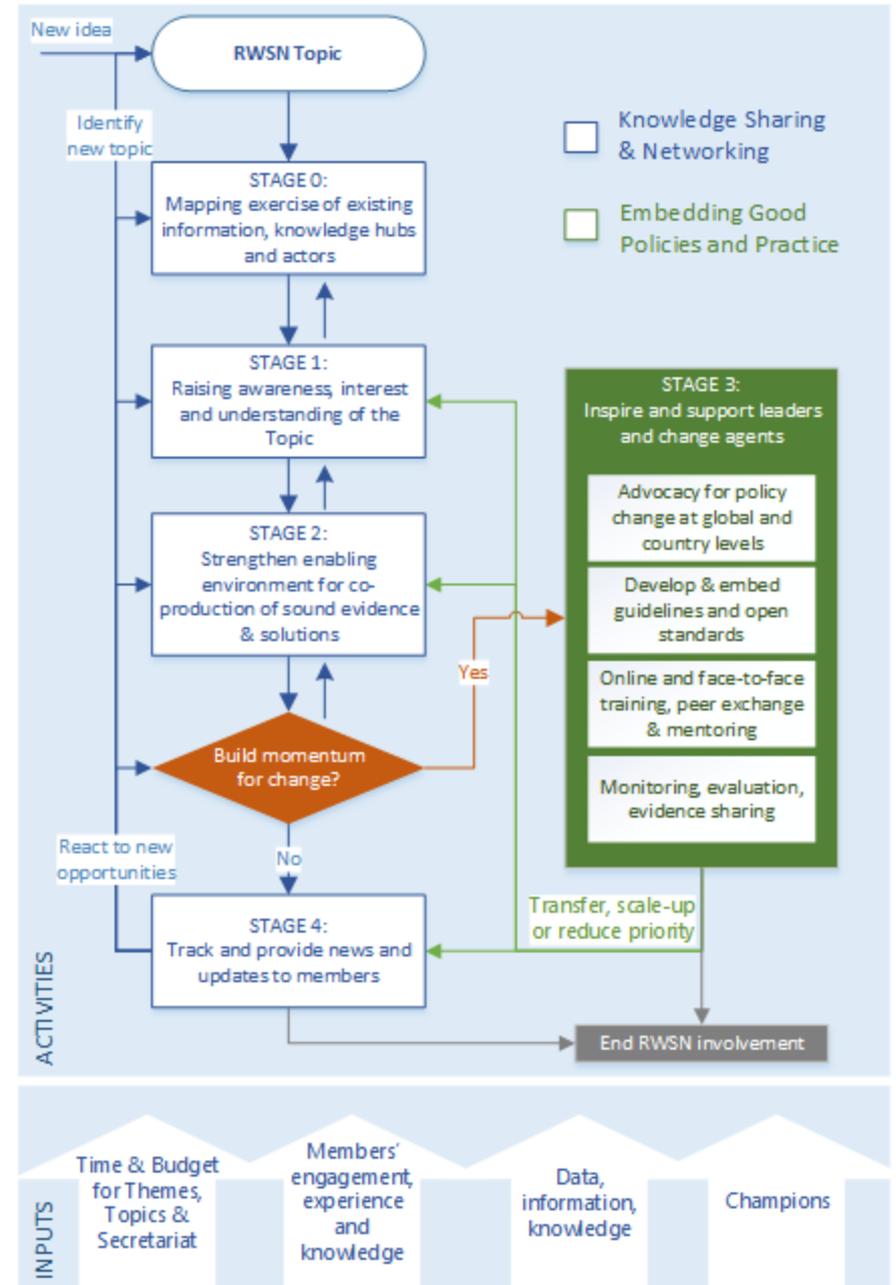
RWSN's vision is of a world in which all rural people have access to sustainable and reliable water supplies which can be effectively managed to provide sufficient, affordable and safe water within a reasonable distance of the home.

RWSN is a global network of rural water supply professionals and organisations committed to improving their knowledge, competence and professionalism, to fulfil RWSN's vision of sustainable rural water services for all. Both individuals and organisations participate in the network.

Theory of Change (1)



Theory of Change (2)



Network Level Outcomes

Network-level Outcome	Indicators	Target(s)	Baseline 2017
1. RWSN membership continues to grow and includes as many rural water supply professionals, and organisations working in the sector, as possible.	1.1 Number of individual members. 1.1.1 Number of RWSN Young Professionals 1.1.2 % female member survey respondents 1.2 Number of member organisations. 1.2.1 Number of rural water service operators/users associations/ government bodies 1.3 Number of countries from which individual members register. (or maybe an indicator about no. numbers from each country?) 1.4 Number of RWSN members in Theme Dgroups (combined)		
2. RWSN contributes to the furthering of the rural water supply sector globally in its scaling up of solutions to achieve SDG6.1 through improving access to knowledge and capacity development opportunities.	2.1 Knowledge Products per year 2.2 Accessibility and usage of knowledge management platforms 2.2.1 Document downloads from RWSN website 2.2.2 Contributions to RWSN Theme Dgroups/year 2.2.3 "Do you think that RWSN has helped to advance your work in rural water supply?" 2.3 Examples/Stories of where RWSN products or services have been used for training/capacity development		
3. RWSN contributes to improvements of rural water supply at a national/sub-national level	3.1 Stories of Most Significant Change of where RWSN members have used an RWSN product or service to effect change in their country, locality or organisation		

RWSN Themes

- An RWSN **Theme** is a broad area of interest that the RWSN Executive Steering Committee sees as strategically important and has the following characteristics:
- **Clear Outcome(s)** that the Theme wants to achieve to contribute to the higher level Network-level outcomes, Mission and Vision;
- Has **wide applicability and relevance** to rural water supply globally (with an emphasis on low- and middle-income countries where there is greatest need for safe and sustainable rural water supply services);
- **1+ Theme Leaders**, with sufficient support **and resources** to implement their Theme work plan;
- **A Dgroup community** with a critical mass of members for stimulating networking activities and collaboration;
- A wider sphere of **partner organisations and networks** to work on collaborative projects, research, advocacy or embedding.

Themes 2018-2023



Equality, Non-Discrimination & Inclusion → **Leave No-one Behind**



Accelerating Self-supply → **Self-supply**



Mapping & Monitoring (now a Theme)



Sustainable Groundwater Development



Sustainable Services

RWSN Topics

- An RWSN **Topic** is a specific area of interest where RWSN can make a contribution to better knowledge, policy and practice. A RWSN Topic should have:
- A **clear objective**, or objectives, that link to the Theme objectives and/or the overall RWSN Vision;
- 1+ Topic leaders;
- Either committed resources, or identified possible partners/sources of funding or in-kind support, so that networking or embedding activities can take place.
- A Topic can fall within the scope of a single Theme or can be shared by one or more Themes.

Collaboration on Topics

		Lead Theme				
		Leave No-one Behind	Self-Supply	Mapping & Monitoring	Sustainable Groundwater Development	Sustainable Services
Support Theme	Leave No-one Behind	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embedding Human Right to Water Barriers to water access 				
	Self-Supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-supply and the Human Right to Water/Making Rights Real 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity building of providers Support and documentation of specific Self-supply initiatives 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manual Drilling Groundwater abstraction 	
	Mapping & Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring and reporting on equality of water access 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovations in mapping & monitoring In-country monitoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handpump functionality Real-time pump monitoring Groundwater Mapping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service monitoring (including monitoring self) Sustainability metrics
	Sustainable Groundwater Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion Gender, equality and human rights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harnessing the Rain 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groundwater Abstraction Groundwater Resources & Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safely managed water Rural & Small Town Water Security Pump mechanic services
	Sustainable Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Accountability Integrity and anti-corruption 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enabling environment for different service delivery models (including self-supply) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drilling professionalisation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Costing and financing reaching the SDGs



Leave No-one Behind

“To develop practical responses to the SDG mandate to leave no-one behind, recognising that the causes of exclusion include physical, attitudinal and institutional barriers, and that realisation of human rights to water and sanitation for the most marginalised requires a focus on power relations”

TOPICS (lead):

- Making Rights Real
- Inclusion
- Gender equality and women’s rights
- Social accountability for sustainable services



Self-supply

“The potential and limitations of Supported Self-supply as a service delivery approach for rural water supply is understood and recognized by government agencies, development partners, water users and other key actors.

The approach of Supported Self-supply is applied where appropriate.”

TOPICS (lead):

- Capacity building of providers
- Support and documentation of specific Self-supply initiatives
- Harnessing the Rain



Mapping & Monitoring

“Decision-making for ensuring sustainable rural water services (e.g. resource allocation, external support) is evidence based and uses information generated by robust data.

Indicators adopted by local and national government are in line with and contribute to SDGs monitoring and include key rural water supply sustainability indicators”

TOPICS (lead)

- Indicators Harmonisation
- Innovative models in mapping & monitoring
- In-country monitoring and SDGs



Sustainable Groundwater Development

“Groundwater resources are properly assessed and sustainably developed and managed for drinking water supply and other uses, so ensuring their long term quality and security.”

TOPICS (lead)

- Groundwater Resources Management
- Professional Water Well Drilling
- Groundwater Abstraction (solar pumps and handpumps)



Sustainable Services

“Rural water supply services are adequately financed, meet country service delivery standards, are managed and supported by capacitated service providers and service authorities.”

TOPICS (lead)

- Direct Support to Service Providers
- Evolving Service Delivery Approaches
- Innovation in Rural Water Supply Finance



Support from the Secretariat

- **Network issues:**
 - **Management of membership, networking and communications**
 - **Youth & Young Rural Water Professionals**
 - **Interface with other networks and partnerships**
(e.g. Sanitation & Water for All, SuSanA, WIN)
 - **High Quality Documentation**

- **Cross-cutting technical issues:**
 - **Innovation & Research Uptake and Scaling up**
 - **Water quality**

Implementing the strategy

Theme/Topic	RWSN Executive Steering Committee Organisation							Non-ExecSC
	AfDB	IRC WASH	SDC	Skat	UNICEF	WaterAid	World Bank	
Leave No-one Behind					Partner	Lead		Simavi: partner
Mapping & Monitoring						Lead	Lead	
Self-supply				Lead				
Sustainable Groundwater Development				Lead	Partner	Partner		Water Mission: topic lead
Sustainable Services		Lead					Lead	
RWSN Governance	Partner	Partner	Partner	Partner	Chair	Partner	Partner	
RWSN Secretariat			Co-Funder	Lead & Co-Funder		Co-Funder		

3. Opportunities for collaboration

- RWSN works as a network because of the fantastic contributions from our members.
- Getting involved in any of the RWSN activities is an gives an opportunity to:
 - extend your personal network,
 - link to potential new partners
 - build support for your ideas,
 - to be at the cutting edge of research, practice and policy
- We are particularly interested in finding partners who can help with RWSN networking activities at a **country** or **regional** level and in especially in **Latin America & Caribbean, Asia or Oceania**



4. Consultation period

- Tell us:
 - What you like about the strategy
 - What could be improved
 - If you, or your organisation, could contribute staff time, funding or knowledge to strengthen any of the topics or themes
- 6 weeks from day of webinar (9 Nov – 22 Dec)
- Send your ideas to: ruralwater@skat.ch or post you ideas as comments on the RWSN blog
<https://rwsn.blog/2017/11/08/consultation-period-on-the-rwsn-strategy-now-open-periode-de-consultation-sur-la-strategie-rwsn-maintenant-ouverte/>