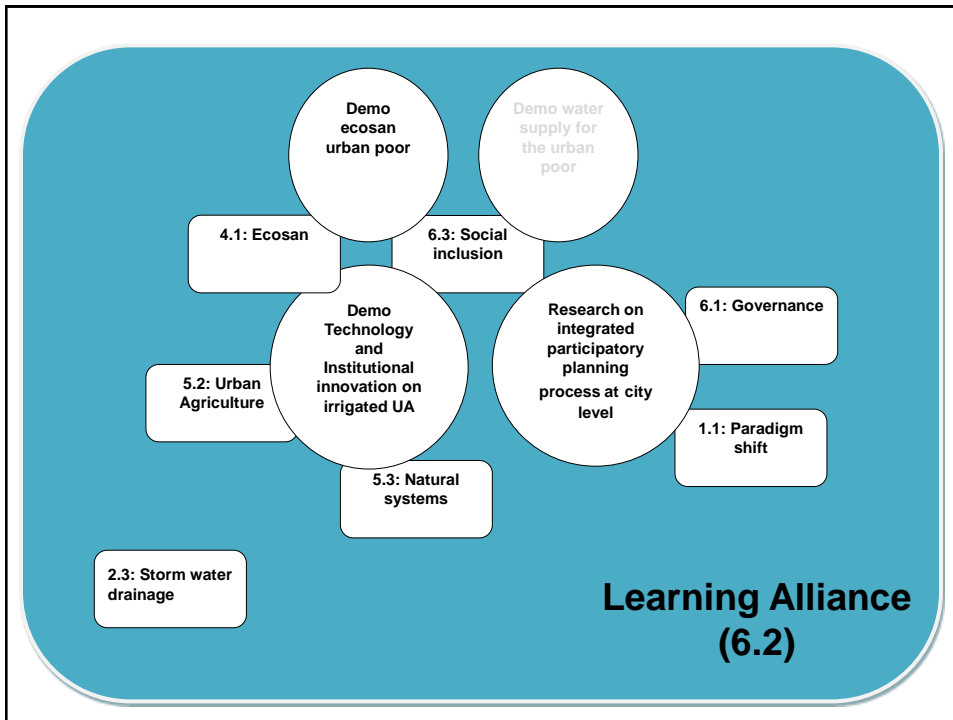


## Accra Learning Alliance

### SWITCH Research in Accra

- Use of urban water (fresh and waste water) for urban agriculture and other livelihood opportunities (WP 5.2)
- Maximizing the use of natural systems in all aspects of the municipal water cycle (WP 5.3)
- Governance for integrated urban water management (W.P 6.3)
- Other Areas identified by the Accra Learning Alliance



## Stakeholder Categories in LA

- Government
  - National Level (Ministry of Water Resources, Ministry of Local Government, Ministry of Agric)
  - Local: City/ Municipal Level (Accra Metropolitan Assembly, Ledzokuku- Krowor Municipality)
- NGOs (CONIWAS)
- Civil Society Groups (People's Dialogue)
- Research Institutions (KNUST, IWMI, WRI, UoG)
- Development Partners (WorldBank etc)
- Media (Ghananian Times, Freelance Journalists)
- Users (Teshie Community, Farmers)

## Learning Alliance Objective

*Accra – additional objective A1: We know what is going on in the IUWM sector in Accra.*

Indicators are the availability of information on issues of IUWM, its sharing among learning alliance members and their active participation in keeping accessible information updated.

Scenarios for objective A1	Score
• This is no information available on IUWM issues in for LA members	0
• There is limited and outdated information available to LA members	25
• There is significant up-to-date information on issues of IUWM in available to LA members	50 benchmark
• Data and information is shared regularly with LA members (including researchers and implementing organizations) and LA members contribute to the information database	75
• Data and information provided is used by LA members in their work and LA members give regular feedback to improve the information database	100

## Related Activities/Outputs

- Starter Kit
- RIDA
- Presentations and documents were put on CDs for LA members.
- Presentations at Sector Meetings such as Mole Conference
- Produced Briefing notes and articles in newspapers and sector newsletters

## Learning Alliance Objective

*Accra – additional objective A2: We involve marginalised groups in learning alliance meetings*

Indicators are how research incorporates marginalized groups and their participation in the learning alliance .

Scenarios for objective A2	Score
• Marginalised groups do not take part in LA activities	0
• Marginalized groups take part in LA activities but do not make any contribution	25
• Marginalized groups participate in LA activities but do not influence decisions	50 benchmark
• Marginalized groups are able to influence at least one decision taken by the LA per year	75
• Marginalized groups are actively involved in all activities and take part in all decision making	100

## Related Activities/Outputs

- People from Teshie were involved in LA and they made contributions to LA. Assembly members later invited their MCE to be part of Learning Alliance(good example of bottom up approach)
- Demonstrations were done together with Urban Agriculture Farmers who are regularly involved in meetings. One of the Farmers wins best Innovative Farmer Award

## What are the Changes?

- Increased Awareness of SWITCH/IUWM principles among all stakeholders
- Increased availability of information on IUWM issues in Accra
- Discussions on Sustainability and IUWM are emerging in the Sector
- Enhanced Capacities of Sector Agencies through SWITCH training Activities
- Development of IUWM plans (at local and national levels)

## Contribution of LA to change (contd)

- Recognition of the importance of IUWM culminating in its inclusion in sector policies and plans
  - Medium Term Development Plans
  - Urban Policy
- Demonstrations on Ecosan and waste water reuse
- Inclusion of aspects of IUWM in course work in University

## Continuation of LA

- SWITCH Accra LA supported and influenced the formation of other Learning Alliances in the sector. One of which is the National Level Learning Alliance Platform
- Have held some joint meetings with them and contributed to their activities
- SWITCH LA will be continued on this platform
- Could also be continued on a proposed Planning and Coordination Platform to be set up at city level