



Questionnaire (non-State actors)

The Special Rapporteur would welcome answers to the following questions:

1. Please describe the role and responsibilities of your organization in the water and sanitation sector.
2. How can a regulatory framework (e.g., legislative, institutional, policy) and bodies contribute to the realisation of the human rights to water and sanitation? Please provide examples.
3. Are the contents and principles of the human rights to water and sanitation generally reflected in regulatory frameworks? How do you assess your country's regulatory framework in this regard? Please provide examples of other countries if available.
4. Please provide examples of situations where the lack of regulation, or inadequate regulation, in the water and sanitation sector could potentially lead to, or has actually led to, violations of the human rights to water and sanitation.
5. What are the main challenges or obstacles encountered when trying to incorporate contents and principles of the human rights to water and sanitation into regulatory frameworks?
6. Please provide specific examples of good practices where a human rights-compliant regulatory framework has led to the progressive realisation of the human rights to water and sanitation.
7. Non-State actors have the responsibility to respect the human rights to water and sanitation and to exercise human rights due diligence in their operations. How should a regulatory framework reflect this responsibility? Please provide examples.
8. Which model of regulatory mechanism would facilitate stronger compliance human rights standards by service providers? Why? What are advantages and disadvantage of an independent and autonomous regulatory body?
9. What mechanisms should be in place to ensure that the voice of persons and communities in vulnerable situations is heard and their needs are taken into consideration in the regulation of water and sanitation services? Please provide positive and negative examples.
10. What measures could be envisaged in a regulatory framework to promote transparency and tackle corruption in the water and sanitation sector?

Submission of responses

Responses to the questionnaire can be sent to srwatsan@ohchr.org (encouraged) or addressed to:

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The deadline for submission is **7 April 2017**.

Due to a limited capacity for translation, we kindly request that your responses to the questionnaire be in English, French or Spanish.

Unless otherwise indicated, all submissions to the questionnaire will be available at the webpage of the Special Rapporteur on human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation at www.ohchr.org/srwaterandsanitation.