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Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), India under its global water programme has over the past 10 year's engagement with more than 15 local and international organisations across 15+ countries in Asia and Africa, and has developed long-term partnerships with various institutions to mainstream sustainable urban water management practices.

To expand global landscape, Urban Water Team organized an online consultation meeting for the engagement on water and waste water - as a Global South Water, waste Water and Sanitation Learning Initiative on July 22nd, 2022. This was an online meeting with a few partners from Africa and Asia. It was an introductory meeting which will be followed by more engagement and a workshop that we are proposing to host in India this year.

The main aim to conduct this online consultation was to initiate an engagement with key water sector players and practitioners in the global south, to discuss opportunities for developing regional partnerships for sustainable water and waste water management practices and to undertake any collaborative, research, capacity development, and policy or program initiatives.

Various countries from Global South: Senegal, Bangladesh, Uganda, Nepal and South Africa participated in this consultation meeting. Malick M. Madeira, Co-ordinator from CWIS Sub Saharan Africa TA Hub, Senegal; Sanjay Adhikari, independent consultant from ENPHO, Nepal; Jay Bhagwan, Executive Manager from Water Research Commission, South Africa; Partha Hafaz Shaikh, Director, Policy and Advocacy at WaterAid Bangladesh and Vanita Suneja Regional Advocacy lead, South Asia, WaterAid and Christopher Kanyesigye, Manager, National Water and Sewerage Corporation - Uganda represented their respective organizations.

The meeting started with a key note address and context setting by Depinder Kapur, Director, Water Programme, Centre for Science and Environment followed by a brief introduction of the participating organizations. Each participating organization delivered a short presentation about the organisation and work, key water and waste water and sanitation issues and suggestions for collaborative research or capacity development initiatives.

The main issues and challenges came up during the discussions and consultations were

- A. Functionality of water resources and sanitation infrastructure
- B. Citywide Inclusive Sanitation- Infrastructure and inclusion
- C. Water and wastewater integration along with ground water issues
- D. Resilience, water quality and flooding
- E. Strategy, implementation and management.

CSE team including Depinder Kapur, Sumita Singhal and Dhruv Pasricha presented about CSE, Water programme, Global initiatives and areas of collaboration.

Discussion ended with a note that there is a need to find out a common thread through more dialogues to explore newer institutional realities to innovate and find out the solutions of the waste water and sanitation related challenges.