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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

The WSSCC, founded in 1990, came into existence under an UN mandate to continue work that had been undertaken during the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade (1981-1990). Based in Geneva, WSSCC has coalitions in 15 countries and members in 141 countries. WSSCC's secretariat in Geneva is hosted by the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS).

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Sanitation
- Hygiene
- Menstrual Health & Hygiene
- WASH
- Advocacy and mobilization
- Global Sanitation Fund

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

WSSCC works exclusively on sanitation and other WASH-related issues, and pays particular attention to the needs of women and children. Menstrual hygiene management is a key part of the portfolio, ensuring knowledge and understanding of menstruation as well as facilities to allow adolescent girls to continue attending school. WSSCC provides education and training on the benefits of proper sanitation, allowing community leaders to advocate for sanitation in their villages, and on the construction and maintenance of latrines. It monitors the implementation of safe sanitation practices and ensures that villages and communities remain open defecation free, improving the lives and wellbeing of the populations by reducing the risk of infections.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

WSSCC is overseen by a steering committee whose members are elected by a collaborative council which has over 4000 members from the local and international community. The secretariat in Geneva contains about 45 professional and general services staff members. Ms Sue Coates serves as Executive Director *a.i.*

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

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PUBLICATIONS

See: <http://wsscc.org/resources>

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