

**39th WEDC Conference**

**WASH and decentralisation:  
Strengthening districts' leadership in the delivery of the SDGs  
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**Session Resolutions**

1. Clearer roles and responsibilities
  - a. Focus capacity development to provide the required skills and competences to deliver on the identified roles and responsibilities.
2. Implement existing reform propositions:
  - a. Allow Ministry to lead on policy making and sector leadership
  - b. CWSA to perform technical standards setting, monitoring, guidelines development, coordination and long-term planning as well as resource mobilisation
  - c. Provide opportunities for Districts and Municipal Assemblies to prove themselves in implementation
3. Align commitments to funding allocation
4. Make district intervention (financial investment) in WASH more transparent
5. Promote mechanisms for holding DCEs to account
  - a. Citizens election of all DCEs
  - b. Monitoring and assessment of DCEs' performance
  - c. Provide leadership development opportunities to DCEs
6. Smart solutions to capacity and competency needs at districts
  - a. Some competencies are better located in districts
  - b. Some competencies are more appropriately located outside of districts
  - c. But reorganise districts support system (in a way to reduce the 216 districts) into few, more nibble management areas for better coordination and deployment (use) of human resource
7. Continue sector discussion to find appropriate solutions / mechanisms to help LGS / GoG to achieve full decentralisation of the WASH sector
  - a. Hold a national conference on WASH and decentralisation