***Concept Note***

The deliberations for the Roundtable have been designed to enumerate, appraise and understand the challenges of engaging with the issues of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH). The deliberations shall focus upon catalysing innovations for successful and sustainable impacts of WASH interventions. The deliberations shall also focus upon the need and importance of embedded Monitoring, Learning and Evaluations (MLE) mechanisms that support data driven decision making.

The proposed deliberations and esteemed panellists shall focus upon three distinct wings within the WASH Spectrum:

**Policy Perspective**

Where do we stand? Changes across policy continuum, challenges and the way forward.

**Measuring and Tracking**

1. Innovations in M&E and supporting data driven decision making
2. Revisiting WASH with its evaluators

**Demand side story**

1. The role of behavior change communication (BCC) in increasing usage
2. Sustaining appropriate WASH practices

**Servicing Supply Side**

1. How are the present interventions in WASH placed?
2. Innovations and role of private

Each of the deliberations shall be led by respective sector experts consisting of administrators, implementers, communicators and evaluators. The participants, at the conclusion of the Roundtable, would develop a comprehensive understanding of the present developments, interventions and their possible impact on the WASH conditions in India.

***Programme Schedule***

**Registration 0900-1000 hrs**

Book launch – Is it really clean? Creating WASH Index 1000-1015 hrs

Inaugural Session 1015-1030 hrs

*WASH in India: Exploring Current Trends and Scenario in Indian Perspective*

**Networking Break (Tea/Coffee) 1030-1045 hrs**

Conference Session I 1045-1200 hrs

*Innovations in Interventions and the SBM 2019 Goal*

Conference Session II 1200-1300 hrs

*Behaviour Change Communication in WASH - Thinking Out-of-Box*

Conference Session III 1300-1400 hrs

*Data Driven Decision Making: Cross learning and the Way Forward*

**Vote of thanks 1400-1405 hrs**

**Lunch 1405 hrs**

***Detailed Agenda***

**Book Launch** 1010-1015

**Is it really clean? Creating WASH Index**

The session will have the launch of the book written by a team of researchers from Sambodhi Research and Communications. The Honourable Union Minister will launch the book after a short introduction of the book followed by a short speech by the Honourable Minister.

***Book Introduction: Author of the book – Sambodhi Research***

***Keynote Speech: Shr. Sudarshan Bhagat, (Union Minister of State, Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India)***

**INAUGURAL SESSION** 1015-1030

**WASH in India: Exploring Current Trends and Scenario in Indian Perspective**

The session will present an overview of current trends and scenario of the WASH sector in India. The session will give an overview on the metamorphosis of the sector and how is it being seen currently. The discourse will also be shedding lights on the impacts (social and economic) attributable to the current situation. The session will also look at different existing methodologies and innovations followed by key development stakeholders i.e. government, multilateral/bilateral agencies and academicians. The session is poised to set the tone to explore various methodological and well as resource related challenges in evaluation of programmes.

***Inaugural Address: Shri Hari Menon, Deputy Director, BMGF***

***Keynote Address: Dr. C. Chandramouli, Census Commissioner and Registrar General of India (Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India)***

***Address by Special Invitee: Shri Saraswati Prasad, Joint Secretary, (Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Govt. of India)***

***Presidential Address: Shri Nipun Vinayak, Deputy Secretary, (Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Govt. of India)***

**CONFERENCE SESSION I:** 1045-1200

**Innovations in Interventions and the SBM 2019 Goal**

The sessions shall feature leading organisations and their innovative interventions across diverse geographies. The presentations shall delve into the organisational experiences of engaging with WASH and answer what works.

***Moderator: Shri Depinder Kapur, Secretary – India WASH Forum***

***Speakers: Shri Sujoy Majumdar, WASH Specialist, UNICEF***

***Shri Zubin Zaman, Dy. Director - Oxfam***

***Ms. Sweta Patnaik, Manager - WASH in Schools - WaterAid***

***Shri Debartha Banerjee, Co-Founder – Sampoorna(e)arth***

***Ms. Uma Seth, Addl. Director and Team Lead - SEDF FICCI***

**CONFERENCE SESSION II:** 1200-1300

**Behaviour Change Communication in WASH – Thinking Out-of-the box**

The sessions shall debate on supporting the demand side for sustaining the WASH interventions through Behaviour Change Communication activities. As widely identified, construction of WASH infrastructure, especially toilets, often fail to have the desired outcome. Strategies based upon Behaviour Change Communication have provided a promising range of solutions in order to increase the uptake of services. The sessions shall feature BCC experts guiding participants through the complexities of designing strategies for WASH.

***Moderator: Andy Bhanot, Head of Research - BBC Media Action***

***Speakers***: ***Shri R.K. Srinivasan, Technical Advisor - WASH - Plan India***

***Ms. Momita Thacker, UNICEF***

***Shri Asad Umar, Sr. Programme Officer Health and WASH – Agha Khan Foundation***

**CONFERENCE SESSION III:** 1300-1400

**Data Driven Decision Making: Cross Learning and the Way Forward**

The objective of the session in continuation to the previous deliberations would be to provide an appropriate M&E framework to the interventions and BCC activities. The session shall feature sector experts and evaluators presenting on existing data gaps and possible M&E solutions, based on and cross sector learnings.

***Moderator: Dhamendra Chandurkar, Chief Knowledge Office, Sambodhi***

***Speakers***: ***Ms. Upneet Singh, Water and Sanitation Specialist, WSP***

***Ms. Chandra Ganapathy, Programme Support Manager – WaterAid***

***Concluding remarks: Shri Depinder Kapur***

***Vote of Thanks*** ***Kultar Singh, Chief Executive Officer, Sambodhi***