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Dear Dr Belkania,

**UN-Water Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water (GLAAS)
2018/2019 country survey**

The World Health Organization (WHO) is pleased to announce the launch of the 2018/2019 UN-Water Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water (GLAAS) country survey and herewith cordially invites Georgia to participate in this new GLAAS reporting cycle.

GLAAS is an initiative of the United Nations which is led by WHO. GLAAS aims to assist countries in analysing and monitoring the enabling environment and the inputs for the water and sanitation sector at the national level. It specifically analyses the delivery and effectiveness of sanitation and drinking-water services, addressing government plans, policies and laws, institutional arrangements and the investments in terms of financial and human resources.

After a successful implementation of four full reporting cycles, GLAAS has become the recognized process for global monitoring of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 on water, sanitation and hygiene, specifically targets 6a and 6b as means of implementation. In light of this development, the GLAAS survey has been updated from the previous cycle to better monitor how countries are considering the SDGs in their national target setting and national policies and plans, and ultimately to provide a more comprehensive overview of the enabling environments at national level. GLAAS has expanded focus on topics covered by SDG 6, including wastewater management, faecal sludge management, safely-managed systems and integrated water resources management to ensure reporting consistency. It should be noted that countries participating in GLAAS will be contributing to global monitoring of the SDG 6 and in turn the GLAAS process will help the countries to better plan and implement this commitment.

We would like to sincerely thank Georgia for taking part in the previous GLAAS survey and thereby contributing to the global GLAAS report as well as country highlight.

The GLAAS 2019 report, to be published in the second quarter of 2019, will focus specifically on policies, plans and national targets addressing water, sanitation, and hygiene. The completion of the GLAAS questionnaire requires collaboration and inputs from multiple sectors and agencies. Therefore, it is advisable to identify a national focal person within a lead ministry or department who will be responsible for coordinating the national GLAAS process and to establish a working group composed of representatives from various sectors which need to contribute to the process (such as health, finance, education, environment, water and sanitation services, statistics and other relevant departments).

The GLAAS country survey is open to all interested countries. Given your active involvement in the previous GLAAS survey, herewith we would like to cordially invite Georgia to participate in the GLAAS 2018/2019 reporting cycle, too. The deadline for submission of the country responses is **15 December 2018**.

We would appreciate if you could send an expression of interest confirming your country's participation in the GLAAS 2018/2019 survey to the WHO GLAAS team (Dr Fiona Gore, GLAAS Team Leader at goref@who.int and glaas@who.int, copying to Dr Enkhtsetseg Shinee at enkhtsetsegs@who.int), preferably not later than **13 August 2018**. In the 2016/17 reporting cycle, the designated national GLAAS Focal Point was Ms Nana Gabriadze, Head of the Environmental Health Division in NCDC. Please either confirm the Focal Point, or communicate by e-mail the name, title and contact details of the newly designated GLAAS Focal Point to the WHO GLAAS team.

Upon your request, the WHO GLAAS team can provide technical assistance and seed funds to support undertaking data collection and consultations.

Enclosed, please find the GLAAS survey package:

1. GLAAS 2018 country survey
2. Guidance note
3. GLAAS data collection and feedback forms.

Thank you very much for kind consideration and collaboration.

Sincerely,



Dr Piroska Östlin
Director
Division of Policy and Governance for Health and Well-being

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- GLAAS 2018/2019 country survey
- GLAAS 2018/2019 country survey guidance
- Annex GLAAS country survey 2018
- Consent Form
- Feedback form for participating countries
- Data Collection Process Form

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