

Report National Dialogue on the Urban Nexus

“Challenges and Opportunities for decentralized water and wastewater solutions”

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Introduction

Ulaanbaatar the Capital City of Mongolia is currently working with GIZ Nexus project in showcasing the urban nexus (water, food, and energy) approach through the implementation of concrete pilot projects. One of the areas of cooperation is the piloting of decentralized waste water solutions for Ger settlements.

As Nexus initiatives progress, the importance of involving different levels of government becomes apparent. GIZ Urban Nexus project convened key stakeholders at the national, city and provincial level working in the water and waste water sector creating a platform of exchange. A total of over 60 representatives from national government agencies, local government units, utilities, representatives from private sector, academia, associations and international and financing organizations participated in the dialogue.

The discussions concentrated on the challenges, policies and mandates with regard to decentralized water and waste water solutions, technologies used, lessons learnt and recommendations for the establishment of an enabling environment for integrated solutions.





The key messages were:

- How to use or where to discharge the treated waste water
- Testing the vacuum sewerage systems in Mongolia
- The need for better coordination among the institutions involved
- Need for improvement of tendering procedures allowing the introduction of innovative technologies



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- Political will to prioritize the sanitation problems in Ger areas
- Successful waste water solutions to convince the residents and decision makers
- Tariff adjustment and introduction of special fees to water pollutants
- Capacities to be established to run small treatment plants
- The private sector involvement is crucial, but government should remain the key player.

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