

Session 2.3.3 Water and Sanitation Operators: Capacity for an Urban Era

Urban Water and Sanitation Operators have a formidable challenge keeping up with growing demand for services, particularly in the parts of the planet where urbanization is fastest. Water scarcity, increasing pollution and climate uncertainty are compounding the already difficult challenge of serving city dwellers fairly and sustainably. The urbanization being witnessed in many countries of the south is largely unplanned and expansive, meaning that meeting new demand requires water operators to forge into slums or low-density urban expanses at higher cost. In the post-2015 development framework, the call for greater attention to water quality, wastewater treatment and equity, among other valid concerns, will fall heavily to operators that are overwhelmingly under-capacitated to rise to the challenge. The Capacity Development of Water and Sanitation Operators, working closely with other urban water and land managers in an integrated manner needs to be elevated urgently among international priorities.

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2015

Time: 9:00-11:00

Venue: DIB_B103, Inter-Burgo Hotel, EXCO B1, Daegu

Organizers:

Global Water Operators Partnerships Alliance (GWOPA)/UN-Habitat, Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company and Global Water Partnership (GWP)

Session objectives:

The session aims to discuss the challenges that urban water and sanitation operators will face in this urban future and discuss possible solutions to address these challenges.

Programme:

Time	Item	Speaker
9:00-9:05	Welcome remarks	Mr. Bert Diphooorn, Director, UN-Habitat
9:05-9:20	Framing the Issues – The Challenges of Water and Sanitation Operators in an Urban Era	Dr. Faraj El-Awar, Programme Manager, GWOPA/UN-Habitat
9:20-9:35	Presentation “Integrated Urban Water Management – Strengthening institutions and using the IUWM Modules”	Mr. Francois Brikke, Senior Network Officer, Central Africa and South East Asia Regions/ Focal Point for Integrated Urban Water Management, GWP
9:35-9:50	Presentation “Dynamics of water supply to low income areas in a developing Country”	Eng. Philip Gichuki, Managing Director, Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company
9:50-10:05	Duo-Presentation “Capacity Development through Peer Support: The Case of Water Operators’ Partnership”	Mr. Francisco Fernandes Tavares, Presidente, Camara Municipal de Santa Catarina, Cape Verde and Mr. Vladimir MENDES-BORGES, Deputy Mayor, City of Amiens, France
10:05-10:55	Panel debate “What Capacity for an Urban Era?” Facilitator: Francois Brikke, GWP Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Cassilde Breniere, Head of Water and Sanitation Division, Agence Française de Développement (AFD) • Ms. Monica Corrales Rodrigáñez, Senior Adviser for Environment, Water and Climate Change, Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) • Eng. Philip Gichuki, Managing Director, Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company • Mr. Christian Holmes, Global Water Coordinator, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) • Mr. Andre Liebaert, Programme Manager, Water Policy, Water, Energy, Infrastructure, Directorate General for Development and Cooperation, Europe Aid • Dr. Jens Liebe, Assistant Director, UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development (UNW-DPC), United Nations University • Mr. Mark Pascoe, CEO, International Water Centre 	
10:55-11:00	Summary and Closing Signature Ceremony of the Water Operators’ Partnership between Santa Catarina (Cape Verde) and Amiens-Metropole (France)	Mr. Bert Diphooorn, Director, UN-Habitat