



SESSION DESCRIPTION

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Session 6.3 – Peer-to-peer partnership for sustainable water and sanitation service provision

Date: Tuesday, 14 April 2015

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Summary

One form of cooperation has been steadily growing and evolving in the water sector. Not-for-profit partnerships amongst water operators and/or municipalities' water department improve the capacity of operators to provide better, more sustainable services to the citizens. This type of cooperation is known as Water Operators' Partnerships or 'WOPs'. There are many sister cities programmes covering the technical cooperation in the field of water and sanitation.

This session will help advance peer-to-peer partnerships by showcasing cities that are leading water cooperation activities around the world. The discussion will address the achievements of these activities in supporting sustainable water and sanitation services, as well as explore the challenges and opportunities for scaling them up in different contexts.

Objective

To advocate for more municipalities and/or water and sanitation operators implementing peer-to-peer support activities for better and sustainable water and sanitation service provision by showcasing good partnership practices.

Reference to Daegu-Gyeongbuk Water Action for Sustainable Cities and Regions

The "Daegu-Gyeongbuk Water Action for Sustainable Cities and Regions", states that Local and Regional Authorities will create partnerships with their counterparts in the vicinity or further away to pool finances and knowledge; perform their water services more efficiently. This session will focus on the peer-to-peer partnership between local and regional authorities for the purpose of better and sustainable water and sanitation service provision. Also since the significant role of the local and regional authorities for the purpose of capacity building of the water and sanitation operators is mentioned in the "Local Water Action"



as well as in the “Istanbul Water Consensus,” the session will also showcase some cases of water operators partnerships – peer to peer partnership between water and sanitation operators – with focusing on the role of the local and regional authorities in their practice.

Methodology and timing

Time	Item	Speakers
11 :00-11 :10	Welcome and introduction	Faraj El-Awar, Programme Manager, GWOPA/UN-Habitat
11 :10-12:20	Case presentations on peer-to-peer partnerships and discussion (12 minutes presentation * 5 + 25 minutes discussion)	
	Partnership activities by City of Paris	Ms Celia Blauel, President of Eau de Paris / Paris Deputy-Mayor for environment / President of
	Partnership activities by E-Thekwini Municipality, Durban, (including the one with Lilongwe Water Board, Malawi)	Mr. Rajandran Gopal Moodliar, Senior Manager Planning for Water and Sanitation, eThekwini Municipality, Durban, South Africa
	National partnership activities in Mexico	Representative of Mexican Municipality or a member of ANEAS (national WOP platform in Mexico) (under the communication with ANEAS/CONAGUA)
	Regional WOP between Fiji and Australia	Mr. Opetaiia Ravai, Chief Executive Officer, Water Authority Fiji / Chairman of Pacific Water and Wastes Association
	Partnership between the Tigray State, Ethiopia and the Gyeongbuk Province (Rep. of Korea)	Mr. Gebremichael Kelele ABADI, Wukro Irrigation Engineer, Kilte Awelaelo Woreda Water Resource Mine and Energy Office, Tigray State, Ethiopia
12 :25-12 :30	Closing	Faraj El-Awar, Programme Manager, GWOPA/UN-Habitat

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Chair

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