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## CALL FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

IN THE SEMINAR SESSION WITHIN THE STOCKHOLM WWW 09

## WATER OPERATORS' PARTNERSHIPS: SUCCESS STORIES AND UP-SCALING

From 15:30 to 18:45 on Monday, August 17, 2009 @ Room K21

This seminar is organized to share lessons and challenges for effective twinning from the regional Water Operators' Partnerships (WOPs) mechanisms. The seminar will focus on modalities for mobilizing meaningful partnerships between water operators at the regional and global levels and on understanding what is needed to further scale up this good practice. Presentations will be made by representatives of teams of regional WOPs and their partner supporters on their success stories of capacity building through twinning programs.

Following the presentations, a multi-stakeholder panel discussion will focus on the identification of success factors and most pressing capacity gaps, and roles/strategies of the Global WOPs Alliance for facilitating further success as well as for bridging such gaps.

### Agenda

- 15:30 Opening by the Chair, Bert Diphooorn, Ag. Director of Human Settlements Financing Division, UN-HABITAT
- 15:35 Welcome by Antonio Miranda, Head of WOP Working Group, UNSGAB
- 15:45 Introduction by Faraj El-Awar, Programme Manager, Global WOPs Alliance
- 15:55 Presentation on WOPs knowledge management, Steen Bjerggaard, Water Operators Partnerships Coordinator, IWA
- 16:05 Presentations by Regional WOPs and their partner supporters (15 min each)
  - Africa: Wambui Gichuri, Senior Regional Team Leader, Water and Sanitation Program - Africa
  - Arab region: Khaldon Khashman, Secretary General, Arab Countries Water Utilities Association
  - Asia: Rudolf Frauendorfer, Principal Urban Development Specialist, Asian Development Bank
  - Latin America: Federico Basaños, Water and Sanitation Division Chief, Inter-American Development Bank
- 17:05 Discussion
- 17:30 Coffee Break
- 17:45 Panel Discussion "Utility Partnerships Success Factors"  
Facilitator: Piers Cross, Global WOPs Advisor  
Panelists:
  - Francesc Bellaubi, Programme Coordinator, Water Sector, Transparency International
  - Samir Bensaid, Director General – IEA, ONEP (Office National Eau Potable) of Morocco
  - David Boys, Utilities & Pensions Officer, PSI Secretariat
  - Gerard Payen, President, AquaFed (The International Federation of Private Water Operators)
- 18:45 Close of Seminar