

Your invitation to attend

EAST AFRICAN Governments have to scale up their water supply and sanitation (WSS) service coverage in order to meet the Millenium Development Goals (MDG) by 2015. One of the big challenges is appropriate water service provision in poor urban areas, particularly the fast-growing peri-urban settlements.

This conference is intended to send a clear message to policymakers and other key stakeholders:

Action on the ground needs to be initiated with urgency to improve the water and sanitation situation for the urban poor.



Governments have embarked on ambitious sector reforms. However, these reforms have so far not had the desired large scale impact in terms of substantial and sustainable improved access for WSS in low-income urban areas. In many regions, the situation has even further deteriorated. Innovative ways have to be found to address these challenges: pro-poor issues and standards need to be effectively streamlined into sector reforms; partnership agreements between the utilities and the local private sector or small-scale providers should be considered to realise potential benefits; improved data analysis, dissemination and reporting plus the strengthening of the consumer voice will be crucial in bringing the benefits to the urban poor.

This East African Regional Conference brings together policymakers such as heads of ministerial departments and top managers of other institutions and providers from partner countries.

Venue, convenors bookings

Conference facilitator

Dennis Mwanza

Language

The conference will be held in English

Venue

Safari Park Hotel
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A block booking for 60 rooms (US\$118) is being held until 15 May 2006 – please contact the hotel directly.

Convenors

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www.statehousekenya.go.ke/government/water
German Technical Cooperation (GTZ)
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East Africa
Regional Conference



Accelerating Water Supply and Sanitation for the Urban Poor

29-30 May 2006
Nairobi, Kenya



Conference goals



The conference aims to set the course for further improvements and initiate action on the ground at this crucial time when less than ten years remain to reach the Millennium Development Goals.

Goals

- Provide an overview of the principal issues and challenges and present potential solutions
- Give participants the opportunity to share best practices and alternative models
- Engage stakeholders in identifying factors for success and map out specific recommendations

Objectives

To bring together policymakers and other decision-makers of key stakeholders from East Africa to discern best practices for accelerating WSS provision to the poor through:

- Pro-poor sector reform
- Leveraging the local private sector
- Developing improved urban poor data management, including listening to the voice of the poor

Main messages

- Sector reform strategies and implementation structures need stronger pro-poor focus
- Pro-poor regulation is key to bringing transparency to the sector and helping the poor benefit from reforms
- Use the potential of partnership agreements between the utilities and the local private sector
- Information systems on service and performance benchmarks for the poor are needed
- Service providers need to listen to the voice of the poor



Conference program Monday 29 May

Sunday 28 May 2006

Check-in and welcome cocktail reception

Monday 29 May 2006

Welcome

- Arno Tomowski, GTZ
- Piers Cross, WSP-Africa

Opening address

- Hon. Mutua Katuku, Minister of Water and Irrigation, Kenya

Address from the UN Water Board

- Uschi Eid, Vice-Chairman of the United Nations Secretary General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation

Presentation of keynotes

- Pro-poor Sector reform:
Eng. Mahaboub Mohamed Maalim, Permanent Secretary MWI
- Local private sector / small scale providers:
Mukami Kariuki, Senior Water and Sanitation Specialist
- Data and information systems:
Oswald Chanda, Director of NAWASCO
- Consumer voice:
Dr Gopakumar Thambi, Executive Director of Public Affairs Foundation

High-level panel discussion

Identifying issues and the challenges to overcome

Breakout sessions

Actual experience – case studies

- A: Pro-poor sector reform
- B: Local private sector / small scale providers
- C: Data and consumer voice

Dinner reception

Tuesday 30 May

Tuesday 30 May 2006

Morning highlights

Feedback and recommendations

From breakout sessions the day before

How to serve the urban poor

Presentations on challenges and opportunities in sanitation, pro-poor regulation and financing

Breakout sessions

- A: Pro-poor Regulation
- B: Sanitation
- C: Financing

Feedback and recommendations

From breakout sessions

Panel discussion

How to take actions forward

Conference findings and recommendations

Closing remarks

Eng. Mahaboub Mohamed Maalim,
Permanent Secretary MWI

Farewell cocktail

