



## Newsletter from Danish Water Forum October 2008

### Research Pilot Projects with Vietnam and Tanzania: News about partners and selected projects, also within water and climate change

In 2008 Denmark will enter into research framework agreements with two of the programme countries, Vietnam and Tanzania, with the aim of strengthening 1) the research capacity in these countries, and 2) the long-term cooperation between Danish institutions and institutions in the two countries. The pilot activities are based on the demand in the countries within the framework of the Danish bilateral development assistance. The budget is expected to be DKK 10 million annually for each of the two countries over a period of three years.

<http://www.dfcentre.com/?Research:News>

### Adaptation to climate change in Least Developed Countries - Deadline for call for abstracts extended until 1<sup>st</sup> of November

In connection with the UN Conference on Climate Change (COP15) at the end of 2009, the International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU) is organizing the scientific congress entitled: "Climate Change: Global Risks, Challenges and Decisions" to be held in Copenhagen on March 10-12, 2009.

The congress aims to provide decision makers with the research-based knowledge on climate change they need for informed debate on new policies. All findings will be compiled in a book on climate change, and an executive summary with the main findings from the congress will be handed over to policy makers at the COP15 in Copenhagen. Further information on the congress is available at: <http://climatecongress.ku.dk/>

As a contribution to the theme "Preparing for Impacts: Adapting to the Inevitable Danish Development Research Network (DDRN), Danish Water Forum (DWF) and Danish Research Network for International Health (ENRECAHEALTH), have taken the initiative to organize the session entitled: "Adaptation to climate change in Least Developed Countries – challenges, experiences, and ways forward".

[http://www.danishwaterforum.dk/Docs/2008/Parallel\\_session\\_scientific\\_congress\\_09.pdf](http://www.danishwaterforum.dk/Docs/2008/Parallel_session_scientific_congress_09.pdf)

### Impacts of Europe's changing climate – 2008 indicator based assessment.

New report from European Environment Agency

The report presents past and projected climate change and impacts in Europe by means of about 40 indicators and identifies sectors and regions most vulnerable with a high need for adaptation. The report covers the following indicator categories: atmosphere and climate, cryosphere, marine biodiversity and ecosystems, water quantity (including river floods and droughts), freshwater quality and biodiversity, terrestrial ecosystems and biodiversity, soil, agriculture and forestry, human health. Furthermore the report shows the need for adaptation actions at EU, national and regional level and the need for enhanced monitoring, data collection and exchange and reducing uncertainties in projections.



[http://reports.eea.europa.eu/eea\\_report\\_2008\\_4/en/](http://reports.eea.europa.eu/eea_report_2008_4/en/)

## Danish Water Calendar



RSS feed service on the Water Calendar:

DWF has introduced RSS-feed on news from the Water Calendar. Go to [the Calendar](#) and subscribe to the feed.

## Miljøhorisont

New edition of Miljøhorisont - environment newsletter focussing on reduced consumption of electricity for the water sector, new focused event on water and discharge, as well as sound taps and the importance of reducing the energy consumption, also for pumps.

<http://www.horisontnet.dk/e-nyhedsbrev/mih/index.html>

## Special funds to support information about climate change with focus on developing countries

As part of the process leading to UN Climate Change Conference (COP15) in Copenhagen in 2009 Danida will support small projects in Denmark, which enhances public knowledge and understanding of developing specific climate challenges. The allocation of grants will follow the guidelines for DANIDA Information activities.

Focus will be on

- Concrete development-related projects such as seminars, workshops, printed and electronic publications, etc.
- Information Projects based on travels, especially reverse travel-grants

<http://www.um.dk/da/servicemenu/Nyheder/ForsideNyheder/SaerligPuljeTilKlimaoplysningIForbindelseMedCOP15.htm>

## Copenmind 2008 - Seminar on ENERGY AND WATER FOOTPRINTS - Linking water management sustainable development and energy consumption

The links between water and energy are often overlooked in the debate about climate change. The impact of different forms of energy production on water availability and quality is one aspect of this. Another aspect is the energy consumption related to different forms of water use and infrastructure. Hydropower is an energy form that is quite low in CO2 emissions, but it has a large consumption of water due to evapo-transpiration especially in warm climate. Energy sector changes may also have indirect footprints on water through land use changes. Afforestation to capture CO2 and short rotation forestry for biomass production may change the water cycle, since forest often have higher evapotranspiration than agricultural crops.

In cooperation with European Water Partnership Danish Water Forum organized a seminar on the water footprint of energy production, the energy footprint of water use and ways how to reduce it from different perspectives.

Presentations are now available here:

<http://www.danishwaterforum.dk/activities/Climate%20changes/COPENMIND%202008.html>

## Seminar and workshop series on research communication for development

Video Stories - digital opportunities for communication in research for development, October 29-30, 2008 (1½day) – University of Aarhus

In May 2008 a new series of workshops and seminars on research communication was launched by the Danish Development Research Network, jointly with Danish Water Forum and Danish Research Network for

International Health. The second workshop of the series aimed to introduce participants to digital video

primarily as a tool that can be used to strengthen dialogue, information sharing, participation and learning in research and development projects, and between projects and wider society. A successful workshop was held in Copenhagen on May 19, 2008, and now a second and improved version of the same workshop will be held in Århus.

More information and programme on: [www.danishwaterforum.dk](http://www.danishwaterforum.dk)

**Transboundary Water Cooperation Workshop Series: Organized by Danish Water Forum and Technical Advisory Services, Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

Transboundary water cooperation is important for improving water management in various transboundary basins in the SADC area, in the Nile Basin and in the Mekong.

A first workshop arranged by Danish Water Forum and the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Technical Advisory Services was held in March 2007 and highlighted stakeholder participation in transboundary water planning, management and decision making; as well as national commitment to transboundary water cooperation.

The second workshop will focus on Water Cooperation and Climate Change in The Nile, SADC/Zambezi Basins and the Mekong and will be held Copenhagen December 1-2, 2008 at Eigtveds Pakhus, Asiatisk Plads, 2G, 1448 Copenhagen K, Denmark

More information available on: [http://www.danishwaterforum.dk/activities/transboundary\\_waters.html](http://www.danishwaterforum.dk/activities/transboundary_waters.html)

**16<sup>th</sup> December 2008: DWF arranges public meeting on Innovation**

Measures to promote innovation within the water sector, funding of innovation and development, cases and good examples presented. To be held at Odense Vandselskab, Vandværksvej 7, 5000 Odense C den 16. december fra 10.00 – 16.00. Reserve the day now – more information soon available on [www.dansihwaterforum.dk](http://www.dansihwaterforum.dk)



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