



## Newsletter from Danish Water Forum April 2009

### **Innovation in Water – Finding the road from idea to product**

#### **Danish Water Forum organizes thematic meeting**

What to do with a good idea, how to realize it and how to secure funding of innovation?

These are questions for discussion at the thematic meeting in Copenhagen April the 28<sup>th</sup> 10.00 – 13.00

Participation is free, but registration necessary at the latest 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2009 at Danish Water Forum: [dwf@danishwaterforum.dk](mailto:dwf@danishwaterforum.dk) or phone: 45 16 90 38

The meeting will be held at: DI's Premises on Sundkrogsvej 20, 2100 København Ø. (Not on Rådhuspladsen) Announcement in Danish at [www.danishwaterforum.dk](http://www.danishwaterforum.dk)

After the meeting the Annual General Assembly of Danish Water Forum will take place.

### **JOINT INITIATIVE: S-S-N SADC Climate Research Network**

Understanding the linkages between climate change, human health, water and food security: Research and knowledge sharing for Southern Africa Cape Town, South Africa - February 18-20, 2009

A joint initiative organized and financed by: DBL-Centre for Health Research and Development (University of Copenhagen); Danish Development Research Network (DDRN); Danish Water Forum (DWF); and Danish Research Network for International Health (Enreca Health) with assistance from Global Water Partnership (GWP), SADC.

40 participants from Southern Africa and Denmark attended this workshop, which resulted in the establishment of a network for climate change research in the SADC region!

The workshop included key note speeches, presentations of mappings of research related to climate change, with focus on human health, water and food security. Several sessions were dedicated to thematic and cross-thematic discussions to identify knowledge gaps and interlinkages between the topics.

More information on the preliminary website of the initiative:

[http://www.ddrn.dk/index.php?side\\_id=221](http://www.ddrn.dk/index.php?side_id=221)

### **Workshop on “Identifying water and climate related topics for research”**

Organized by Danish Water Forum, Danish Research Platform – Water and ViVa on 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2009 with the purpose to discuss impacts of climate change in relation to water and experiences with this – and with adaptation measures in Denmark and in developing countries the establishment of a working group within Danish Water Forum and the Research Platform - Water with focus on climate change and water. Confirmed presentations from a number of Danish researchers and practitioners as well as 5 participants from Tanzania, Vietnam, Zambia, South Africa and Botswana. Presentation are now available:

<http://www.danishwaterforum.dk/activities/Water%20&%20Climate%20workgroup%2009/index.html>

More information on the initiative and the working group will be published on this site and distributed to participants in the workshop.

### **European activities at 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in Istanbul**

The European Regional Document on water was presented during WWF in Istanbul. DWF was an active partner in the preparatory activities and initiated and hosted one of the regional workshops, identifying Northern European water problems. The outcome of the regional workshop has been incorporated in the document prepared for the World Water Forum in Istanbul in 2009. The

Danish Water Forum is a member of European Water Partnership and takes active part in the European activities and discussions related to all water issues. You can find the European regional document and a link to EWP here: <http://www.danishwaterforum.dk/DWF/EWP/EWP.htm>

More news and information about events during 5<sup>th</sup> WWF can be found at:

<http://www.worldwaterforum5.org/>

### **Water, Sanitation and Hygiene: Sustainable Development and Multisectoral Approaches**

Danish Water Forum participates in the 34th WEDC International Conference "Water, Sanitation and Hygiene: Sustainable Development and Multisectoral Approaches" and will be co-organizing a side event presenting SACC-NET (a network for climate change research in the SADC region) in cooperation with WaterNet (<http://www.waternetonline.ihe.nl>). The conference takes place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 18-22 May 2009.

<http://www.wedconference.co.uk/>

### **Indonesian-Danish Water Days 2009**

The Danish Embassy in Jakarta in cooperation with WTC ApS invites Danish companies to take part in the Water Days to take place from 11-15 May in Jakarta and Surabaya. The Water Days are organized in close cooperation with the Indonesian Minister for Public Works and PERPAMSI (Indonesian Water Supply Association). The arrangement will include several activities of relevance to Danish companies:

- During seminars in both cities, participants will have a chance to present their products and services and to get in contact with key-players and discuss projects and cooperation
- As a part of the seminars, individual meeting programmes will be organized for each company

The new B2B Environment Programme supported by Danida will be introduced. More Information on:

[www.danishwaterforum.dk](http://www.danishwaterforum.dk)

### **Towards an Anthropology of Defecation**

#### **Lecture presented by Water Supply & Sanitation in Emergencies**

University of Copenhagen, Centre for Health and Society (CSS)

Øster Farimagsgade 5, Room 15.3.01- An open lecture by Sjaak van der Geest, Professor at Medical Anthropology, University of Amsterdam.

Lecture programme: <http://www.danishwaterforum.dk/>

### **Seminar on Food, Nutrition and Gender**

28<sup>th</sup> of April 2009 a Seminar on: "Food, Nutrition and Gender: Lessons learned and recommendations for future action" is arranged by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the three Danish Research networks. 28th of April 2009, 8.45-15.30 at Eigtveds Pakhus - Asiatisk Plads 2 G, 1448 Copenhagen K., Denmark

Seminar programme: <http://www.danishwaterforum.dk/>

**Water & Energy 2009 - mitigation in the water sector & potential synergies with the energy sector**

**29.-31. October 2009, Copenhagen Denmark**

The IWA Water and Energy 2009 Conference puts focus on measures for mitigation in the water sector and potential synergies with the energy sector.

The conference will be a forum for knowledge sharing among a multitude of stakeholders and disciplines including managers, policy makers and regulators, technical scientists, technology providers. Keynotes, platform and poster presentations on state-of-the art and ongoing pioneering efforts will set the scene for intense and constructive discussions.

Messages from the conference will be condensed and refined into statements forwarded to the UN Climate Change conference (COP15) December 2009.

<http://www.iwaterandenergy2009.org/home.php>

**IWRM Handbook published by INBO and GWP**

International Network of Basin Organizations and Global Water Partnership published Handbook on Integrated Water Resources Management in Basins during World Water Forum in Istanbul. Link to the handbook to be found here:

<http://www.danishwaterforum.dk/>

**Read News from Forskningsplatformen – Vand (Danish Water Research Platform) on:**

<http://www.forskningsplatformen-vand.dk/>

**Danish Water Calendar**

Read about future water events in Denmark and ensure that meetings and conferences do not clash with each other. Contribute to the Danish Water Calendar by mail to [dwf@danishwaterforum.dk](mailto:dwf@danishwaterforum.dk)

<http://www.danishwaterforum.dk/events/Vandkalender/index.html>



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