



Newsletter from Danish Water Forum February 2009

“Understanding the linkages between climate change, human health, water and food security:

Research and knowledge sharing for Southern Africa”

In cooperation with Global Water Partnership in Southern Africa and several research institutions the three Danish Research networks, DWF, DDRN and ENRECA Health will facilitate a workshop with focus on the impacts from climate changes on health, water and food security and with the purpose of creating a network for sharing knowledge between North and South.

Detailed and context specific knowledge of the consequences of climate change at global, regional, national and local levels is vital for overcoming the negative effects of climate change in southern Africa, and to secure the most needed and efficient adaptation to climate change. The main purpose of the initiative is to start a process towards creation of a regional knowledge sharing network on these issues within the SADC region, and between the SADC region and Denmark. Besides knowledge sharing it is also the intention that the network will facilitate development of joint project applications, research cooperation as well as the uptake of research in to practice and policies.

More information : <http://www.danishwaterforum.dk/events/SADC%20ToR/documents.html>

Please contact the networks if you are interested in participating on the network and the activities after the workshop.

Climate change: Global risks, challenges and decisions – the international scientific conference organized at the University of Copenhagen on the 10-12 of March 2009

Under Theme 4: Preparing for impacts – adapting to the inevitable on Thursday the 12th of March from 12.30 – 14.00 DWF is co-organizing session 41: Adaptation to Climate Change in Least Developed Countries –

Challenges, Experiences, and Ways Forward. Chairs are: Dr. John Christensen, UNEP Risoe Centre on Energy, Climate and Sustainable Development & Ph.D. Fatima Denton, Team Leader, Climate Change Adaptation in Africa CCAA). The outcomes of the Cape Town workshop will be presented here by Dr. Moses Chimbari of the University of Botswana.

<http://climatecongress.ku.dk/>

Danish Water Forum, Danish Research Platform – Water and ViVa

hereby invite you to participate in a workshop on:

“Identifying water and climate related topics for research”

13th March 2009 – 09.00 – 15.00, KU- Life, Bülowsvej 17, 1.st floor, 1870 Frederiksberg C.

The purpose of the workshop is to discuss impacts of climate change in relation to water and experiences with this – and with adaptation measures in Denmark and in developing countries. Further the aim is to discuss 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.

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

World Water Forum 5 I Istanbul 16-22 Mar 2009: Bridging Divides for Water

The world's largest water event: A stepping stone towards global collaboration on water problems, a unique opportunity to come together to create links, debate and attempts to find solutions to achieve water security will take place 16-22 March 2009 in Istanbul - Turkey.

The preparations for the World Water Forum in Istanbul, March 2009 are reaching the final phase and you are able to read more about this here: <http://www.worldwaterforum5.org/>

An important element in the preparations have been the regional process, where Europe as one of the world's regions will be presenting issues and challenges in a regional document and a regional session, which will take place on the 17th of March. The regional process has been coordinated by European Water Partnership, an organization where DWF is among the members. More information about the regional process:

<http://www.ewp.eu/index.cfm/site/European%20Water%20Partnership/pageid/A13D34F5-EB3E-737A-612BA928AB2217EC/index.cfm/european%20regional%20coordination>

To ensure inputs from the different parts of Europe and to strengthen stakeholder cooperation regional workshops were organized for 4 different European regions including the Nordic/Baltic Sea area on the 8-9th of January 2009 in Copenhagen. The workshop was organized by European Environment Agency, the Danish Ministry of the Environment: Agency for Spatial and Environmental Planning, the European Water Partnership and Danish Water Forum. More information and presentations from the workshop: <http://www.danishwaterforum.dk/events/Baltic%20Sea%20Workshop%208-9jan09.html>

Danish Water Forum will be present with a stand at the Expo at the World Water Forum. Participating companies in the Danish pavilion are besides Danish Water Forum: Carl Bro, DHI, The Agency for Spatial and Environmental Planning, NKT, Danish Clean Water, Danfoss and The Trade Commission of Denmark. We welcome you to visit the Danish pavilion.

Transboundary Water Management and Climate Change

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. DWF organized a workshop jointly with Ministry of Foreign Affairs on this theme in March 2007. This was followed by the second in the series of workshops on December the 1-2nd 2008 to discuss the impacts of climate change for transboundary water management in the three basins.

The next events on this theme will be a session organized during World Water Week in Stockholm in August 2009 and a 3rd workshop to be held in the Mekong region, most likely in October 2009.

More information, all presentations and documents are now available on:
http://www.danishwaterforum.dk/events/Transboundary_2008/index.html

3rd Annual meeting of the Danish Water Research Platform (DWRP)

Forskningsplatformen-Vand

Thursday 29th of January 2009 at The Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland (GEUS) the 3rd Annual meeting of Danish Water Research Platform (DWRP) Forskningsplatformen-Vand was held. A large number of projects related to both water resources and urban water are being carried out in Denmark at present. 21 projects and their results were presented at the meeting. A programme including abstracts of the presentations were presented at the meeting. A new Steering committee of Forskningsplatformen – Vand was elected and now consists of:

- Bjørn K. Jensen, GEUS (formand)
- Dan Rosbjerg, Miljø og Ressourcer, DTU
- Henning Stabell, Nordisk Wavin A/S
- Peter E. Holm, KU-Life
- Jens Baadsgaard Pedersen, Danwater Group A/S
- Jens Prismo, Avedøre Spildevandscenter
- Jørn Rasmussen, DHI
- Nils Thorup, Grundfos A/S
- Steen Christensen, Århus Universitet
- Thorkild Feldthusen Jensen, Rambøll Danmark A/S

More information and presentations from the meeting:

<http://www.forskningsplatformen-vand.dk/Documents/Annual%20meeting%20jan%2009/index.html>

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 28th 10.00 – 13.00 Participation is free, but registration necessary at the latest 20th of April 2009 at Danish Water Forum: 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

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

34th WEDC International Conference

Themes for the annual WEDC Conference are: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene: Sustainable Development and Multisectoral Approaches. It is held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia – 18-22 May 2009

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

Senior Urban Researcher:

The Nordic Africa Institute invites applications for a position as Senior Urban Researcher, Closing date for applications: 31st of March 2009. More information: <http://www.danishwaterforum.dk/>

15 full-fee scholarships available for distance learning MSc at WEDC

WEDC is delighted to announce that the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom is making 15 full-fee scholarships available for students who wish to study the Water and Environmental Management MSc programme by distance learning, starting in January 2010. These scholarships are available only to applicants who are nationals of, and resident in, certain Commonwealth countries. Full details about the awards and an application form are available electronically from:

<http://wedc.lboro.ac.uk/dl-scholarships.php>

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

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



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