



**Newsletter from Danish  
Water Forum May 2009**

**General Assembly of Danish Water Forum held 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2009 elected new board:**

**Members:**

Annette Raben	Rambøll (Consultant)
Bjarne Palstrøm	Confederation of Danish Industries (Industry)
Bjørn K. Jensen	GEUS (R&D Institutions)
Carl-Emil Larsen	DWWA (Water Companies)
Jørgen Bygvraa Hansen	Grontmij/Carl Bro (Consultant)
Karsten Høgh Jensen	FIVA (Research)
Michael Ramlau	AVK (Industry)
Palle Lindgaard-Jørgensen	DHI (Technological Service)

**Substitutes:**

Inger Bergmann	Agency for Spatial and Environmental Planning (Governmental)
Mads Sckerl	Grundfos (Industry)

The General Assembly also adopted the Work Plan for 2009 which can be found on:

<http://www.danishwaterforum.dk/about/board.html>

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

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

Danish Water Forum organized a thematic meeting on this topic on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April. Presentations from the meeting can be found at:

<http://www.danishwaterforum.dk/events/Innovation%20apr%2009/Innovation.html>

**Linkages between climate change, human health, water and food security:  
Research and knowledge sharing for Southern Africa**

May 14, 2009 – 14:30-16:30, University of Copenhagen, Geo-Center

DWF, DDRN, DBL and Enreca-Health organizes a meeting on research cooperation in relation to climate change and its impacts on water, health and food security, North-South research projects and knowledge sharing in order to present the new network: SACCNET and to discuss Danish participation in the activities. Introduction to SACCNET by Danish participants (researchers and network coordinators) in the kick-off workshop in Cape Town 18-22 February

Programme for the meeting can be seen here:

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), where you can also see the [Documentation of Research on Climate change and water in Southern Africa](#), prepared for Danish Water Forum by Gift Manase, February 2009 as well as the proceedings from the first workshop.

### **Dialogue on Adaptation to Climate Change for Land and Water Management.**

An initiative by Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs to develop guiding principles and share knowledge on adaptation to climate change. Guiding principles are being developed for 5 themes:

1. **Development:** Adaptation must be addressed in a broad development context, recognizing climate change as an added challenge to reducing poverty, hunger, diseases and environmental degradation
2. **Resilience:** Building resilience to ongoing and future climate change calls for adaptation to start now by addressing existing problems in land and water management
3. **Governance:** Strengthening institutions for land and water management is crucial to effective adaptation and must build on principles of participation of civil society, gender equality, subsidiarity and decentralisation.
4. **Information:** Information for local adaptation must be improved, and must be considered a public good to be shared at all levels.
5. **Economics and Financing:** The cost of inaction, and the economic and social benefits of adaptation actions, call for increased and innovative financing

Partners and participants in the Dialogue Process met in Nairobi at a Conference on 17 April 2009 to conclude the Guiding Principles and adopt The Nairobi Statement on Land and Water Management for Adaptation to Climate Change.

<http://www.landwaterdialogue.um.dk/>

### **Fifth World Water Forum, Istanbul March 16-22 2009**

Under the theme Bridging Divides for Water 33.000 participants met in Istanbul to discuss challenges and solutions for the world of water.

Danish Water Forum was involved in the European preparatory process and will continue to be active within the European topics.

- Read the European document: <http://www.danishwaterforum.dk/DWF/EWP/EWP.htm>
- Find more information about the European regional process:  
<http://www.ewp.eu/projects/european-reigonal-process-erp>
- Further information about the political process and declaration and all topics at the World Water Forum such as Water and Energy or Water and Climate Change:  
<http://www.danishwaterforum.dk/activities/WorldWaterForum.html>

Danish Water Forum in cooperation with The Trade Commission of Denmark organized a Danish Pavilion at the water fair in Istanbul, where Grontmij/Carl Bro Turkey, DHI, Environment Agency, NKT Flexibles, Danish Clean Water, Danfoss RO as well as the Trade Commission of Denmark in Istanbul took part in the Danish Pavilion.

### **Danida Development Days**

Danida Development Days 2009 will take place 8-9 June 2009 in Eigtveds Pakhus in Copenhagen. This year the focus of the DDD will be on the initiatives and recommendations of the Africa Commission, established by the Danish Prime Minister in 2008.

Over two days, June 8 and 9, 2009, highly renowned international development professionals, academics, representatives from the financial and business sector and civil society, many of whom have been directly involved in the work of the Commission, will gather to discuss "The Africa Commission – Making the Recommendations a Reality".

<http://www.danidadevforum.um.dk/en/menu/Events/DanidaDevelopmentDays/2009/DanidaDevelopmentDays2009.htm>

## Joint Actions on Climate Change

### Conference at the University of Aalborg 8-10<sup>th</sup> June

Focus of the conference is on solutions and measures to mitigate climate changes. The conference gathers 5 main initiatives within this theme:

- \*European Roundtable for sustainable consumption and production
- \*The Greening of Industry Network.
- \*SCORE!
- \* Nordic Life Cycle Association
- \*Euro Sustainability.09

<http://aqviva.dk/joint-actions-on-climate-change-aalborg-8-10-juni-09>

### Transboundary Water Cooperation in the Nile, SADC/Zambezi Basin and the Mekong

During World Water Week in Stockholm, on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of August Danish Water Forum is convening a seminar on Transboundary Water Management related to the workshop series organized by DWF and Danida in 2007 and 2008. Co-convenors are Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA), Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), Mekong River Commission Secretariat (MRCS) and DHI Water and Environment.

The seminar will address key challenges in transboundary water cooperation. Presentations and discussions of results of workshops and lessons-learned from studies of the three basins and from Okavango, Pungue and Volta basins will seek to identify good practices for basin management for increased national commitment and civil society participation, climate adaptation, human security and exploring economic opportunities.

Read 2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement of World Water Week 2009 on <http://www.worldwaterweek.org/>

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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