

PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES INFORMATION SHEET

Name of the Partnership/Initiative

Getting research and pilot activities into practice, to improve access to Water and Sanitation services in African cities and towns

This proposal suscitated interest among French public authorities

Expected date of initiation:

2002 September 2nd, 10:00 – 11:30, in the WaterDome, Johannesburg

Expected date of completion:

World Water Day 2005 (2005 March 22nd), Paris

Partners Involved:

Governments: ***French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Agence française de Développement***

Intergovernmental organizations:

WSP (Water and Sanitation Programme) - Requested

Major groups:

NGO : CREPA (Burkina Faso); ENDA, Eau Vive, GRET, etc.

Local Authorities: MDP (Municipal Development Partnership) and its West and Central African local authorities partners, French local authorities and their federation

Researchers: ENSP (Ecole Nationale Supérieure Polytechnique de Yaoundé) – Cameroun, CEREVE (Centre d'enseignement et de recherche Eau Ville Environnement) – France, SHADYC (Laboratoire de "Sociologie, Histoire et Anthropologie des Dynamiques Culturelles" EHESS-CNRS) - France

Private sector: HydroConseil, BURGEAP, etc.

Leading Partner:

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Main objectives of the Partnership/Initiative

The objective of this initiative is to get into practice lessons from numerous research and pilot activities, in order to improve access to Water and Sanitation services in poor urban areas and small towns.

During the last years, numerous research and action programs were completed or launched (presently in process). These activities, in particular those financed by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs ("Water Supply and Sanitation in peri-urban areas and small towns" Programme, 1995-98, co-ordinated by pS-Eau ; "Sustainable Waste Management and Urban Sanitation" Programme, 2000-2003, co-ordinated by pS-Eau and MDP), but also those managed by WSP, examine more closely some of the crucial issues on which not enough research had been done before : conditions of access to water and sanitation services to people who live in poor urban areas or in small towns. So, pilot and research activities were undertaken by multi-disciplinary teams bringing together researchers, practitioners and public authorities from North and South.

In order to really improve the conditions of access to water and sanitation for the urban poor, consistently with the Millenium goals, it is necessary to pursue the efforts already done by getting into practice those research findings.

Relationship with the objectives of Agenda 21:

Chapter 18 (Freshwater), Chapter 3 (Combating poverty), Chapter 40 (Information for decision making)
Chapter 7 (Promoting sustainable human settlement development) and Chapter 21 (environmentally sound management of solid wastes and sewage-related issues)

Expected results:

1° - Get into training tools the lessons of the research (to do link with African School and Training center)

2° - Continue the dialogue between all the stakeholders concerned, mainly national and local deciders and donors in order they will take in account the lessons of these programmes

3° - Organise training of trainers, and training of practitioners, to strengthen their capacities.

Specific targets of the Partnership/Initiative and timeframe for their achievement:

Indicative schedule:

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Multi-stakeholders dialogue in order to identify the gaps between research and practice, and the way to replicate and going to scale (tools, training, financing, etc.)

Constitution of an international Steering Committee

September 2002 – March 2003, electronic dialogue

Elaboration of the framework

Writing of a call for proposals. This call for proposals will be open to all kind of actors, and will invite them to submit proposals to Get Research Into Practice.

March 2003, during the WWF3, Kyoto

Meeting of the steering Committee

Validation and launching of the call for proposals

July 2003

Selection of the proposals

September 2003– September 2004

Activities and elaboration of tools by the teams selected

September 2004– March 2005

Synthesis of the different activities done

Dissemination

March 2005

Evaluation and final meeting : official presentation of the results of the process

<p>Coordination and Implementation mechanism</p> <p>A steering Committee decide the orientation A secretariat get in practice this orientation Multidisciplinary teams elaborate tools and activities</p>
<p>Arrangements for funding</p> <p>Expected sources: French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Agence française de Développement</p>
<p>Arrangements for capacity building and technology transfer</p> <p>The core of this initiative is the Know How dissemination and the capacity building</p>
<p>Links of Partnership/Initiative with on-going sustainable development activities at the international and/or regional level (if any)</p> <p>The main organisation involved in the urban water and sanitation will be invited to join the Steering Committee in order to have a better coordination with all the initiative on this subject. (WSSCC, WSP, GWP, etc.)</p>
<p>Monitoring Arrangements</p> <p>An electronic news letter will be regularly send to the organisation involved in the initiative and to all the other who wish to be informed of the process.</p>
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