



**Multi-Stakeholder Forum
Stockholm, August 16, 2007**

**EUWI Africa Working Group
Work plan and strategy**

New strategy

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- Critical review of the AWG first years of operation in February 2006 (Entebbe)
- Need expressed (especially from African partners – AMCOW) to clarify AWG strategy and look for more added value
- Core to the new strategy are:
 - Closely aligning with the newly created Africa-EU Infrastructure Partnership
 - Adopting a selective approach to country dialogues based on strong ownership and performance-based approach
 - Aligning operational aid programming from EU member states and European Commission with national strategies.



Work plan for 2007

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- **The current version has been drafted in December 06 / January 07 and included comments from members of the AWG**
- **Formal approval from AMCOW in February and April 2007**
- **This is a management tool for the AWG that has been and will be updated as many times as it is necessary**
- **Work plan 2007 is linked to a medium-term action plan covering 2007-2009, that has been used as a reference for the application to the Water Facility**



2007 focuses (1/2)

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- **AWG is effectively used to improve coordination and communication between European and African partners on WSS and IWRM issues**
- **A regular mechanism to improve the transparency and accountability of European aid to WSS and IWRM/TWRM is set into place**
- **African partners have a better understanding of the EUWI and take a more pro-active role in the work of the Africa Working Group**



2007 focuses (2/2)

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- **The leading role of EUWI in harmonizing policies and approaches is reasserted, as well as the originality of its multi-stakeholder approach**
- **National and international civil society organizations active in African WSS and IWRM/TWRM are able to input into discussions and processes of the AWG**



2007 activities

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- 1. Mapping European Aid in the Water and Sanitation Sector, in line with the global report prepared by UN-Water
- 2. Facilitation of a sound African-European dialogue on WSS and IWRM key issues, in the form of a “Water Policy Dialogue Forum”: sanitation and TWRM (IP) are the key topics in 2007
- 3. Preparation and organization of a high-level (ministerial) meeting
- 4. Closer collaboration with the FWG (financing strategies in 3 countries)



Focus on activity 1

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Objectives of the mapping exercise:

- **Obtain overview of current and future EU involvement (MS + EC) in water supply and sanitation in Africa**
- **Increase aid effectiveness in water and sanitation sector (link with the new EU code of conduct)**
- **Contribute to the implementation of the AMCOW Work Programme and other key international agreements (especially the Paris declaration)**



Focus on activity 2

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- **Multi-stakeholder discussions on African (AMCOW, AWF, RWSSI, NEPAD...) and European (A-EU IP, EU-ACP WF...) initiatives, focus on the IP**
- **Multi-stakeholder structured discussions on two selected topics: sanitation (link with the International Year) and IWRM/TWRM (other link with IP)**
- **Evaluation of the country dialogues (CD) undertaken to date. The findings will be used to improve the methodology and answer the demand from new countries**



2007 agenda

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- **First 2007 meeting of the AWG in Ouagadougou: April 2-3**
- **August: second meeting of the AWG in Stockholm during water week**
- **December: last AWG meeting in Paris – several deliverables of the Group will be presented and discussed**
- **End of the year: handing over from France to UK, new 2008 work plan**
- **Spring 2008: high-level (ministerial) meeting, receiving inputs from all the work done in 2007 (link wit CSD16)**



Thank you!