

## Capacity Development in Sustainable Sanitation in Africa:

### Invitation to a Special Meeting with the SuSanA Capacity Development Group, Durban, February 16, 2008

SEI as lead of the SuSanA Capacity Development Group has the pleasure to invite all interested to an Africa session focusing on capacity development within the area of sustainable sanitation. This will take place on February 16 in the International Conference Centre in Durban between 17.00 and 19.00 hrs.

#### Introduction

Meeting the sanitation target of the Millennium Development Goal no 7 aiming to half the proportion of people without access to basic sanitation has proven to be a significant challenge for Sub-Saharan Africa. Most African nations have developed plans to reach the MDGs but the plans often remain on paper and are many times not actively implemented. Faced with low sanitation coverage, high population growth, groundwater depletion, water scarcity and decreased food security, there is a necessity to call for sustainable sanitation actions. Safe and sustainable solutions for the poorest are needed to satisfy the unserved today and the growing number of unserved tomorrow.

In a region with few active professionals within the sanitation sector and where efficient means of communication are expensive and not reliable due to insufficient infrastructure, networks, and irregular power supplies, dissemination of knowledge has proven difficult even though a wealth of knowledge on sustainable sanitation exists. Sustainable sanitation solutions are, as a matter of fact, planted, germinated and developed all over the continent. The dissemination of this Africa-grown knowledge within the continent is extremely important for the up-scaling of such initiatives, as is the connection between African sanitation-related professionals. Thus SEI EcoSanRes is organizing this special session during the SuSanA meeting with this very focus.

#### Programme:

- **Toilets That Make Compost** - Peter Morgan Aquamor, Zimbabwe  
<http://www.sustainable-sanitation-alliance.org/documents/5thmeeting/day1/en-susana-durban-presentation-16-teaching-lowcost-sanitation-and-recycling-peter-morgan.pdf>
- **Sustainable Sanitation and Going to Scale in Malawi** - Patricia Ngulube, WaterAid Malawi
- **Female Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Sanitation** - Tabbie Kayange, Centre for Community Organisation and Development, Malawi  
<http://www.sustainable-sanitation-alliance.org/documents/5thmeeting/day1/en-susana-durban-presentation-17-female-entrepreneurship-tabbie-kayange.pdf>
- **Acceptance of EcoSan Technologies** - Luis Macario, WSP, Mozambique  
<http://www.sustainable-sanitation-alliance.org/documents/5thmeeting/day1/en-susana-durban-presentation-18-acceptance-of-ecosan-in-mozambique-luis-macario.pdf>
- **Municipal Capacity Development** - Basil Kabore, CREPA, Burkina Faso
- **Supporting Knowledge Institutions** - Bloodless Dzawiro, IWSD, Zimbabwe  
<http://www.sustainable-sanitation-alliance.org/documents/5thmeeting/day1/en-susana-durban-presentation-19-supporting-knowledge-institutions-bloodless-dzawiro.pdf>