

Increasing the use of research in policy and practice

Lessons learned on research uptake

A range of activities across the SPLASH programme have informed a synthesis of lessons learned about improving the uptake of research results, relating to all stages of the research cycle. Guidance Briefing Notes for researchers and programme designers are available at: www.splash-era.net/search_outputs.php#bn

Regional training on Groundwater Management for Water Managers

In July 2009 and April 2010, the African Groundwater Network (AGW-Net) in cooperation with SPLASH and Cap-Net, hosted courses on "Groundwater management for water managers: A role for hydrogeological science" in South Africa and Togo. These focused on the role of hydrological science in groundwater management for non hydrogeologists. Subsequent training is planned in 2011.

Jointly funded activities

In March 2010 SPLASH launched a new research programme to increase understanding of sustainable sanitation service delivery in sub Saharan Africa. SPLASH principles of good research management have informed its design. Austria, France, Switzerland, Sweden and the UK have pooled funding and the programme operates by common procedures.

Please see www.splash-era.net/sanitation-call/index.php



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Coordinating European water research for poverty reduction



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What is SPLASH?

SPLASH is the name of the European Union Water Initiative Research Area Network (EUWI ERA-Net). It is a consortium of 16 ministries, funding agencies and national research and technological development authorities from 11 European countries.

Aims and objectives

The overall aim of SPLASH is to improve coordination and effectiveness of European water research for development, and through doing so, to contribute to achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Specific objectives are:

- To improve coordination between existing research programmes to exploit synergies and reduce duplication
- To understand and promote the use of good research management practice
- To increase knowledge sharing between researchers and practitioners to speed up the use of research findings, and to ensure demand-led research
- To agree a research agenda and jointly funded activities which can benefit from a transnational approach, where more than one European partner work together

A range of resources have been developed by SPLASH in support of these objectives and are available on our website.



Tools which support improved coordination of existing research

SPLASH Partner-funded Programmes Database

A searchable online database of existing programmes funded by SPLASH partners is available at: www.splash-era.net/outputs/index.php

Water for Development Yellow Pages

Listings by country of online resources for development-related water research, covering university and research institutes, projects and programmes, information portals and discussion lists. Please visit: www.splash-era.net/yell/index.php

SPLASH Capacity Building Directory

An overview of international capacity development initiatives in the water sector. Please visit: www.splash-era.net/cbd/index.php

SPLASH Fact Sheet series

A series of 15 fact sheets synthesise some of SPLASH's key findings. Please visit: www.splash-era.net/search_outputs.php#fs



Promoting good research management practice

Training materials on research management

SPLASH is developing open source course materials on research management, to be available free of cost. Materials will be in a distance learning format but may be adapted to preferred delivery modes. We would like to hear from any individual or organization that might use the course materials. Please contact

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