



## ***Making a SPLASH!***

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#### **1. Making a SPLASH in Mombasa!**

SPLASH received a very warm welcome for meetings of the Technical Committee and Scientific Advisory Council convened in Mombasa, Kenya from 1st to 4th December.

During our meetings, the SPLASH team outlined progress made in key areas since June, against SPLASH overall objectives. This included:

- Findings from a study which considered how Southern researchers become involved in European financed research. A resulting recommendation is that training in proposal writing would be a helpful component in the design of our future research programmes, and should be included as a priority;
- A report back on training provided to water practitioners on groundwater management which was well received, and proposals were discussed for further work in this important area;
- An update and discussions around the design of our new sanitation research programme, to ensure that lessons learnt within SPLASH will be appropriately reflected;
- Dissemination activities, including new features and fact sheets developed from SPLASH findings, which are available on the SPLASH website.

We also discussed plans for our continued work in establishing 'good research management practice', for example through an improved understanding between inputs, outputs, outcomes and impacts of research. Other considerations were: plans to support the development of networks of excellence in water science and technology in sub Saharan Africa; work to support sustainable hydropower development in the Mekong which will commence in January 2010; and our more general work programme and aspirations over the next 12 months and beyond.



SPLASH saw first hand the very real challenges being faced in providing water and sanitation services, thanks to a very interesting field visit. Engineer Mwamuye Makupe, CEO of Kilifi-Mariakani Water and Sewerage Company (KIWASCO), together with SPLASH SAC member Dr Nzulu Kitaka of Egerton University, explained the institutional context of water and sanitation service provision. We were then shown the particular challenges faced by KIWASCO in providing these services in Mtwapa, an unplanned coastal settlement.

All agreed that the venue and arrangements for our meetings were excellent. We extend our sincere thanks to all who helped to make our visit such a success.

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## 2. Try the new SPLASH quiz!

The SPLASH quiz tests your knowledge about both the importance of water and sanitation provision, and the level of investment in water development research needed to reach the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). It also gives an overview of the MDG targets on water and sanitation and the challenges they pose, and explains what is the added value of investing in water for development research.

To take part, go to <http://www.splash-era.net/quiz>

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## 3. New SPLASH Fact sheets

A number of new SPLASH fact sheets are now available on the website at [http://splash-era.net/search\\_outputs.php#fs](http://splash-era.net/search_outputs.php#fs). These offer a synthesis of the key outputs from the project. Recent additions are:

- Fact sheet 9: Water Research Management: Good practices in programming, project implementation and evaluation
  - Fact sheet 10: Effective partnerships: Creating the conditions for multi-actor research dialogues
  - Fact sheet 11: The Involvement of Southern Researchers in EU-funded Research
  - Fact sheet 12: Uptake of research in policy and practice: a consultation in the water sector
  - Fact sheet 13: Effective partnerships: Transferring research knowledge into action
  - Fact sheet 14: Effective partnerships: Consultation on innovative South-North partnerships for water for development
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