



## ***Making a SPLASH!*** ***Newsletter 12 – December 2010***

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### **Christmas Greetings!**

In this final newsletter of 2010, we would like to thank you for your continued interest in and support for the SPLASH project. The SPLASH team would also like to wish you all the very best for this festive season, and a very happy new year.

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### **1. SPLASH Good Practice Workshop – Sharing our Learning and Planning our Future, Brussels (October 2010)**

In coordination with the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs during its presidency of the EU, SPLASH hosted a workshop in Brussels from 27th to 29th October. The overall objective of the workshop was to increase the contribution made by water for development research to achievement of the water related international development goals. The workshop served the dual purposes of:

- sharing findings and good practice between SPLASH and research and development partners; and
- engaging these relevant stakeholders to discuss and refine future plans of SPLASH beyond December 2010, dependent on a contract amendment request to extend the duration of this into 2011.

### **The participants**

Between 50 and 60 participants from Europe, Africa and the Mekong region attended for all or part of the meeting. These included policy makers, EUWI Secretariat members, donor organizations, members of the SPLASH Strategic Management Board (SMB) and Scientific Advisory Council (SAC), as well as coordinators of related ERA-Nets, and other platforms, networks and partner institutions such as AQUAKNOW, the network of African Centres of Excellence for water, Africa Groundwater Network and IFS, Sweden.



*Workshop participants  
(Photo: Prof. Khaled M. AbuZeid, CEDARE, Egypt)*

### **The results**

SPLASH achievements and outputs were presented in line with its objectives, and presentations on how these had been met by SPLASH activities and resources. We were also

pleased to receive presentations from partner organizations and related initiatives, which helped us to share learning and experience to maximize synergies and help networking. In addition, proposals for SPLASH future work aligned to these objectives was presented followed by open discussion of the ways in which SPLASH can build on this and go forward into 2011 and 2012.

A meeting of the SPLASH SMB on Friday 29th October considered the proposals and comments of the SAC and made tentative decisions to proceed with some specific areas of work provided by the SPLASH contract is extended by the European Commission. These meetings allowed SPLASH to achieve the outcomes listed below, which were discussed in groups and in plenary with recommendations made to maximise effectiveness.

- to share good practice on many aspects of research management;
- to generate constructive comment and feedback on the work undertaken by SPLASH to date;
- to jointly discuss, and as a result strengthen, the proposed future work of SPLASH;
- to make funding decisions and resource commitments to establish a future work programme which will enable SPLASH activities to continue for a period of at least 2 further years; and
- to guide the constitution of future management and working processes for SPLASH into the future.

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## 2. SPLASH Sanitation Research Programme

### Selection of the research consortia to be funded by the SPLASH Sanitation Research Programme

The SPLASH research call on sustainable sanitation service chains was launched in March 2010 and received 44 concept notes, of which 11 were shortlisted and invited to send in full proposals. The full proposals were fed into a peer-review process and each proposal was evaluated by four independent reviewers according to well-defined criteria and a scoring matrix. Ten of the 11 proposals qualified for the

last selection round by an International Selection Committee, composed of sanitation experts from the World Bank, UNICEF, the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC) and the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED). In November 2010, the Call Steering Committee, comprising funders of the SPLASH sanitation programme, approved the following five research projects to be funded under the SPLASH Sanitation Research Programme:

1. **Catalysing self-sustaining sanitation chains in informal settlements**  
Coordinated by the University of Surrey, the Robens Centre for Public and Environmental Health, United Kingdom, and including partners from France, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda
2. **Economic constraints and demand-led solutions for sustainable sanitation services in poor urban settlements**  
Coordinated by the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich, the Centre for Development and Cooperation, Switzerland, and including partners from Uganda and Switzerland
3. **FaME (Faecal Management Enterprise): Providing sanitation solutions through value chain management of faecal sludge**  
Coordinated by the Swiss Aquatic Research Institute, the Department of Water and Sanitation in Developing Countries (SANDEC), Switzerland, and including partners from Austria, Ghana, Senegal, and Uganda
4. **Maîtrise de la filière assainissement dans un écosystème côtier à Douala et les quartier populaires de Yaoundé au Cameroun**  
Coordinated by the Ecole Nationale Supérieure Polytechnique de Yaoundé, Cameroon, and including partners from Cameroon and France
5. **Sustainable and resilient sanitation service chains in Maputo province, Mozambique – action research and piloting for benefit of the urban poor**  
Coordinated by the International Water Association (IWA), the Netherlands, and including partners from France, Mozambique and the United Kingdom

To see the full information on the composition of the selected consortia go to

[http://www.splash-era.net/news\\_ssp.php](http://www.splash-era.net/news_ssp.php)

**Selection of the management organization for the SPLASH Sanitation Research Programme**

The SPLASH Call Secretariat received two offers in response to an international call for tender for the management of the SPLASH Sanitation Research Programme. The Call Secretariat has evaluated both offers according to predefined criteria and the Call Steering Committee has selected the Water, Engineering and Development Centre (WEDC), Loughborough University, United Kingdom, for the management of the SPLASH Sanitation Research Programme.

**3. WssTP web link to SPLASH**

The SPLASH Project has been linked to the website of the Water Supply and Sanitation Technology Platform (WssTP). WssTP was initiated by the European Commission in 2004 to promote coordination and collaboration of Research and Technology Development in the water industry. WssTP has about 61 members and 210 contributors from industry, academics, researchers, policy makers and water utilities.

For more information, and for the SPLASH link see:

<http://www.wsstp.eu/content/default.asp?PageId=593>

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