

## 10<sup>th</sup> WaterNet/WARFSA/GWP-SA Symposium update

This year's symposium is once again held in association with the International Commission on Water Resources Systems of the IAHS. It will be hosted by Makerere University from 28 - 30 October 2009 at the [Imperial Resort Beach Hotel](#) in Entebbe, Uganda. The main theme is *IWRM: Environmental Sustainability, Climate Change and Livelihoods*. Notification of both accepted and rejected abstracts has been completed. In total 231 abstracts have been received, 133 will be presented orally and 89 through posters. Please note that deadline for submission of full papers is 31 July 2009. Early Bird Registration will close on the 31st of August 2009. Those still interested in arranging special sessions can contact the Secretariat before the 31st of July 2009.

## Regional Masters in Integrated Water Resources Management

The 2010 applications are still being accepted and the deadline for submission is 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009. [More info>>>](#) [Application form](#). No applications will be considered after the deadline.

## Alumni Survey continues

WaterNet is continuing with the survey of its alumni. More than 200 students have graduated in Integrated Water Resources Management under WaterNet sponsorship. Thus WaterNet would like to know where the former students are and how they are applying their acquired skills in the sector at regional and international level. The aim of the survey is to identify the strengths and gaps in the IWRM program, through the alumni members' experiences in the sector. Alumni members are kindly asked to fill in the tracer survey form and return it to the Secretariat as soon as possible. WaterNet Alumni is now on [facebook](#) and all members are encouraged to join the network. For more details contact [wickongo@gmail.com](mailto:wickongo@gmail.com) or [smurinda@waternetonline.org](mailto:smurinda@waternetonline.org).

## Report Back-Integrity and accountability in water pilot workshop

Improved integrity, accountability and anti-corruption in water lead to better decision-making and more effective and fairer management and allocation of water resources and services. This training programme was a jointly funded initiative between UNDP Water Governance Facility at SIWI, Cap-Net and WaterNet. The training was hosted and organized by the University of Western Cape and the African Centre for Water Research, Cape Town, South Africa from 1-3 June 2009. Other collaborating partners to the programme included the Water Integrity Network (WIN) and the IRC International Water and Sanitation Centre. About forty professionals participated during the pilot training. For more details contact [smurinda@waternetonline.org](mailto:smurinda@waternetonline.org).



## Challenge Program Drawing to a Close

The final workshop of the *Challenge Program on Water and Food Project 17 "Integrated Water Resources Management for Improved Rural Livelihoods"* was held at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, from 15 to 18 June 2009, with 42 participants. The workshop abstract package, including much of what was presented, is [here](#). The project ends on 31 August 2009 and between now and then the focus is on synthesis research and writing the final report. Research publications are available [here](#). For the challenge programme members, see picture below.



## Upcoming Courses

1. Treinamento sobre Mudanças Climáticas e Recursos Hídricos (Training of Trainers on Climate Change and Water Resources) 27-31st July in Maputo Mozambique 2009.

The essence of the course is strengthening the capacity of various professionals to design appropriate actions and supporting adaptive capacities in their own areas of work for resilience to climate change. This course targets professionals and trainers from the water sectors and other key water related sectors (such as health, agriculture and energy) and is similar to the one done early this year in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa and will be conducted in Portuguese. Due date for submission of applications to the secretariat is 30 June 2009. [More >>>](#)

2. Regional Refresher Seminar on the ecology of livelihoods in African wetlands-linking wetland research to poverty reduction and environmental conservation 24-28th Aug in Nairobi, Kenya 2009

This refresher course aims to build capacity and increase awareness of the link between sustainable wetland management and livelihoods of communities dependent on wetlands (poverty reduction). [More>>>](#)

3. Training of Trainers on Water, Sanitation and Health (WASH) and IWRM-(DatesTBA)

This course aims to bring out the interrelationship between IWRM and WASH: making this inter-relationship practical in the way water supply and sanitation services are planned, implemented and managed guided by IWRM principles. The course is targeted at WASH and IWRM mid-level practitioners as well as mid-level urban and rural planners and water managers.



4. River Basin Management- Late August 2009 Maputo Mozambique

The course provides knowledge and tools for river basin organisations to achieve efficiency and effectiveness in the application of IWRM principles for sustainable management and development of water resources. The focus is on the following functions considered essential for effective management of the water resources in a river basin: water resource allocation, pollution control, monitoring, stakeholder participation, economic and financial management, information management and basin planning. The course mainly targets practitioners directly involved with river basin organisations. [More>>>](#)

## Upcoming events

Regional training workshop on Environmental Management Systems for Sustainable Water Infrastructure Development in Southern and East Africa 28-29 July 2009 in Gaborone, Botswana

SADC and EAC with the support of the German government, GWP-SA, UNEP are developing capacity building on economic, environmental and social issues in water infrastructure development in Africa. At the core of the capacity building programme for senior decision makers and professionals is the development of training manuals, based on relevant practices for improved decision making. This process was reaffirmed by regional stakeholders at a workshop held in Lusaka, Zambia on December 1-2, 2008. The first of these manuals on Environmental Management Plans (TM1-EMP), has been completed and is now ready for rollout. A group of regional and international experts and practitioners in the subject will be conducting the training session on the Manual to various groups of stakeholders.

World Water Week in Stockholm August 16-22, 2009

World Water Week is the annual meeting place for the planet's most urgent water-related issues. Organised by the [Stockholm International Water Institute](#). The meeting brings together experts, practitioners, decision makers and leaders from around the globe to exchange ideas, foster new thinking and develop solutions. The theme for 2009 is responding to Global Changes: Accessing Water for the Common Good. WaterNet will sponsor one male young scientist Mr **Manuel Magombeyi** who won the young scientists award at the 9<sup>th</sup> Symposium in South Africa. Ms **Tatenda Tsiko**, the female young scientist, will be sponsored by GWP-SA.

## Staff Engagements

Dr Bongani Ncube will be leaving the Secretariat at the end of June after conducting her duties as the research leader for two years. WaterNet would like to wish her the best in her future endeavours. Mrs Ireen Mangoro, administrator for the research department from the Institute of Water of and Sanitation Development, has once again been seconded to the Secretariat to backstop symposium logistics and internal assignments.

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