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AFWA PUBLISHES ITS FIRST WHITE PAPER ON SANITATION IN AFRICA



AfWA published its first white paper on Sanitation in Africa. Sub-Saharan Africa shows the lowest access rate to drinking water and sanitation despite considerable efforts made by African governments and their partners. More than 65% of households in Sub-Saharan Africa are not connected to a sewer system, leaving many to depend on sanitation systems that create fecal sludge. The substantial increase in pit latrines and septic tanks during the “race” towards the Millennium Development Goals has led to a huge production of fecal sludge that must now be properly managed. [Read more](#)

FINANCING OF SANITATION PROJECTS IN AFRICA: AFWA AND THE AfDB DISCUSSING FUTURE PARTNERSHIP



The African Development Bank (AfDB) through the African Water Facility and with the financial support of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation wants to release funds for the African Water Association (AfWA).

This new budget support jointly disbursed by the two development institutions is intended to finance sanitation projects in the five cities benefiting from the RASOP program. RASOP, or the Reinforcing the capacity of African Sanitation Operators Program, works towards the optimization of infrastructure investments and is financed by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and implemented by AfWA. [Read more](#)

AFWA HAS 3 NEW NETWORKS OF PROFESSIONAL WOMEN IN THE WASH SECTOR IN AFRICA



The circle of African Water Association (AfWA) networks of professional women in the WASH sector is expanding. AfWA now has three new professional women

networks. The networks of Guinea, Ghana and Nigeria were presented during the 77th AfWA Scientific and Technical Council Meetings held July 17-21, 2017 in Accra, Ghana. On the evening of the 18th AfWA Congress in February 2016 in Nairobi, Kenya, the African professional women present ratified the “Nairobi Declaration” with the vision to establish national networks of professional women in the WASH sector in each AfWA member country. [Read more](#)

AfWA STC, WASH SECTOR ORGANIZATIONS INCREASINGLY INTERESTED



The African Water Association (AfWA) Scientific and Technical Council held on July 17-21, 2017 in Accra attracted great interest from several professional organizations in the WASH sector. The Toilet Board Coalition, WE&B, Isle Utilities, and ANSI are among the AfWA partner organizations that had the opportunity to share their reflections and visions to further improve access to sanitation and drinking water in Africa at the second STC of the year organized with the assistance of Ghana Water Company Limited. They shared these during presentations and workshops of exchange. [Read more](#)

PROGRAMS

PERFORMANCE AUDIT MISSIONS IN 10 WATER TESTING LABORATORIES
IN WEST AFRICA



Financed by USAID through the AfriCap project (African Water Operators Capacity Building Project), ten water testing laboratories will be audited from July 25 and August 20, 2017 by African experts trained under this program.

These water testing laboratories belong to water utilities that are African Water Association (AfWA) members, namely: Cameroon (CDE), Côte d'Ivoire (SODECI & ONEP), Guinea (SEG), Liberia (LWSC), Mali (SOMAGEP), Niger (SEEN), Nigeria (Abuja Water Board), Sierra Leone (GVWCL) and Togo (TdE). [Read more](#)

26 PROJECT FACTSHEETS SOON AVAILABLE ON THE AFWA KNOWLEDGE SHARING PLATFORM



Communicators who are members of the African Water Association (AfWA) Task Force on Knowledge Management and Sharing will make available almost 30 project factsheets relating to the WASH sector. They consist of lessons learned from projects implemented and some in the closing phase. This list of knowledge products came from a reflection workshop organized on July 15-16, 2017 in Accra, Ghana. [Read more](#)

ANNOUNCEMENT

>> MASTER CLASS IN LUANDA

The African Water Association (AfWA) organized on August 14-17, 2017 in Luanda, Angola its traditional capacity building program called Master classes. This training session for water and sanitation professionals focuses on **"fecal sludge management: technical and social innovation.**

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