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Dear Stakeholder,

Re: Regional Workshop to test the projects of standards ISO 24510, 24511 and 24512 for water and sanitation services in Africa

Since 2001, ISO (International Standardization Organization), through its ISO/TC 224 committee, has been working on the development of a universal standard concerning water supply and sanitation services. This standard is global hence also concerns developing countries, and is aimed at contributing to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). An ad hoc working group for developing countries was created in the ISO/TC 224, chaired by the Moroccan Committee on Standardization (SNIMA), represented by Mr Mounir Zouggar from ONEP. This group has asked ISO to initiate a "Preliminary Working Item" for a test of the standard in developing countries and later, the preparation of a standard guide for application globally.

In view of the above, the Water and Sanitation Program – Africa (WSP-Af), the World Bank Institute (WBI), INWENT (Capacity building Germany) and the African Water Association (AfWA), would like to invite you to a four day workshop on testing the recently developed standards for water and sanitation services in Africa. The workshop will take place in **Kampala, Uganda** from **Tuesday 24th July to Friday 27th July 2007** and will be hosted by the National Water and Sewerage Company (NWSC) Uganda.

In coordination with AfWA, the French Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development and the Municipal Development Fund (MDP), the ISO/TC 224 ad hoc working group mentioned above has decided to test the project of standards in Africa. A methodology was defined and a consulting firm (Urbaconsulting) is in charge of its implementation. Several sites have been selected in Africa (French and English speaking countries) in order to test the project of standards. The first step of this process consists in two regional workshops in Africa. A first workshop was organized for French Speaking Africa with the support of the WBI, the Office National de l'Eau Potable (ONEP), Morocco and the French Government. The workshop was held in Rabat, Morocco between May 22 and 25, 2007.

Your institution has been selected to contribute to this workshop. The expected results of this workshop are to prepare a monitoring system to be tested on the basis of African countries, a memorandum of remarks to be submitted to the ISO TC 224 concerning what can or cannot be adapted. This should also possibly introduce to the draft standard any items unique to the African context for consideration.

Owing to the fact that we have a limited budget, we would appreciate if you could possibly meet the cost of your participation. In case you need support, kindly state it out clearly in the attached confirmation form. A final decision on whether we can meet your cost of participation and to what level will be communicated to you within 5 days of receiving your response.

Please fill in the attached confirmation form and send it back to us at Jhezron@worldbank.org your earliest convenience but certainly not later than, **Wednesday 4th July 2007**.



After you send us your confirmation, we shall then send the full logistical information i.e. actual conference venue, a note on the methodology for the workshop.

Find also attached the convenor's note and the draft programme of the workshop. We would appreciate if you can read and understand the convenor's note.

Yours sincerely,



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