

Monitoring Sustainable WASH Service Delivery Symposium

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 9 - 11 April 2013

IRC International Water and Sanitation Centre in partnership with The Ministry of Water and Energy of the Government of Ethiopia and Water and Sanitation for Africa (WSA)

What?	A global symposium on monitoring sustainable water, sanitation, and hygiene [WASH] service delivery.
When?	Tuesday 9 to Thursday 11 April 2013.
Where?	Hilton Addis Ababa Hotel, Ethiopia.
Who?	200 to maximum 300 attendees: practitioners, policy makers, researchers and other experts - from the public and private WASH sectors, and from Development Partners and universities - who are interested in improving monitoring for sustainable WASH services and who desire to meet and discuss with colleagues.
Why?	Because everyone in the WASH sector realises that effective monitoring is the back bone for sustainable WASH service delivery.
How?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participating in plenary sessions with presentations of the background paper and cross-cutting subjects;• Participating in topic sessions with key note speeches and paper presentations;• Presenting your experiences and expertise through papers, exhibitions, photo essays and video;• Discussing with colleagues from a range of countries and organisations; and• Learning and being inspired!

First announcement


As water and sanitation coverage expands, the need to know the status of systems and services becomes more critical. Governments are increasingly realising the importance of good monitoring information at multiple levels to ensure that services are sustainable and investments are not wasted. Development partners adapt their monitoring indicators to make their interventions more sustainable. The number of initiatives to strengthen WASH service delivery monitoring is growing. New tools are being developed and international indicators are being refined.

The Monitoring Sustainable WASH Service Delivery Symposium 2013 will provide a global platform for sharing these initiatives, tools, indicators and experiences. Please mark your calendars for 9 to 11 April 2013 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia!

A must attend event for WASH professionals

The symposium is open to a broad spectrum of professionals from across the WASH sector and from all over the world -from practitioners and policy makers to funders and researchers; as well as from professionals working at the international level to professionals working at the local government and project level.

This three-day symposium will consist of sessions on selected topics with a key note, as well as paper and case study presentations, poster exhibitions, and plenary sessions. Together, we will discuss the scene-setting background paper and cross-cutting themes such as monitoring in other sectors, the post-2015 Millennium Development Goals indicators, and the politics of monitoring.



The evening hours will provide opportunities for getting acquainted with the latest developments in technology such as Information & Communications Technology for mapping, Geographic Information Systems, and qualitative monitoring approaches.

A defining feature of the symposium will be the dynamic space provided for facilitating discussions and sharing experiences between participants - thereby encouraging opportunities to build on outputs from sessions, papers, and issues presented.

When and where will the symposium take place?

- The event will start on the evening of Monday, 8 April 2013 with an informal cocktail reception and registration at the Hilton Addis Ababa Hotel in Ethiopia.
- The symposium will take place over three days from Tuesday, 9 April to Thursday, 11 April 2013 inclusive and will also be hosted at Hilton Addis Ababa Hotel in Ethiopia.
- The venue is equipped with modern conference facilities, and is fully accessible for those with disabilities or mobility impairments.

Register now to secure your place at the symposium

We invite individuals/organisations wishing to attend the symposium as participants and/or presenters to register online today! Registration is limited to 300 participants.

Registration

Please complete and submit the registration form here: <http://monitoringwashservicedelivery.eventbrite.com>

The **early-bird registration fee is €495** for those who sign-up prior to **31 December 2012**. When you register as an early bird, please use the following promotional code: **WASH2013**. After 31 December 2012, the registration fee is €600 and the promotional code will no longer be valid.

As you register using Eventbrite, the form will prompt you to include a short personal resume. Registration fees can be paid via Paypal (including credit card), as well as via bank transfers.

The registration fee covers the following:

- Entry to all symposium sessions and exhibition areas;
- Lunches, coffees, and teas during the symposium days;
- Symposium material, publications and handouts;
- Symposium dinner (date and place to be decided); and
- Informal cocktail reception on Monday, 8 April 2013.

The registration fee **does not** cover the following:

- Travel arrangements;
- Boarding and lodging; and
- Travel visas;

Participants are required to make their own arrangements for transportation, a place to stay, and visa requirements.

The **Hilton Addis Ababa Hotel** offers a special room price for the first 100 people to book their room. Please use this link for booking your room: http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/A/ADDHITW-GIRCA-20130405/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG



Share your ideas with us: call for abstracts of papers and/or presentations

Do you have expertise, lessons learnt, and products and concepts in WASH monitoring that you wish to share through a global platform? Do you want to write a paper for the symposium? Do you want to present during the symposium?

If so, please share with us your paper and/or presentation ideas on monitoring WASH services. We welcome abstracts of potential papers and/or presentations ranging from technical, practical, and academic perspectives. We encourage you and your organisation to submit an abstract to: symposium@irc.nl.

The deadline for abstract submissions is 28 September 2012.

The symposium will focus on the broad field of monitoring WASH service delivery. Symposium sessions will be grouped in topics. The final list of topics will be made after having received the abstracts. Potential topics include:

- New **developments in project monitoring** including: sustainability clauses, indicators, and impact assessments to hold projects accountable for the sustainability of their interventions;
- From monitoring access and functionality **towards monitoring service levels and human rights**;
- **Sustainability score cards** and other tools to measure sustainability;
- **From data collection to data use**: monitoring is a means to an end;
- **Monitoring performance**: of a country sector (Joint Sector Reviews), of service providers, of local governments, and/or of Development Partners;
- **Monitoring the finance**: public expenditure reviews, budget tracking (Country Status Overview reports) and the Global Annual Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water [GLAAS];
- **Financing monitoring initiatives**: finding the right balance between costs and benefits;
- **New mobile phone technologies and Information & Communication Technologies** for mapping, data collection, reporting break downs;
- **Linking and harmonising monitoring between levels**: global (Millennium Development Goals and post-2015 indicators), national, and local;
- **Transparency of data** and the opportunities of civil society to use monitoring information;
- **Monitoring water safety**;
- Concrete examples of how **monitoring results in change**, for example: of policy, funding, planning, modalities, and practice of service provision;
- **The politics of monitoring**: the transformation of information by collectors, analysers, and users of analysis;
- **Monitoring sanitation, hygiene behaviour, Community-led Total Sanitation, WASH in schools, etc.**;

If you have a topic idea related to monitoring but it is not listed here, please share it with us by sending an e-mail to symposium@irc.nl.

Guidelines for abstracts

Your ideas, concepts, lessons learnt, and expertise on WASH monitoring can be presented in various forms for the symposium, including but not limited to a:

- Paper;
- Poster presentation;

- Photo essay;
- Video;

Your abstract should summarise the topic that you wish to write about and/or present. Your abstract should also address the following:

- What is the subject of your paper and/or presentation?
- What is the content of your paper and/or presentation?
- How will you share your ideas for the symposium? Through a paper, PowerPoint presentation, poster, video, photo essay, or other format?

Please describe your proposed paper and/or presentation in non-technical terms. Please try to avoid jargon and acronyms, and ensure that your abstract is written in clear, simple language that is easily understandable to a multidisciplinary selection committee.

Please ensure that your digitally submitted text meets the following requirements:

- Within 400 words;
- Arial 12 font;
- Your name, organisation, role within your organisation, and full contact details are stated;
- Title and brief description of your paper and/or presentation are written clearly;
- Submitted in Microsoft Office Word ".doc" or ".docx" format;

Timeline for abstracts, papers, and presentations

- IRC call for abstracts and presentations: 27 August 2012;
- Deadline for abstract submissions: 28 September 2012;
- Committee finalises selection of abstracts by: 22 October 2012;
- Notification of authors/presenters by: 31 October 2012; and sharing of paper and presentation guidelines with selected participants;
- Selected participants develop their paper(s) and/or presentation(s) during: November 2012 to January 2013;
- Selected participants submit their paper(s) and/or presentation(s) by: 14 January 2013;
- Comments from committee given to selected participants by: 31 January 2012;
- Selected participants submit their finalised paper(s) and/or presentation(s) by: 1 March 2013;
- Final symposium programme shared: 8 March 2013.

Please email symposium@irc.nl for any questions, comments, or ideas that you wish to share with us.

We look forward to seeing you in Addis Ababa on 9 to 11 April 2013.

With kind regards,

The IRC Symposium 2013 team

