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## Role of WOP in Advancing the Implementation of Water and Sanitation MDGs

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## United Nations Mandates for Water and Sanitation

### Millennium Summit Targets

- Sufficient improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers by 2020
- Halve by the year 2015, the proportion of people without access to safe drinking water



### Johannesburg Summit Sanitation Targets

Halve by the year 2015, the proportion of people who do not have access to basic sanitation



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## Challenges for Meeting the WATSAN MDGs

- ❖ MDG challenges for WSS services pose enormous global challenges, requiring:
  - Providing 30 thousand people per day with access to improved water during 2005-2015, implying stepping up the current efforts by one third.
  - Providing to 450 people access to basic sanitation per day during 2005-2015, implying a doubling of the current rate.
  - Reaching out to unserved poor households living in inner city slums, unplanned settlements in the peri-urban areas or in rural areas
- Compounded further by rapid urbanisation processes, particularly in developing countries



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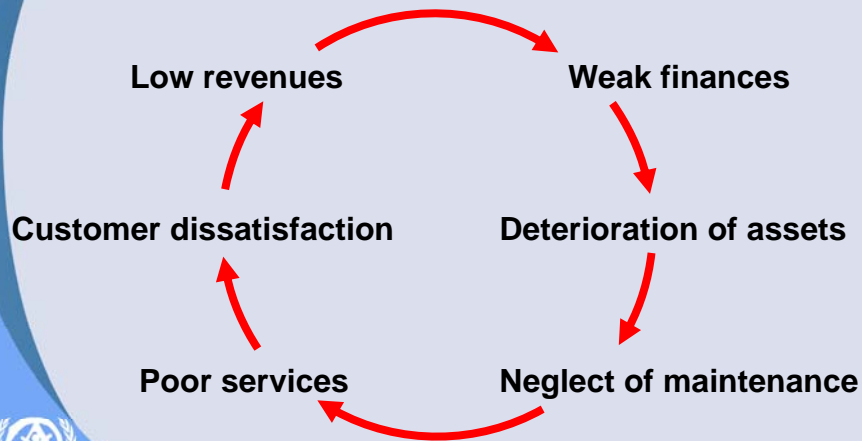
## Current Pace of Progress

- ❖ UN MDG Report (2005):
  - ❖ The current pace of progress is well below what is necessary to reach the WSS/MDGs
  - ❖ In the particular case of sub-Saharan Africa, it is generally held that with business as usual, not only will the targets be missed but, the continent will reach the water target only by 2040, and the sanitation target only by 2076.
  - ❖ Although many countries are stepping up progress, significant numbers are yet on track to met the WSS/MDGs



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## The WATSAN Utility Stagnation Cycle (Source WSP-AF)



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## UN Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation

- Established on World Water Day 2004
- Launch of Compendium of Action (CoA) at 4<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in Mexico 2006 ([Hashimoto Action Plan](#))
- Recommendations included a proposal to create and implement a global mechanism to promote **Water Operator Partnerships (WOPs)**
- In November 2006, UN Secretary General requests Executive Director of UN-HABITAT to host a global WOPs Secretariat



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## Need for better performance from public WSS operators to reach the MDGs

- Improving utilities' effectiveness (especially in serving the poor), their efficiency and their financial soundness is at the heart of the global water supply and sanitation challenge.
- The burden of meeting such an enormous challenge rests with the utilities operating in urban (including small urban centres) and rural areas, with support from other key players in the water and sanitation sector
- Need thus to focus on improving the performance of public operators which are responsible for serving **more than 90%** of the population.
- WOP can accelerate progress by cross fertilizing the lessons and practices from successful WSS sector reforms from high performing utilities



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## GWOP Alliance Building a *Global Alliance* of Water Operator Partnerships

- *Global WOP* to denote a network of regional Water Operator Partnerships' linked and strengthened by a formalised global mechanism
- *Alliance* to underscore the fact that the network is supported by a coalition of agencies united in a common goal, UNHABITAT being a lead agency amongst many.



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## Design of G-WOP

- have inherent mechanisms for improving mutual cooperation, with a focus on the key players operating in the water and sanitation sector (both public and private)
- exploit the valuable experiences and lessons learned from well performing utilities for the benefit of others
- provide WATSAN utility operators with a platform that would allow them to systematically communicate and share knowledge, and build their own capacity through a “learning by doing approach”, and providing mutual support among themselves



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## Start up Mission for G-WOPs



*“to promote improved performance of operators of WATSAN systems through mechanisms for direct partnerships and networking to facilitate a process of “learning by doing” amongst them and to enhance their capacities”*



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## Membership



- different forms of membership may be structured to accommodate diverse types of institutions and entities.
- regional WOPs
- international institutions
- international and global associations
- networks that work with or support regional and national WOPs.



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## Financing the GWOP Alliance



It is envisaged that the Global WOP Alliance will be funded by three complementary sources:

- **Donors** (foundational support by bi-lateral and multi-lateral agencies, to be phased down as sustainable sources are built)
- **Membership fees** paid by constituent beneficiary utilities and institutions
- **A Solidarity Fund** comprised of contributions (in-kind and cash) of champion and Northern utilities, and partner agencies



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## Hosting the GWOP Alliance



- UN-HABITAT is in the process of establishing a secretariat at the Global WOP centre to manage the affairs of the Global WOP

- The Center will be hosted and located within UN-HABITAT's Water, Sanitation and Infrastructure Branch.



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## Governance - Steering Committee



- A Steering Committee which will be responsible for providing advice on the work plan of the Global WOP, and serve as a forum for South-South dialogues.
- The Steering Committee will meet at least once a year. As far as possible, Steering Committee meetings will be held back-to-back with major international meetings.
- About half the membership of the Steering Committee will be representatives of WatSan operators



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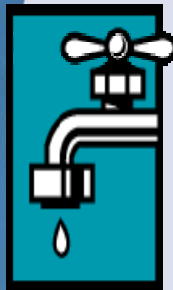
## Building the GWOP Alliance

- A Significant number of partners have already expressed intentions to contribute to the GWOP Alliance, including:
- OECD, UN-DESA, WHO, WSP-Af, AfDb, AsDB, GTZ, IWA, GTZ, DFID, MOFA, Japan, IB-Net, Cities Alliance, Global Water Partnership, Fresh Water Network, Reclaiming Public Water Network, Public Services International, Water Advocates, Water Environment Federation, Regional Utility Associations...



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## Activities to Date: Global WOP Alliance



- 25-27 Jul 2006, Capacity Building Workshop in Bangkok by UNDESA
- 20-24 Aug 2006, Meeting with UN-HABITAT on Global WOPs in Stockholm
- Aug-Oct 2006, Approach to several donors: DFID(UK), GTZ (Germany), MOFA (France) & EU
- 27 Oct 2006, Request letter by UNSG to UN-HABITAT to house Global WOPs Centre
- 6-8 Dec 2006, WOPs workshop in Nairobi
- 13 Dec 2006, Announcement by UN-HABITAT
- 26 Feb. 2007 UN-HABITAT presents GWOP Initiative at World Bank donor meeting
- December 2007 to present – support to Regional WOPs workshops



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## Activities to Date:

### Global WOP Alliance

- May – July 2007 recruitment of GWOP Alliance Project Manager
- May 2007 on - initiatives being undertaken to identify further partners and their dedicated contributions to the GWOP Alliance.



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## Activities to Date:

### Supporting Regional WOPs

**Asia-WOPs** (comprising South, South-East, Central and East Asian sub-regional WOPs)

- August 2006, Agreement between GWP & ADB to initiate Asian WOPs
- Dec. 2007 Workshop on As-WOPs in South Asia (Delhi)
- April 24-25 2007, South Asia WOPs meeting in Islamabad
- Planned
  - 2008 Establishment of Central Asian WOPs
  - 2009 Establishment of East Asian WOPs



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## Activities to Date: Supporting Regional WOPs contd.

### Africa Regional WOPs

- 14-15 Dec 2006, African Dialogue with UNSGAB, Joint Statement between AfDB and UNSGAB
- 24-26 April 2007, Meeting in Johannesburg (hosted by Rand Water, WSP-Africa and UN-HABITAT) to establish African WOPs
- Johannesburg Statement Adopted
- Planned
  - Establishment of Pooled Fund
  - Sub-regional meetings
  - Develop secretariat
  - Commence activities



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## Activities to Date: Supporting Regional WOPs contd.

### Other Regional WOPs

- Arab -WOPs
  - April 24-25 2007, ACWUA held in Abu Dhabi. Hosted by GTZ, UNESCWA (ACWUA Constitution finalised)



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## The Way Forward

- Provide Continued Support to Regional WOP Initiatives
  - Follow up on Latin America and Caribbean WOPs. Jun 11-13th 2007, to be held in Recife (Brazil) organised by UNDESA
  - **European WOPs.** July 12th-13 2007, to be held in the Hague, the Netherlands. Hosted by IWA
  - Helping establish African WOP Secretariat after Johannesburg Statement
- Mar-August 2007, Consolidation of support from partners



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## The Way Forward continued

- Aug 13-16th 2007, Launch of Global WOPs in Stockholm, and 1st Steering Committee of GWOPs
- Sept-Dec 2007, Establishment of GWOP Secretariat within UNHABITAT offices
- Sept-Dec 2007, Operationalise the Global WOP Centre
- Jan. 2008, World WOPs Conference in conjunction with 1st Annual Global WOPs Convention



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## GWOPS Alliance Activity Schedule December 2006 – Feb 2008

Activity	Year	2007												2008			
		12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	
WOP Project Elaboration																	
World Bank Donor Meeting <sup>[1]</sup>																	
Further Donor Consultations																	
Regional Meetings <sup>[2]</sup>																	
Staff recruitment (including preparation of TORs)																	
Operationalise WOP Secretariat and Finance and Capacity Building Units																	
Network Development (including Web tools)																	
Launch of WOP (During Stockholm Water Week)																	
1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Steering Committee (During Stockholm Water Week)																	
1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Global WOP Convention <sup>[3]</sup>																	

<sup>[1]</sup>World Bank Donor Meeting - Scheduled for 26 Feb. 2007

<sup>[2]</sup>Regional WOP Meeting Schedules: LAC, March 2007; Africa, April 2007; The North (including Europe, North America, and Japan), May 2007.

Another to be scheduled for Asia (Pakistan)

<sup>[3]</sup>1<sup>st</sup> Annual Global WOP Convention to be held in January 2008 (Date to be fixed)



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## Seeking Senior Programme Manager

A strong manager is currently being sought to lead the Global WOP Alliance. The candidate will have:

- significant experience in (developing country) utility management
- strong familiarity with the global water sector
- proven institutional capacity building experience
- outstanding leadership and communication skills



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