## INVITATION

## IRC

## Collaborative learning to support the delivery of sustainable WASH services in Africa

As part of the Sanitation and Water for All (SWA) partnership, IRC has committed to support solutions and innovations to tackle the complex challenge of sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene provision for all. One strategy towards this goal is to lead a collaborative initiative to set up and implement a joint learning agenda among professionals and decision makers. This will tackle the challenges, and brings to the fore lessons from innovative approaches to WASH services delivery in African countries.

This commitment emanates from IRC's role in brokering sector knowledge development through in-country and sub-regional learning exchanges, conferences, symposia and seminars in recent years. Interest and demand for these events and exchanges confirm the need for a more coherent and concerted learning programme across the continent. Collaboration will be sought with strategic actors including the African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW), Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), pS-Eau, Water and Sanitation Program of World Bank (WSP), Rural Water Supply Network (RWSN), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), African Development Bank (AfDB), UNICEF-West and Central Africa (UNICEF-WCARO), WaterAid and others committed to designing and implementing a joint learning agenda and strategy.

Supporting water sanitation and hygiene services for life

## Join the learning curve!

All professionals, practitioners and decision makers who are interested to participate in this initiative are invited to provide input during our month-long consultation process. This will start on 1 May 2014 and will be organised electronically.

In Dakar, Senegal from 26 – 31 May 2014, during the Fifth Africa Water Week, a side session will be organised to discuss and agree upon objectives, approach and partnership arrangements.

Keep abreast with progress on this initiative by visiting our website at: www.ircwash.org

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