



Join IRC, SNV and Water for People in the session on local governments' role in sustainable WASH service delivery

All around the world local governments have a crucial, and often increasing, role to play in the provision of rural and small town water services. However, the reality on the ground is that local governments often struggle to take up these tasks. Recently, more and more focus is being addressed to addressing these challenges.

IRC in collaboration with SNV and Water for People organise a session providing a platform to share and learn from the experiences of different external support agencies supporting local governments in providing and maintaining WASH service delivery.

5th Africa Water Week

What The role of local government in sustainable service delivery

When Technical session 3. Tuesday 27th, May 2014.
10:45- 12:15 hrs

Where Class Room

This is going to be a lively and interactive session in which representatives of national governments, local governments, service providers and external support agencies will share their views on the way local governments fulfil their responsibilities, the challenges they face and the way forward in strengthening local governments' capacities in ensuring lasting WASH services for its entire population.

During a market place session, cases will be shared from Ghana, Burkina Faso, Mali, Malawi, Kenya and Uganda with experiences on strengthening local governments' capacity. Participants will engage by sharing their experiences in contribution to the formulation of lessons learnt and recommendations on the way forward. **How can local governments best be supported to acquire the capacities to be prepared for implementation of the post MDG agenda?**

The **objectives** of the session are:

- To get a better understanding of how local governments are fulfilling their roles and responsibilities in supporting the provision of WASH services in different contexts
- To exchange experiences and lessons learnt with initiatives to strengthen local government capacity for providing and sustained WASH service delivery
- To improve insight in the challenges that local governments face in order to take up these roles and responsibilities;
- To generate clear and strong recommendations towards African and country level decision makers for strengthening local governments' contributions to the delivery of sustainable WASH services and post MDG plans

Programme

	Content	Methodology	Speakers/ chair
10:45	Welcome and introduction	Plenary	Jane Nabunnya - Country Director IRC Uganda
10:50	Setting the scene	Plenary	Juste Nansi - Country Director IRC Burkina Faso
10:55	Perspectives on how local governments fulfil their responsibilities in providing sustainable WASH services to its population and the challenges they face	Video	The short video displays the views of representatives of different stakeholders
11:10	Experiences with support to local governments in strengthening capacities for sustained WASH service delivery	Market place- discussion at tables. Each table discusses a particular case, being introduced by the case holder in a max. 5 minutes presentation	The cases to be discussed at the tables include cases from Ghana, Uganda, Burkina Faso, Kenya, Mali and Malawi. With participation of SNV, PsEau, Eau Vive, WFP, UWASNET, ONEA and IRC and representatives of local governments from Ghana and Burkina Faso.
11:50	Recap of main lessons learnt and identification of areas for further discussion- exploration.	Plenary	Facilitation by Alana Potter - Africa Regional Programme Manager - IRC
12:10	Wrap-up. Next steps and closure.	Plenary	Vida Duti - Country Director IRC Ghana



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