

**Danish Water Forum, Danish Research Platform – Water and ViVa hereby
invite you to participate in a workshop on:**

“Identifying water and climate related topics for research”

13th March 2009 – 09.00 – 15.00

Venue: KU- Life, Bülowsvej 17, 1.st floor, 1870 Frederiksberg C.

The purpose of the workshop is to discuss impacts of climate change in relation to water and experiences with this – and with adaptation measures in Denmark and in developing countries. Further the aim is to discuss the establishment of a working group within Danish Water Forum and the Research Platform - Water with focus on climate change and water. The aim of the group is to be decided by participants, but ideas are to improve knowledge sharing and cooperation and identify research projects within water and climate change. This will provide an opportunity to get access to Danish, European and other research funds, and to improve the integration of research into Danish development assistance. Working groups between researchers, companies, water users and authorities have existed on other topics within the Research Platform Water and has proved a good tool to share knowledge and develop proposals.

Adaptation to a changing climate is an international challenge and for a working group on climate change it is relevant not only to address issues related to Denmark, but also to the rest of the world including developing countries. Participants from developing countries have been invited to present projects at this workshop and are invited to participate in a working group on water and climate.

Programme:

09.00	Welcome and Opening of the workshop
09.15	<p>Presentation of Danish research projects on climate change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Karen Grothe Villholth, GEUS: “Integrated research on water and climate change - Approaches and examples from Denmark and developing countries” ● Anne Olhoff, UNEP-Risø Centre: “Approaches to adaptation to climate change in developing countries, experiences from developing countries” ● Bent Hasholt og Niels Oluf Jørgensen: Water ressource problems in the Keta area, Ghana (A DANIDA ENRECA project) ● Lieke van Roosmalen, University of Copenhagen: Climate change impacts on groundwater and stream discharge in Denmark ● More presentations to be confirmed.
10.45	Coffee break

11.00	<p>Short presentations from researchers from universities/ research institutions from developing countries, focusing on research needs related to climate change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tungaraza Clavery: Monitoring climate change and its association to change in the Mt Kilimanjaro, Sokoine University of Agriculture & Tanzania Meteorological Institute. • Thong Mai Trong: Assessing the impact trends of climate change on physical and environmental conditions and socio economic development in central Vietnam, Institute of Geography, Vietnam • Dr. Joseph Kanyanga, Zambia Meteorological Department: Impacts of climate change and adaptation measures in least developed countries. Examples from Zambia. • Dr. Gift Manase, CSIR, South Africa: Climate Change in Southern Africa – mapping the impacts of climate change and related research projects in the region.
12.30	Lunch
13.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kurt Mørck Jensen, Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Results from a DWF/Danida workshop on Impacts of Climate Change in relation to Transboundary water management in December 2008 • Torkil Jønch Clausen, Danish Water Forum: Introduction to “Dialogue on Adaptation to Climate Change for Land and Water Management” an initiative by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs • Dr. Moses Chimbari, HOORC, Botswana: Results from session at Copenhagen Climate Conference and workshop in Cape Town, South Africa co-organised by Danish Research Networks and Global Water Partnership Southern Africa on “Climate Change and its impacts on human health, water and food security in the SADC region”
14.15	Discussion of knowledge sharing, research topics and the establishment of an international working group with participation from Denmark and developing countries.
14.45 – 15.00	<p>Concluding remarks and action plan for the way forward</p> <p>End of workshop</p>

Participation is free, but registration is necessary at the latest on March the 9th 2009. Registration and questions about the meeting: dwf@danishwaterforum.dk or with Hanne Berthelsen, phone: +45 45 16 90 38