



Water and Sanitation for millions of people –

How are we doing, what should be done and why is sanitation lagging behind?

**7th December kl. 09.00 – 12.30
Eigtveds Pakhus - Room II
Asiatisk Plads 2G, 1448 København K.**

1.4 billion people in the world are still without safe drinking water and 2.6 billion are without improved sanitation. The majority of these people are living in developing countries. While there is good progress in terms of meeting the Millennium Development Goals on water supply, the development progress on supply of improved sanitation facilities is lacking behind. In sub-Saharan Africa population increases even outweigh sanitation improvements. In view of these shortcomings, 2008 has been declared by UN as the Year of Sanitation.

Before the UN Year of Sanitation – and half way towards the MDG-target year 2015 – it is relevant to take stock of experiences gained in the field of water supply and sanitation. Key questions include: What are the experiences in providing for the poor? Do we need new or different financing mechanisms or methods for infrastructure development? Do we need better sanitation strategies, guidelines or more money?

Danida's Evaluation Department and Danish Water Forum would like to invite for a discussion of these issues with the Danish Resource base at the meeting on December the 7th.

Programme:

- Towards the year of sanitation – introduction by **Torkil Jønch Clausen, Danish Water Forum**
- Brief presentation of the Evaluation of Danish support to water and sanitation 1999 – 2005, **Margrethe Holm Andersen, Danida – Evaluation Department**
- 2008 – UN Year of Sanitation, Why is sanitation lagging behind and how to speed up the process towards meeting the MDG's on Water and Sanitation, **Poul Nielson, member of UN General Secretary Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation.**
- Building financial realism into investment planning in environmental infrastructure, **Jesper Karup Pedersen, COWI**
- Impact evaluations of support to water and sanitation activities, **Rita Tesselaar, IOB, Netherlands**
- Danish Bilateral Support to Water Supply and Sanitation, Kurt Mørck Jensen, Danida
- Infrastructure development – Experiences from Vietnam and options for improvement, **Jens Thøgersen, Grontmij-Carl Bro**
- Discussion – how to reach the poor – guidelines or money?

Sandwiches will be served after the meeting.

Participation is free, but registration (latest 4th of December) necessary with

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