



## Research for water, environment and development

**Make sure that research is relevant for societies – and is being used**

**Joint seminar hosted by DDRN, DWF and ViVA**

**May 6, 2010 - 14:00-16:30 - GEUS, Tove Birkelund Meeting Room**

**Øster Voldgade 10, 1350 København K.**

Focus on communication and dissemination of research results is increasing. More and more research funders are stressing that the relevance of research for societies is demonstrated and communicated and that research results are relevant for policy makers, societies and companies.

**This seminar will present two initiatives related to research and communication and include time for discussion and experience sharing:**

1. The European project Splash, an Era-net linked to the European Water Initiative with key tasks related to improving coordination of water research for development between European countries, enhancing and implementing effective research management including North-South cooperation and speeding up transfer of results into practice and policy. Splash is a project with 16 partners from 11 countries and there are a large number of outputs from the project, which is running 2007 – 2010. Splash project manager, Anne Blenkinnsopp, DFID, will present major project outcomes related to improving research management, inclusion of researchers from developing countries and the importance of research for economic development.
2. Research cooperation between Denmark and Vietnam. Danida has initiated pilot research activities in Tanzania and Vietnam, where partners in the developing countries play a more active role in design and management of joint research projects, including the selection of Danish partners. The Danish research networks DDRN and DWF have supported communication activities and development of strategies for this in projects in the two countries and have worked actively with improving their communication skills. Representatives of the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) in Vietnam who will be in Denmark on a study tour on research communication organised by DDRN will participate in the seminar to present and discuss their experiences.
3. The presentations will be followed by a discussion of how to promote and facilitate better research, not least North South research and partnerships as well as the communication of this?
4. Experiences from other relevant research projects can also be presented: Suggestions are welcome. If you are interested in giving a presentation about your experiences with communicating research, please contact Miriam Feilberg at [mfe@dhigroup.com](mailto:mfe@dhigroup.com) before April 29, 2010.

More information about Splash and research management and communication activities can be found in the [concept note](#) [pdf]. For registration, please inform Hanne Berthelsen by email ([hab@dhigroup.com](mailto:hab@dhigroup.com)) or phone (45 16 90 38) before **May 4, 2010**.