Water & Sanitation Forum Launching Workshop

CRDA

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Water has been and is a major issue in our country in terms of reducing poverty particularly women and children.

Access to clean water and sanitation stand at 52 % and 17 % respectively.

Although NGOs contribute significantly to the water sector which amount 1/3 of the budget to the sector their contributions are not well organized and communicated.
Objective of the Forum

• To engage in shared learning and promotion of best experiences in the sector;
• To engage in joint advocacy and lobbying in the sector;
• To networking and build partnership among members for better coordination and collective impact in WASH sector; and
• To show the role and contribution of CSOs/NGOs in WASH sector
Areas of engagement

- Learning, documentation and information sharing
- Joint training
- Advocacy and lobbying
- Joint Research
- Code of conduct regarding standards and quality control
- Collaboration with international similar forums/networks/coalitions/groups
Roles and Responsibilities

• Steering committee members
  – Seven members
  – Meets every month

• Coordinator
  – CRDA assign full time
  – Represents forum at relevant networks and monitors the financial status of the forum
Thematic Group

• Research, advocacy and lobbying Thematic Group
  – Advocacy and lobbying
  – Joint Research

• Learning, documentation and awareness raising Thematic Group
  – Developing standards and quality control
  – Learning, documentation and information sharing
  – Joint training

• Coordination and networking Thematic Group
  – Collaboration with similar forums/networks/coalitions/groups
General Assembly

- The General Assembly, which represents all members of the forum, will be called bi-annually to endorse the annual action plan, budget and report presented by the SC.
Forum Steering Committee

• Keep all members of the Forum engaged in the process of its functioning
• Closely work with the Networking, Policy Research, and Advocacy Department (NePRAD) of CRDA;
• Ensures balanced sharing of responsibilities among the various Thematic Groups;
• Informs member organizations on the resource requirements
• Represents the CRDA Membership, as required, in areas of Water and Sanitation and its engagement areas;
Forum Coordinator

• Creates contacts with other CRDA forums and networks
• Serves as a point of reference on forum related matters
• Links the forum with the CRDA Secretariat
• Assists thematic groups
Relation with other forums/networks

- The forum will be represented by its chairperson and forum coordinator and other concerned delegated SC members to the meeting of all forums within and outside CRDA;
- The networking, policy research and advocacy department of CRDA and/or the forum coordinator shall facilitate experience sharing among the forums within and outside CRDA;
- The forum, in collaboration with other forums, may organize special meetings whenever they experience collective issues and concerns that need the involvement and joint action of more than one forum;
Membership

• Membership to the WSHF shall be upon submission of application to the forum coordinator and upon approval by the Steering Committee.
Major Plan of Action for 2008

• Advocacy and lobbying

  – Advocate and lobby for more effective and efficient resource allocation and utilization in the WatSan sector
  – Advocate for updated coverage & access data owned by all stakeholders in all forms and appropriate networks
  – Advocate for better sector coordination & more effective networks/forums
  – Follow-up and contribute for the implementation of the MOU
  – Advocate for the proclamation of Regional laws legalizing WatSan coms.
  – Contribue & participante in National dialogues (e.g EUWI)
Major Plan of Action 2008

• Research, Documentation and Learning
  – Co-finance, review and disseminate WatSan committees training and guiding manuals
  – Undertake an assessment on constraints of policy implementation
  – Share and document best practices, approaches, methods and innovations to WSF members and other partners
  – Update the directory of CRDA members (& others) working in the WatSan sector
  – Make an assessment on national WASH implementation process: challenges and lessons
Major Plan of Action for 2008

• **Coordination and Networking**
  – Establish links with selected stakeholders including GO, research, academic
  – Develop directory of members (Lead Secretariat)
  – Closely work with WASH movement
  – Establish linkages with national, international programs/networks for sharing info/K/technologies and best practices (Lead CRDA)
Major Action Plan for 2008

• **Capacity Building**
  – Strengthening the internal capacity of WSF Secretariat
  – Organize experience sharing visits within the country on different thematic areas for WSF members and partners
  – Enhance WSF resource mobilization capacity to ensure its sustainability