

# REGIONAL WORKSHOPS ON THE RIGHT TO WATER AND SANITATION IN EMERGENCIES

*managed by ACF for the WASH Global Cluster*

**This set of documents includes the following:**

- 1. A presentation note of the regional workshops**
- 2. An outline of the regional workshops**
- 3. The application form – to be sent before the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2009 to the organizers**

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## PRESENTATION OF THE REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

### Context

The Right to Water and Sanitation is increasingly considered as a fundamental human right. However, its scope and limitations may not be well known and understood especially in emergency situations. Whereas this right could be a powerful tool for advocacy purposes, insufficient use is made of it in current practice.

As a consequence, Action Against Hunger France (ACF-F), with the support of UNICEF, is organizing a number of regional workshops on the Right to Water and Sanitation in Emergencies. These workshops form part of the WASH Global Cluster's activities, and are organized within the context of the roll-out of the cluster approach.

### Objective of the workshops

The purpose of each workshop is to improve the capacity of all stakeholders involved to respond to emergency situations by developing their knowledge and understanding of the Right to Water and Sanitation in Emergencies and by enabling them to build up rights-based advocacy activities.

It is expected that, as a result of the workshops, the capacity of humanitarian actors to advocate for the rights of individuals to water and sanitation in emergencies will have been improved – leading to better respect of the rights of the individuals concerned and, therefore, to better access to water and sanitation by populations caught up in and affected by emergencies.

### Contents of the workshops

See the provisional programme.

### Who are these workshops aimed at?

The target group includes field staff and policy-makers from UN agencies, International and National/Local NGOs, the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movements and Government representatives involved in one or more of the following activities:

- Advocacy;
- Human rights;
- Emergency relief issues.
- Water, sanitation and hygiene related issues;

**Please note that workshops are not intended solely for water and sanitation specialists and that a diversity of profiles will be sought for each one.**

### Date and location of the workshops

The workshops will be organized in the following locations:

Dates	Region	Location
26-27 January 2009	Workshop for Middle East and North Africa	Amman
5-6 February 2009	Workshop for Eastern and Southern Africa	Nairobi
11-12 February 2009	Workshop for Americas and Caribbean	Panama
16-17 February 2009	Workshop for Western and Central Africa	Kinshasa
23-24 February 2009	Workshop for Asia and Pacific	Bangkok
Dates to be confirmed	Workshop for Europe and Central Asia	Geneva

### Organization of the workshops

- Each workshop will last two full days.
- There are no registration fees. The organizers will pay for lunches and dinners. All other costs incurred for travel and accommodation will be borne by the participants themselves. **However, funding will be available to assist a very limited number of participants, especially those who are not based in a country in which a workshop is being organized. Should you wish to benefit from financial support to pay part of your travel and accommodation expenses, please mention this in your application form.** Please note, however, that the organizers will not provide any *per diem*.
- Workshops will be conducted in English. In Panama the workshop will also be conducted in Spanish; in Western and Central Africa, it will be in French only.
- Christophe Lanord will be the workshop facilitator. He holds a Ph.D. in law and has a wealth of experience as an independent consultant on humanitarian issues. He has already facilitated a great many training events in the domain of International Humanitarian Law, Human Rights, and Sphere, etc.

### How to apply?

- **First step:** check whether your profile matches the profile defined above<sup>1</sup>.
- **Second step:** check on the workshop to which you should apply<sup>2</sup>.
- **Third step:** Fill in the application form and send it to [clanord@missions-acf.org](mailto:clanord@missions-acf.org) **before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009.**
- **Fourth step:** by 20 January 2009 at the latest, you will receive an email informing you whether your application has been approved. If so, you will then receive details about the exact location of the workshop, etc.

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<sup>1</sup> As numbers will be limited to 25 for each workshop, the organizers will select participants on the basis of the application forms received.

<sup>2</sup> In principle, this will depend upon the country in which you are based at the time of the workshop. However, linguistic or other specific considerations may justify your applying to a workshop outside your base country

## OUTLINE OF THE REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

Training will be participative and interactive in that participants will be welcome to share their experience, including challenges and dilemmas related to rights-based advocacy, and contribute to the shaping of a Cluster approach to the issues covered.

### DAY 1 - Definition of the Right to water and sanitation in emergencies

Day 1 will allow participants to fully understand the meaning of the Right to Water and Sanitation in Emergencies (RTWS).

- The scope and limitations of the RTWS will be discussed during practical activities with special focus on United Nations General Comment N°. 15.
- The provisions of International Humanitarian Law related to water and sanitation will be reviewed from the standpoint of their relation to conflict situations.
- Links with Sphere, protection activities and emergency-related tools will be highlighted and analysed.

All these elements will be considered both in relation to the regional context and to “hot” situations in respect of water and sanitation.

### DAY 2 - Development of rights-based advocacy activities

Day 2 will be divided into 3 modules. Each module will comprise a plenary session aimed at sharing knowledge and experience, and a workshop aimed at familiarizing participants with the proposed advocacy tools and techniques.

#### *Module 1: Planning and research for advocacy*

- Criteria of effective advocacy
- Research/data gathering in emergency/complex contexts
- Situation/political analysis skills
- Challenges and approaches of stakeholders analysis in WASH emergency contexts
- Humanitarian and human rights advocacy
- Workshop: rights-based research around an emergency scenario

#### *Module 2: Design and implementation of advocacy activities*

- A toolbox for public advocacy
- Advocacy strategy development
  - o Defining a message
  - o Advocacy milestones
  - o Meeting policy objectives
- Coalition-building: Clusters and other stakeholders
- Workshop: getting a message across to government

#### *Module 3: Advocacy management*

- Monitoring and evaluation of advocacy activities
  - o Measuring impact and attribution
  - o Addressing challenges to awareness
- Coordinating advocacy tasks
- Sharing information
- Workshop: addressing accountability challenges through advocacy

## APPLICATION FORM

### Regional Workshops on the Right to Water and Sanitation in Emergencies

#### Personal Data:

Name & Surname: ..... Male/female: .....

Nationality: .....

Address (place where you are based) – please specify your country: .....

Tel: .....

Fax: .....

Email: .....

Function & position: .....

Organization: .....

#### Workshop Selection:

Please state which workshop you would like to attend: .....

If you wish to attend a workshop outside the region mentioned above, please give reasons:

- .....

#### Motivation:

Note down the three main reasons for your wishing to attend a workshop on the Right to Water and Sanitation in Emergencies:

- .....

- .....

- .....

#### Background:

Have you already been confronted with situations in emergency contexts where either the right to water was scorned (a), either the right to water has or would have contribute positively to the problem (b)?

- .....

#### Financial support

If you need financial assistance for travel and accommodation costs please explain why. **Please note that such assistance will be exceptional and limited to only a few participants.**

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