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# L'eau pour tous Water for everyone



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## Message from Hon. Patrick ACHI Minister for Economic Infrastructure, Côte d'Ivoire

The organisation of the 7th Rural Water Supply Network (RWSN) Forum in Abidjan gives me the opportunity to welcome you on the shores of the Ebrié lagoon.

This forum for reunion, exchange and consultation on the topic of access to water supply highlights our common engagement to work towards improving the living standards of the population, especially in rural areas. **"Water for everyone"** is a topical issue at the global level.



More specifically, access to water supply for rural populations lags behind that of urban populations. Moreover, people may have access to water supplies but the services may not be sustainable or they may not meet adequate standards. It is estimated that one in three water systems in rural areas of developing countries does not work adequately.

Faced with these challenges, and within the broader objective of meeting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for drinking water in rural areas, the 7th RWSN Forum will enable us to consider the strategic orientation needed to progress towards **"Water for Everyone"**, which is the theme of this Forum.

Côte d'Ivoire is conscious of the strategic importance of the drinking water sector. Faithful to its policy of development through investment, Côte d'Ivoire made considerable efforts to become the regional leader in drinking water services in the 1990s.

Unfortunately, the various crises that have hit the country, which culminated in the 2002 socio-political crises and the 2010 post electoral crisis, had a disastrous effect on the drinking water sector. The consequences included a lack of capacity at the institutional level, as well as insufficient production and distribution capacity, a high breakdown rate in rural areas, and, at times non-respect of the drinking water norms.

In urban areas, since 2012, the State along with donors, has invested more than FCFA 200 billion (\$ USA 340 million) in urban water supply to tackle water issues in Abidjan and in a number of cities inland. Abidjan alone accounts for 70% of the national drinking water consumption.

In rural areas, where around 49.2% of the Ivorian population resides, water supply has improved notably thanks to the Presidential Emergency Programme, through which 17,000 water points have been rehabilitated, thereby decreasing the breakdown rate from 57% at the end of the postelectoral crisis to 41% at the moment.

The State of Côte d'Ivoire would like to take this opportunity to thank the Organizers and Sponsors for the honour of hosting this important global event.

I hope you have fruitful meetings to work towards the happiness of our populations, and I wish you the traditional **AKWABA** and a very pleasant stay in Côte d'Ivoire!

ACHI Patrick  
Minister for Economic Infrastructure

## Message from Dr Kerstin Danert Director of Rural Water Supply Network Secretariat

The Rural Water Supply Network (RWSN) vision is of a world in which all rural people have access to sustainable and reliable water supplies. And so we chose “Water for Everyone” as the title of the 7<sup>th</sup> Forum in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire.



The RWSN forum takes place every five years. Enough time to enable reflection upon change, but not too much so that we don't forget what was learnt in the past. The challenge of enabling over 660 million women, men and children to gain access to an improved drinking water source is enormous. I believe that this is possible, but recognise that no individual or organisation can do it alone.

Ensuring that everybody's water supply services can be effectively managed to provide sufficient, affordable and safe water within a reasonable distance of the home requires the minds, skills, hearts and resources many diverse people, from political leaders to professionals to water users themselves.

And so, as a network, we strive to bring rural water supply practitioners and organisations together to share their experiences, ideas and challenges. The RWSN Forum provides an opportunity to learn from one another; for those new in rural water supplies to gain from those with experience; for innovations to challenge the status quo and, perhaps most importantly, for new connections to be forged and the foundation of trust to be laid to collaborate in the future.

The Forum is a great opportunity for many to meet face-to-face. But for us at the RWSN secretariat, and for those leading the themes, it will not end here. We shall enable others to learn from it, in support of our vision of Water for Everyone.

Kerstin Danert  
Director, Rural Water Supply Network

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## The 7<sup>th</sup> RWSN Forum: Water for Everyone



An estimated 663 million people lack an improved drinking water supply, of which 80% live in rural areas (JMP, 2015). Where water supply services exist, service levels are often inadequate.

Enabling everyone to have a safe drinking water supply and thus reach the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) target, rests on four achievements:

- 1) **Achieving universal access** – 500 million people residing in rural areas need services. Many live in remote areas or fragile contexts, including protracted crises.
- 2) **Ensuring service standard improve** – rural and small town dwellers areas only have a basic service. Water quality and needs to improve alongside affordability.
- 3) **Sustaining services** – ensuring that water supply services last is essential – the pumps, pipes and management all need to function well.
- 4) **Linking water supplies and environmental management** – universal access can only be met if water resources, including groundwater are effectively managed.



Meeting the challenge of the next fifteen years and beyond requires dedication, innovation and investment. But we have thousands of person-years of experience to learn from. Some countries have done extremely well already, surpassing the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). And there are numerous success stories as well as failures from which we can learn.

The 7<sup>th</sup> RWSN Forum provides a platform to improve rural water supplies by learning from one another. We recognise that nothing can replace face-to-face communication. The RWSN Forum, held every five years, is a key event in bringing rural water supply professionals and practitioners together to share their knowledge.

The Forum emphasises learning and sharing rather than showcasing, and has a practical rather than a political focus. Political leaders who participate are encouraged to engage in the sessions and exhibition as equals with others.

The Forum philosophy is:

- Inclusive of different perspectives
- Strengthen capacity by raising submission quality
- Sharing of knowledge and experience among equals
- Shedding light on field realities
- Vibrant South-South exchange and networking
- Accessible to all French and English speakers.

The preparations the 7<sup>th</sup> RWSN Forum witnessed the engagement and collaboration of over 200 individuals, including the organisers, sponsors, reviewers, seminars hosts and those of you that responded to the open call.

The RWSN Forum spans four days and includes an exhibition and optional field trips. The content is from the open call for papers, posters, films and images, as well agency-hosted seminars. The event includes presentations as well as more interactive sessions, and provides ample opportunity for formal and informal networking. We realise that the breaks are just as important as the sessions, and that people learn in different ways!



We sincerely hope that this event meets your expectations and will enable all of you - political leaders, government staff, NGOs, donors, academics, think tanks, private enterprises and civil society to share, learn, and ultimately improve water supplies in the areas that you work.



## After the Forum - Outputs

The RWSN Forum does not end with the event itself. The materials and ideas from the Forum are documented and will be shared through:

- The forum synthesis report
- The forum website including all papers, posters, presentations, films, images and presentations <https://rwsn7.net/>
- A series of webinars in 2017 presenting select forum content to a wider audience
- RWSN online communities
- Small face-to-face events at other key events
- RWSN publications
- Journal and magazine articles

The Kampala Forum of 2011 provides a taster, <https://rwsnforum.wordpress.com> but, given the collaboration so far we believe that we can achieve even more.

With the development of a new RWSN strategy next year, you can also be assured that many of your ideas will influence what the network does, and how it works in the future.

## RWSN Forum Live – Social media

**Follow us** on @ruralwaternet for Forum updates and join the conversation using #RWSN7.



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**Post your photos** of the event on our Facebook page or on Twitter, using #RWSN7.

**Blog** about what you have heard at the Forum. And if you have never blogged before, why not ask your organization whether you can write a blog about rural water and the RWSN Forum on their website?

## About RWSN

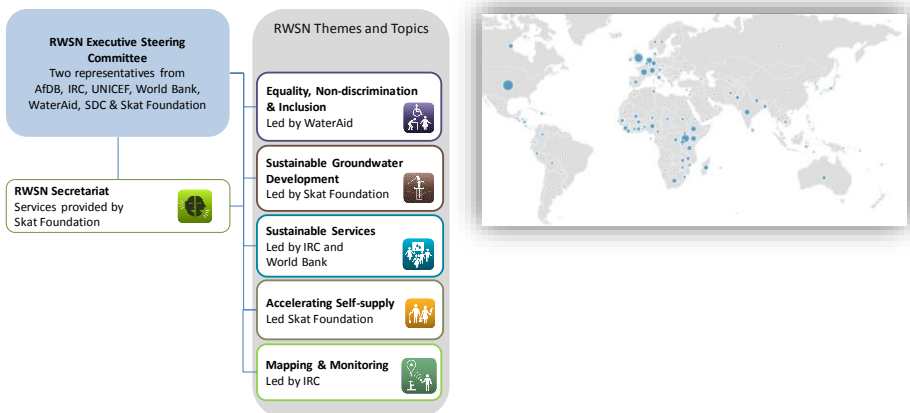
The World Bank, UNICEF, UNDP and the Swiss Government established the Rural Water Supply Network (RWSN) in 1992 as the Handpump Technology Network (HTN). In 24 years, the mandate, partners and membership of the network have grown, as well as the interaction between them. RWSN has harnessed the digital revolution and has emerged as the global network of professionals and practitioners for rural water supplies. RWSN has a membership of over 8,500 individuals and 37 organisations emphasising innovation, documentation, research and capacity development.

### RWSN Vision and Mission

RWSN's vision is of a world in which all rural people have **access** to **sustainable** and **reliable** water supplies which can be effectively **managed** to provide **sufficient, affordable and safe** water within a reasonable distance of the home.

RWSN is a global network of rural water supply practitioners and organisations committed to improving their knowledge, competence and professionalism, to fulfil RWSN's vision of sustainable rural water services for all. Both individuals and organisations participate in the network.

### RWSN Organisational Chart and Members



## RWSN Themes



**Equality, non-discrimination and inclusion** – approaches to ensure that everyone's human right to water is realised, i.e. affordable and reliable access to safe water at village, small town, local government or national scale. It should consider groups that are often marginalised such as the very poor, remote or pastoralist communities.



**Sustainable Groundwater Development** – Groundwater is an essential resource for many rural and small town populations, it needs to be understood and managed wisely.



**Sustainable Rural Water and Small Town Water Supplies** – Sustainability of rural water services is perhaps the biggest challenge faced by water users, governments and support organisations everywhere in the world. It requires finding mechanisms to ensure that rural water supplies continue to function throughout their intended service life.



**Accelerating Self Supply** – initiatives to encourage households or communities to improve their own rural water points with their own investments or own labour



**Mapping and Monitoring** – systems, incentives and tools for mapping and monitoring rural and small towns water supply access, reliability and functionality. Includes national performance measurements, joint sector reviews and long term monitoring by NGOs.

# Programme

## Overall Programme – Monday 28 Nov to Friday 2 Dec

Time	Mon	Tue 29/11	Wed 30/11	Thu 01/12	Fri 02/12
08:00 – 09:00	All day registration	Registration + Welcome Teas & Coffees	Welcome Teas & Coffees	Welcome Teas & Coffees	Welcome Teas & Coffees
09:00 – 10:45 (1hr 45)		[1] Opening Plenary	[5] 5 x parallel	[8] 5 x parallel	Sponsored seminars and field trips
10:45 – 11:15 (1/2 hour)		BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
11:15 – 13:00 (1hr 45)		[2] 1 x large parallel + 2 x small	[6] 5 x parallel	[9] 5 x parallel	Sponsored seminars and field trips
13:00 – 14:30 (1hr 30)		LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
14:30 – 15:45 (1hr 15)		[3] 5 x parallel	[7] Networking & Posters	[10] Closing Plenary	Sponsored seminars and field trips
15:45 – 16:15 (1/2 hour)		BREAK	(BREAK)	BREAK	
16:15 – 17:30 (1hr 15)		[4] 5 x parallel			
19:00 – 22:00				Cocktail	

## Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November

Room	Abidjan	Bamako	Yamasoukro	Denguélé	Goh Djinoua
09:00 – 10:45	<b>1A:</b> Opening Plenary				
10:45 – 11:15	BREAK				
11:15 – 13:00	<b>2A:</b> Business Models for Rural Water Sustainability (convened by Oxford University & UNICEF)			<b>2B:</b> Drilling & Hand-dug wells	<b>2C:</b> What do rural people want?
13:00 – 14:30	LUNCH				
14:30 – 15:45	<b>3A:</b> Progress in...ENDI & empowering communities	<b>3B:</b> Donors & Development Partners - creating lasting value?	<b>3C:</b> Delivering "Safe" Water	<b>3D:</b> Scaling-up technology & services (1)	<b>3E:</b> Groundwater Resources: finding common ground
15:45 – 16:15	BREAK				
16:15 – 17:30	<b>4A:</b> Progress in... Sustainable Rural Water Services	<b>4B:</b> Entrepreneurs & Small Business – professionalising self-supply	<b>4C:</b> Marginalised people	<b>4D:</b> Scaling-up technology & services (2)	<b>4E:</b> Local experiences of service monitoring

## Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November

Room	Abidjan	Bamako	Yamasoukro	Denguélé	Goh Djinoua
09:00 – 10:45	<b>5A:</b> Progress in... Sustainable Groundwater Development	<b>5B:</b> Private sector service providers: the new norm or a niche?	<b>5C:</b> Remote & challenging environments	<b>5D:</b> Working with Community- Based Organisations	<b>5E:</b> Post- construction support
10:45 – 11:15	BREAK				
11:15 – 13:00	<b>6A:</b> Progress in... Accelerating Self-supply (ACCESS)	<b>6B:</b> NGOs, Consultants & Researchers - taking innovation to scale	<b>6C:</b> Future of ICTs in rural water – chat show	<b>6D:</b> Handpump Innovation	<b>6E:</b> Sand Dams & Drylands
13:00 – 14:30	LUNCH				
14:30 – 15:45	<b>7A:</b> Poster Session		<b>7B:</b> ICT Marketplace	<b>7D:</b> Behaviour Change	<b>7F:</b> Press Room
15:45 – 16:15	BREAK				
16:15 – 17:30	<b>7A:</b> Poster Session		<b>7C:</b> Rock Café	<b>7E:</b> Rural Water Supply, Human Rights & SDG6	<b>7F:</b> Press Room

Poster presentations will take place throughout the afternoon in Abidjan and Bamako.

Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December

Room	Abidjan	Bamako	Yamasoukro	Denguélé	Goh Djinoua
09:00 – 10:45	<b>8A:</b> Progress in... Mapping & Monitoring	<b>8B:</b> Unlocking the potential of Government (1)	<b>8C:</b> Resilience & Climate Change	<b>8D:</b> Small-towns and peri-urban areas	<b>8E:</b> Solar Pumping
10:45 – 11:15	BREAK				
11:15 – 13:00	<b>9A:</b> Progress in... rural water supply in Côte d'Ivoire	<b>9B:</b> Unlocking the potential of Government (2)	<b>9C:</b> Regional & National Monitoring	<b>9D:</b> Financing & recurrent costs	<b>9E:</b> Ways to reduce inequalities in WASH
13:00 – 14:30	LUNCH				
14:30 – 15:45	Closing Plenary				
15:45 – 16:15	BREAK				
16:15 – 17:30	Closing Plenary				

## Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: Sponsored Seminars & Field Visit

Room	Abidjan	Bamako	Yamasoukro	Denguélé	Goh Djinoua
09:00 – 10:45	SDG Monitoring WHO-UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme	An Understandable Approach to the Development and Use of Groundwater UPGro / Water Mission / NGWREF		Making WASH Consortia Work Concern Worldwide	Making Rights Real: What difference does it make if water and sanitation are human rights? WaterAid, WASH United, UNICEF, ISF, End Water Poverty, RWSN
10:45 – 11:15			BREAK		
11:15 – 13:00			RWSSI Strategy Consultation African Development Bank	Joint Sector Reviews USAID WALIS	
13:00 – 14:30			LUNCH		
14:30 – 17:30	Public-Private Partnerships USAID WALIS		Developing National Rural Water Supply Programs The World Bank		Water integrity: A new pathway to fulfilling human rights to water & sanitation WIN, Caritas, Helvetas
Flexible	BREAK				

There will be an opportunity for a field trip to visit examples of rural water supply outside Abidjan. There will be an additional fee of €30. Places will be limited – bookings will be taken during in the Forum secretariat office.

Note: A UNICEF Internal Meeting will take place on Friday in Zanzan.



## Parallel Sessions

The parallel sessions have been organised in a way that uses the material submitted to focus on cross cutting topics including: progress in the RWSN thematic areas; hard-to-reach water user groups; different types of implementation and enabling organisations; achieving SDG6 “water for everyone”; plus specialist sessions that explore topics in more depth. Note that these are not tracks that participants should follow, but groupings to help participants navigate between sessions of particular interest.

### RWSN: Progress in...

Title	Day	Session	Room
Progress in...Equality, Non-Discrimination and Inclusion (ENDI) & empowering communities	Tue	3A	Abidjan
Progress in...Sustainable Rural Water Services	Tue	4A	Abidjan
Progress in...Sustainable Groundwater Development	Wed	5A	Abidjan
Progress in...Accelerating Self-supply (ACCESS)	Wed	6A	Abidjan
Progress in...Mapping & Monitoring	Thu	8A	Abidjan
Progress in...Rural water supply in Côte d'Ivoire	Thu	9A	Abidjan

### SDG6: “Water for Everyone”

Title	Day	Session	Room
Business Models for Rural Water Sustainability (convened by Oxford University & UNICEF)	Tue	2A	Plenary
Delivering “Safe” Water	Tue	3C	Yamasoukro
Resilience & Climate Change	Thu	8C	Yamasoukro
Regional & National Monitoring	Thu	9C	Yamasoukro

## Reaching everyone

Title	Day	Session	Room
What do rural people want?	Tue	2C	Goh Djinoua
Marginalised people	Tue	4C	Yamasoukro
Remote & challenging environments	Wed	5C	Yamasoukro
Future of ICTs in rural water – chat show	Wed	6C	Yamasoukro
Small-towns and peri-urban areas	Thu	8D	Denguéléé

## Organisations collaborating

Title	Day	Session	Room
Donors & Development Partners - creating lasting value?	Tue	3B	Bamako
Entrepreneurs & Small Business - professionalising self-supply	Tue	4B	Bamako
Private sector service providers: the new norm or a niche?	Wed	5B	Bamako
Working with Community-Based Organisations	Wed	5D	Denguéléé
NGOs, Consultants & Researchers - taking innovation to scale	Wed	6B	Bamako
Unlocking the potential of Government (1)	Thu	8B	Bamako
Unlocking the potential of Government (2)	Thu	9B	Bamako

## Specialist Sessions

Title	Day	Session	Room
Drilling & Hand-dug wells	Tue	2B	Denguéléé
Scaling-up technology & services (1)	Tue	3D	Denguéléé
Groundwater Resources: finding common ground	Tue	3E	Goh Djinoua
Scaling-up technology & services (2)	Tue	4D	Denguéléé
Local experiences of service monitoring	Tue	4E	Goh Djinoua
Post-construction support	Wed	5E	Goh Djinoua
Handpump Innovation	Wed	6D	Denguéléé
Sand Dams & Drylands	Wed	6E	Goh Djinoua
Solar Pumping	Thu	8E	Goh Djinoua
Financing & recurrent costs	Thu	9D	Denguéléé
Ways to reduce inequalities in WASH	Thu	9E	Goh Djinoua

## Poster & Networking Sessions

Title	Day	Session	Room
Poster Session	Wed	7A	Abidjan + Bamako
ICT Marketplace	Wed	7B	Yamasoukro
Rock Café - Learning about Groundwater	Wed	7C	Yamasoukro
Behaviour Change	Wed	7D	Denguéléé
Rural Water Supply, Human Rights & SDG6	Wed	7E	Denguéléé
Press Room	Wed	7F	Goh Djinoua

## Sponsored Seminars

### **Business models for rural water sustainability**

Oxford University/ UNICEF (English and French)

Tuesday 9.00 to 10.45 - Yamasoukro

Progress to achieve universal drinking water security in rural Africa requires new financial models to maintain rural water infrastructure. At least USD 1 billion of rural water infrastructure expenditure has been wasted due to a combination of unsubstantiated user demand, inadequate institutional coordination and the bold assumption of full cost recovery by poor, rural water users. Recent and rapid advances in monitoring systems are now making capital investments more transparent allowing maintenance service providers to emerge across the continent.

Translating projects into local and sustainable models remains precarious until flows of finance from government, donors and users share risks and responsibilities fairly and effectively. This session will present and discuss new approaches for sustainable finance for piped and point water supplies from across Africa. We will explore: How can sustainable and universal water services be financed in rural Africa? Will rural water users pay for water services? And how do we ensure that promising models are not “just another project” but become embedded in local policy and practice? Is universal rural water security compatible with financial sustainability? The session includes leading practitioners, researchers and policy-makers and will be relevant to donors and practitioners seeking to coordinate and leverage policy to maintain drinking water security and expand services for all.

### **Monitoring safely managed drinking water services in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

WHO-UNICEF JMP (English and French)

Friday 9.00 to 13.00 – Abidjan

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development sets an ambitious agenda for water and sanitation for the coming fifteen years. A set of eight targets has been agreed under Goal 6, with eleven indicators proposed to track progress at the global level. The overall framework will be presented, with a focus on Target 6.1, “achieve universal

and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all". The challenges of monitoring drinking-water accessibility, availability and quality in rural areas will be noted, with potential solutions and best practices highlighted.

### **Rural water Public - Private Partnerships and their role in extending, improving and sustaining access**

USAID (English and French)

Friday 14.30 to 17.30 - Abidjan

This session will include a group of panelists speaking on the successes and lessons learned from experiences with rural water supply PPPs across Sub-Saharan Africa. The panel will be made up of donors, NGOs, government officials, and private sector representatives, and will be followed by substantive discussion and Q&A.

### **An Understandable Approach to the Development and Use of Groundwater**

University Milano Bicocca / British Geological Survey / Water Missions International / NGWREF (English and French)

Friday 14.30 to 17.30 - Abidjan

**Overall aim/scope:** We aim to take the mystery out of groundwater development, and help you optimize the use of groundwater resources in a more safe and sustainable way.

**Morning session objective:** We will show you what information is needed to develop groundwater sustainably, where you can find it, and how you can play your part in building a high quality body of groundwater information for use now and in the future.

**Afternoon session objective:** You will learn how current technology in borehole construction, solar pumping, and distribution solutions can provide safe and accessible water that is cost effective and sustainable for those most in need.

## **RWSSI Strategy - 2016 - 2025**

**African Development Bank (English and French)**

**Friday 11.15 to 13.00 - Yamasoukro**

In 2003 the pan-African Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Initiative (RWSSI) was launched with the objective to reduce poverty by accelerating access to improved rural water supply and sanitation facilities in Africa. The African Development Bank (AfDB) has commissioned an external review of RWSSI in order to develop a new RWSSI Strategy 2016 – 2025.

This consultation will take place after an external review of RWSSI implementation to date and it will invite key RWSSI stakeholders to discuss and agree on strategic options for RWSSI going forward. During over 10 years of existence, the RWSSI Trustfund, with significant financial contributions from Burkina Faso, Canada, Denmark, France, Italy, the Netherlands and Switzerland, provided support to over 49 projects in 33 African countries. The new RWSSI Strategy 2016 – 2025 will need to address the persisting challenges to achieve the Africa Water Vision and SDGs in rural WASH.

## **Making Consortia work for WASH: sharing lessons and experiences**

**Concern Worldwide (English and French)**

**Friday 9.00 to 10.45 - Denguélé**

This workshop will draw on the experience of the DRC WASH Consortium and others to share lessons on what makes Consortia work (or not) for WASH. What factors are most important? How can these factors be built into the design and management of consortia? What can we learn from different consortia so far? How could and should consortia change in the future? More specialised or more diverse? Multi-country or focused in one place? What roles can actors such as local NGOs, the private sector, non-WASH NGOs, universities and think tanks play? The session will be as participatory as possible in order to draw out different experiences from those present.

## **Joint Sector Reviews - recent analyses and future directions**

**USAID (English and French)**

**Friday 11.15 to 13.00 - Denguélé**

The WALIS team will present and discuss recent analytical work on water sector Joint Sector Reviews (JSRs) as led by Skat and the World Bank. The session will host three national experts who will reflect on their personal experiences, challenges, and successes with JSR activities. Discussion groups will be formed to dive deeper into specific elements of a WASH JSR and allow participants to ask questions through open discussion on launching and improving sector planning practices.

## **Making Rights Real: What difference does it make if water and sanitation are human rights**

**RWSN, WaterAid, WASH United, Institute of Sustainable Futures, End Water Poverty, and UNICEF (English and French)**

**Friday 9.00 to 13.00 - Goh Djinoua**

As more countries incorporate the human rights to water and sanitation into their constitutions this is an opportunity to explore what difference it can make to water service providers and users.

This seminar will provide an introduction to the contents of the human rights to water and sanitation, and the practical implications for the design and delivery of services on the ground.

There will be an opportunity to hear experiences from different countries about ways in which service providers, governments and water users have been able to use human rights to make a difference.

Discussions will focus on how different stakeholders can use human rights to focus efforts on reaching the most marginalised, and how the rights can help to create a more enabling environment for everyone involved in rural water supply.

The seminar will consist of a mixture of informative presentations, sharing practical experience from different countries, and group discussions about the issues that arise. We will also be sharing new materials that show how human rights can be relevant and useful for members of the Rural Water Supply Network. These materials have been developed by the RWSN in collaboration with WaterAid, WASH United, Institute of Sustainable Futures, End Water Poverty, and UNICEF.

## **Water integrity: A new pathway to fulfilling human rights to water & sanitation**

**WIN, Caritas, Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation (English and French)**

**Friday 14:30 to 17.30 - Goh Djinoua**

Water is a fundamental resource for sustainable development and essential for eradication of poverty and inequality. Nevertheless, in many countries water crises are not caused by resource scarcity but are attributable to governance failures. Though many countries are incorporating the human rights to water and sanitation in their constitution; a key concern that has been and can continue to hamper its execution is the lack of integrity in numerous water resource management and service delivery processes. The session will introduce the concept of water integrity and highlight some of the challenges and good practices from the field. Experiences from Kenya (from Caritas) and Nepal (from Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation) will be shared, including tools that can support fulfilling the human rights to water and sanitation. Beyond this, the session will also introduce a methodology that will allow implementing organizations to identify and address water integrity issues in their own work at a country level.

## **Developing National Rural Water Programs for Systematic Change**

**The World Bank Group (English and French)**

**Friday 14.30 to 17.30 – Yamasoukro**

Countries are now aiming for the new SDG 6, which calls for universal and equitable access by 2030 – a formidable challenge at a time when, on average, 30 to 40 percent of rural water systems in development countries are not functioning or performing below their expected levels. This challenge has multiple fronts. The biggest barrier is often the lack of an institutional "home". Secondly, sustainability is a multi-dimensional problem that must be defined and measured. Finally, investments rarely reach the most isolated communities or those with severe and complex water resource issues. Across the globe, countries are addressing these challenges - with varying degree of success - through establishing national (or state level) rural water programs.



This session will explore the challenges and opportunities that come with supporting such national programs to realize systematic change in rural water service delivery. The objective of the session is to share experiences that have been instrumental for improving the effectiveness of such national programs, and will follow be structured in two blocks: (1) better targeting of national rural water programs and integrated delivery to the poor and (2) institutional capacity building, monitoring and incentives for results.

## Forum Exhibition

There is an exhibition area for delegate to mingle and network before, between after sessions from Tuesday to Thursday.

Exhibitors include:

- African Development Bank (AfDB)
- Ajay Industrial Corporation
- Akvo
- Antenna Technologies
- Aquatabs / Aquatabs Flo
- Entreprise Génie Mécanique et Hydraulique pour le Développement Rural (GMHDR)
- Excellent Development
- GWE Pumpenboese GmbH
- INCLAM
- IRC WASH
- Le Projet PHAM
- ONEP
- SMART Centre Group (MetaMeta, Aqua for All, Skat)
- Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC / Swiss Water & Sanitation Consortium
- The World Bank Group
- UNICEF
- UPGro: Unlocking the Potential of Groundwater for the Poor
- WaterAid

## Forum Sponsors and Resources



## Rural Water Supply in the African Development Bank



With the creation of the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Initiative in 2003 and the RWSSI Trust Fund (TF) in 2005, the African Development Bank significantly stepped up its work in rural water and sanitation. Since then, the Bank has gone on to approve 53 projects in 35 countries in rural water supply and sanitation. In collaboration with partners, RWSSI has achieved the following results to date:

- **134 million** people have gained access to clean water
- **90 million** people now have access to improved sanitation



*RWSSI Interventions in Africa since 2003*

Despite considerable efforts to provide clean water to rural communities by AfDB and other development actors in past decades, about 300 million people in rural Africa still lack access to drinking water. Not only is water central to the new five strategic priority areas of the AfDB ([High 5s](#)), stakeholders are currently developing the **2016-2025 RWSSI Strategy** to enable continuous scaling up of activities while using transformative and innovative delivery approaches.

To date, the following countries have contributed to the RWSSI TF: Burkina Faso, Canada, Denmark, France, Italy, The Netherlands and Switzerland.

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## Conrad N. Hilton Foundation



The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation was created in 1944 by international business pioneer Conrad N. Hilton, who founded Hilton Hotels and left his fortune to help the world's disadvantaged and vulnerable people. The Foundation currently conducts strategic initiatives in six priority areas: providing safe water, ending chronic homelessness, preventing substance use, helping children affected by HIV and AIDS, supporting transition-age youth in foster care, and extending Conrad Hilton's support for the work of Catholic Sisters. In addition, following selection by an independent international jury, the Foundation annually awards the \$2 million Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize to a nonprofit organization doing extraordinary work to reduce human suffering. In 2015, the Humanitarian Prize was awarded to Landesa, a Seattle-based land rights organization. From its inception, the Foundation has awarded more than \$1.4 billion in grants, distributing \$107 million in the U.S. and around the world in 2015. The Foundation's current assets are approximately \$2.5 billion.

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## Rural Water within the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation



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Water plays a key role in Swiss development Cooperation. For more than 40 years, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) has supported partner countries in the development of their drinking water supply and sanitation services, and in strengthening their water management practices. The annual SDC budget in 2015 allocated to activities in the water sector in developing countries amounted to 179 Mio CHF. SDC interventions in the water sector involve all operational units, including Global Cooperation, Regional Cooperation, Cooperation with Eastern Europe and Humanitarian Aid. The Global Programme Water (GPW) takes stock of regional cooperation projects in the field to enrich its global policy dialogue and influence, whilst conducting its own programmes to meet global water challenges and contribute to the reduction of risks by focusing on inequality and poverty.

SDC, through the Global Programme Water, is a long standing and committed funding and strategic partner of the Rural Water Supply Network and part of the Executive Steering Committee. SDC is both influencing the strategic focus of RWSN, and at the same time benefitting from its knowledge products, which we strive to apply in our own drinking water and sanitation projects.

The Rural Water Supply Network is a strategic partner for SDC and the development community at large in the 2030 Development Agenda, notably to meet target 6.1, to achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all. As today more than two third of the people lacking access to safe water supply and improved sanitation services live in rural areas, RWSN has an important role to play to increase knowledge, competence and professionalism in the rural water supply sector.

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Over the last 15 years, a truly global effort has been made to improve water supply worldwide. An important element of UNICEF's programming is to ensure that the most vulnerable people have access to safe water.

### **PROFESSIONALIZING THE SECTOR**

We are working with new technologies to better map water sources, drill more effectively for water, and to develop manual drilling as a cost effective way to reach the most vulnerable populations.

### **SAFETY OF DRINKING WATER**

We are reinforcing our work to reduce the risks of contamination from source to point of consumption through implementation of water safety planning together with governments and communities.



### **INCREASING ACCOUNTABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY**

We are working to help improve accountability to instill responsibility and improve the relationship between the different service delivery stakeholders. We're also working hard to improve the reliability of services by developing systems for monitoring the sustainability of the service.

### **CLIMATE RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT**

We are supporting counties to choose solutions that are more resistant to climate change, such as solar power water pumps and increased storage of water and harvest rainwater to bridge over dry spells.

#### **Contact**

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WaterAid's vision is a world where everyone everywhere has safe water, sanitation and hygiene and our mission is to transform the lives of the poorest and most marginalized people by improving access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene.

WaterAid works in 37 countries to support communities with sustainable water and sanitation solutions, including community organisation, facility construction and building local governments' capacity to deliver and sustain services.

It is not enough to simply deliver services and train users how to operate them. Institutions must be in place to help people keep their services running over time and adapt to changes in the water resources available to them. This requires expertise in service delivery and securing water resource (SWR).

WaterAid is increasingly combining the delivery of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services with improved water resource management. Our integrated WASH/SWR approach provides a structure for identifying and monitoring water-related threats, carrying out risk-based planning, and acting to mitigate these threats. The outcome is reduced risk and increased water security.

Our aim is to reduce the level of water-related risk that people face. This is achieved by strengthening the links between national government, local government and communities, complementing national strategies for water supply service delivery and securing water resources.

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## THE WORLD BANK GROUP'S WATER GLOBAL PRACTICE A WATER-SECURE WORLD FOR ALL



### THE CHALLENGE

Water is at the center of economic and social development. The world will not be able to tackle the challenges of the 21st century without improving **management of water resources** and ensuring that people have access to **reliable water and sanitation services**. Water insecurity can have devastating effects on economies and jeopardize the well-being of entire populations, especially the poorest and most vulnerable. That is why helping countries achieve water security for all lies at the core of the World Bank Group's twin goals: to eliminate extreme poverty by 2030 and boost shared prosperity for the poorest 40 percent. About 663 million women, men and children around the world still do not use an improved drinking water source. Eight out of ten people still without improved drinking water sources live in rural areas (WHO/UNICEF, 2015).

### THE RESPONSE

The World Bank Group (WBG) has been addressing water issues globally with large-scale finance and technical assistance to countries. The WBG currently has **an active lending portfolio in rural water supply of about US\$5 billion across all regions**, with half of these exclusively focusing on rural service provision while the other half covers a mix of urban, small town and rural areas.



US\$23 billion  
in lending



more than  
180 projects



300  
knowledge  
products

Robust solutions to complex water issues incorporate cutting-edge knowledge and innovation. New knowledge products that draw on the WBG's global experiences are filling global knowledge gaps and transforming projects to deliver results. **In addition to the lending, the WBG's Water Global Practice aligns its commitment to address the rural water challenge under the Sustainable Development Goals** by (i) being a **thought-leader** in addressing the sustainability challenge via globally relevant analytical work; (ii) providing tailored '**knowledge in implementation**' long-term technical assistance to governments and in-country projects addressing the rural water challenge; and (iii) using its **global convening power** to meaningfully support the global rural water community, including RWSN, in addressing key global priorities jointly.

### A GROWING PORTFOLIO

The Water Global Practice is currently responsible for a portfolio of approximately **US\$23 billion in lending through more than 180 projects**—in water resources management, water supply, sanitation, irrigation and drainage, and hydropower—**and about 300 knowledge products**. The largest programs currently are in service delivery with a growing portfolio in water resources management.

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## WALIS Support to SWA to Develop a Rural Functionality Standard

The USAID Water for Africa through Leadership and Institutional Support (WALIS) project is supporting national and regional institutions in sub-Saharan Africa to improve policies and practices related to monitoring, planning, and sector learning. As part of its larger institutional support efforts, WALIS has worked with Sanitation and Water for All (SWA) to develop a draft standard for monitoring functionality of rural water supplies. Failure statistics are often quoted for hand pumps across Africa without a clear definition of what failure entails or what criteria were used to define a failing service. With collaborative inputs from the SWA Global Monitoring and Harmonization Task Team (GMHTT), WALIS worked with donors, implementers, and technical experts across the WASH sector to develop a rigorous standard that can be adopted by any and all development partners to measure the functionality of rural delivery systems.

### ICEX



The Government of Spain is providing organizational support to the 7th RWSN Forum through the [Foreign Trade Institute \(ICEX\)](#), an organization dedicated to the promotion of Spanish companies internationally. For this occasion, the most innovative Spanish private sector, working in the field of drinking water supply in rural areas, will be represented at the forum.

Spanish firms have contributed to the research of technical solutions related to water, sanitation and water treatment in the rural areas where the resource is scarcer. A differential characteristic of the projects undertaken by Spanish companies has been the capacity building for local agents to ensure the sustainability of the facilities.

The Government has also provided financial support in these projects and ensured the monitoring and evaluation to measure their impact on sustainable development in Latin America, Asia and Africa, both multilaterally and bilaterally.

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## Skat Consulting Ltd.

Skat Consulting Ltd. is an independent Swiss organisation working in development and humanitarian aid. Since 1978, Skat has provided technical expertise, management support, and training to bilateral and multilateral development agencies, and non-governmental organisations. Skat is currently implementing rural water supply schemes in Ukraine (DESPRO), Moldova (APASAN) and Rwanda/Democratic Republic of Congo (PEPP), and also promoting off-farm employment through climate responsive construction material production in Rwanda/Burundi (PROECCO). Skat (through its non-profit **Skat Foundation**) has hosted the RWSN Secretariat since the network was founded in 1992, and manages the RWSN Forums.

### Services

- Project Implementation
- Policy & Strategy Development
- Technical Advice
- Knowledge Sharing, Networking, Training & Capacity Development
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## Ajay Industrial Corporation Ltd.

Ajay Industrial Corporation Ltd. established in **1961**, is a renowned organization in India, which is specialized in the manufacturing of various products related to **Water Management** and accredited with ISO 9001 Certification. We manufacture IM-II, IM-III, Afridev, U2, U 3, & Ghana Modified Deep Well Hand Pumps & Treadle Pumps. AICL has also diversified under a separate division under the name **Reliefline** dedicated to Humanitarian Relief Aid and Emergency Relief Supplies having offices in South Sudan, Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, Ethiopia and Ivory Coast.

### Contact

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## Aqua for All

Aqua for All is a Netherlands based NGO with a focus on innovative approaches and private sector involvement in water and sanitation to reach the Sustainable Development Goals. As a broker we identify and co-create promising PPP's and transform them into investment opportunities – also for rural areas – for a variety of funders. In short: we create value for money and money for value!

### Contact

Learn more about our approach and track record by visiting our website [aquaforall.org](http://aquaforall.org) or reach us via [info@aquaforall.org](mailto:info@aquaforall.org)

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## Caritas Switzerland

Caritas Switzerland is an independent not-for-profit organisation that has been implementing water, sanitation and hygiene projects in humanitarian aid and development cooperation since the early 1980s. Close linkages with other thematic fields such as food security/markets and climate change/DRR enable integrated planning and implementation of projects. Caritas' water experts also provide external consultancy services and link up with the WASH sector.

### Contact

Contact our website for more information projects, tools and approaches:

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## HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation

HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation is one of the most experienced and largest Swiss development organisations. It has long standing experience in improving access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation in a number of developing countries. Promoting the implementation of the human right to water and sanitation is a fundamental aspect of its work. It focuses on developing **long-term partnerships with local actors** such as local governments in order to gradually strengthen their capacity to provide sustainable services. HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation works at the following intervention levels: **empowered people, strong institutions and enabling policy environment**.

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## IRC

IRC is an international think-and-do tank that works towards finding long-term solutions to the global crisis in water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services, mainly in rural areas. We are a member of the RWSN Executive Steering Committee and lead the RWSN Sustainable Services theme and the Mapping and Monitoring topic. We believe that the sector must build national systems for sustainable WASH services delivery. To achieve this goal, we are a founding member of the Agenda for Change, a partnership that helps develop national systems and apply those at district level.

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## UPGro – Unlocking the Potential of Groundwater for the Poor

UPGro – Unlocking the Potential of Groundwater for the Poor is a seven-year international research programme (2013-2020). Over 130 of the world's best researchers from 43 organisations across Africa and Europe are focused on improving the evidence base around groundwater availability and management in Sub-Saharan Africa. The goal is to ensure that the hidden wealth of Africa's aquifers benefit all people and the poorest in particular. UPGro projects are interdisciplinary, linking the social and natural sciences to address this challenge. UPGro works in collaboration with RWSN's Sustainable Groundwater Development theme.

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## Water4

Water4 works with 375 RWS actors in 18 countries across Sub-Saharan Africa to train and build capacity, innovate appropriate technologies, and provide capital investment for creative, sustainable RWS approaches that seek to create internally funded water-utility-services. We work on foundation building in strategic countries to establish professional, sustainable drilling enterprises that provide cost-effective boreholes, pump installation, and management of water service delivery.

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# Practical information and Security

## - Côte d'Ivoire

### 1. Exchange rate

The official currency of Cote d'Ivoire is the Franc CFA Ouest Africain (XOF). It is pegged to the Euro at the official exchange rate of 656 FCFA to the Euro.

### 2. Entry visa requirement

Participants are responsible for checking with the closest Ivorian embassy or consulate whether they require a visa and the process for obtaining a visa. Failure to comply will mean refusal to be allowed into Côte d'Ivoire.

You can find more information about visas on our website. We recommend applying for the e-visa, which is open to all nationalities and does not require invitation letters. More information here: <https://rwsn7.net/participate/travel-accommodation/>

### 3. Security

Please follow the security guidelines of your organisation. The Forum organizers will do their utmost to support your safety during your stay in Abidjan but cannot be held responsible for safety and security issues that participants might encounter.

A security team and an ambulance will be on site during the opening hours of the RWSN Forum.

It is the attendee's responsibility to ensure that they are fully aware of the security situation in the Ivory Coast. It is therefore our advice that you read the following links adhere to the security advice:

- <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/cote-d-ivoire>
- <https://travel.gc.ca/destinations/cote-d-ivoire-ivory-coast>
- <https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/ivory-coast/en/home/travel-advice/current-situation.html>

It is important that you update yourself daily on the current security situation in the Ivory Coast. If you are unsure or have concerns about the security situation in the Ivory Coast, please contact your organisation.

## 4. Insurance

Participants are responsible for their own health and travel insurance and ensure they are fully covered during their stay in Abidjan. It is recommended that participants carry with them (in their wallets) a photocopy of their health and travel insurance details. It is also recommended to contact your insurance before arrival to ensure what steps you need to take in case of emergency.

## 5. Health information

Yellow fever vaccine is compulsory. Please ensure you bring your international vaccination book with you as you may be asked to produce evidence of inoculations at the airport.

Zika and malaria are endemic in Côte d'Ivoire. Please check

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/ivory-coast>

for the latest health information prior to departure.

## 6. Climate

The average temperature in Abidjan in December during the day is around 27 degrees Celsius, and quite dry with sporadic rain. Please ensure you bring comfortable and adequate clothes and sun protection, particularly if you intend on going on the field trip on Friday, December 2nd.

## 7. Emergency

A security team and an ambulance will be on site during the opening hours of the RWSN Forum.

- **Police:** dial 170 or dial (+225) 20 22 16 33 or dial (+225) 20 22 16 87
- **Fire brigade:** dial 180 or dial (+225) 20 38 21 09 or dial (+225) 01 80 13 28.

For any **medical emergency** offsite or outside of these hours, you can contact the SAMU Emergency Medical Assistance Service: Dial 185 or dial (+225) 22 44 53 53 (it is a private, fee-paying company).



# Logistics

## 1. Venue

The RWSN Forum will be held at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Abidjan Airport, Abidjan-Port Bouet, Route de l'Aéroport d'Abidjan, 2176 Abidjan Côte D'Ivoire

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## 2. Secretariat

There will be a permanent secretariat during the RWSN Forum, which will be located in Comoé at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Abidjan Airport.

## 3. Catering

Lunch will be served every day from Tuesday to Friday; participants will also have two coffee breaks per day. There will be a cocktail reception on Wednesday evening, with finger food and drinks.

If you have any special dietary requirements, please contact Meleesa Naughton ([meleesa.naughton@skat.ch](mailto:meleesa.naughton@skat.ch)) at least two weeks prior to the start of the conference.

## 4. Accommodation

Participants are responsible for booking their accommodation directly. We recommend you do this as early as possible. We have identified 11 other suitable hotels within half-an-hour travel time. Please note that these hotels have **not** all been subject to UN Security checks and you are advised to follow the security procedures of your particular organisation.

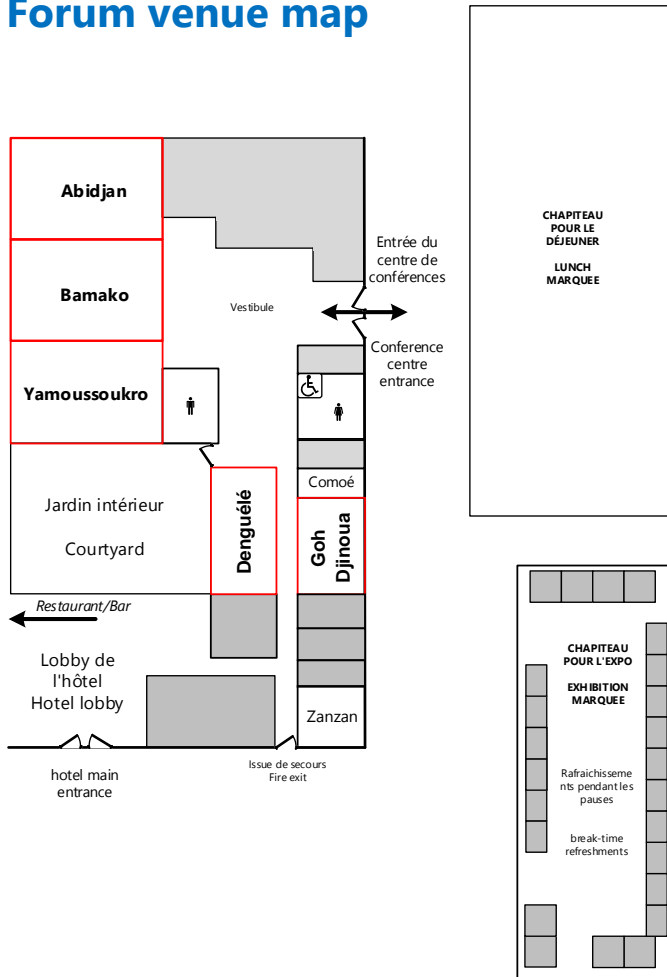
To find out the rates and process for booking these hotels, please go to our website and download the list of hotels:

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## 5. Transport to and from RWSN Forum venue

Take care when using public transport; driving standards and vehicle maintenance are poor. Unskilled drivers, poorly maintained vehicles and overloaded vehicles and inadequate lighting make driving conditions hazardous. Taxis are available in main cities, but are likely to be in bad mechanical condition. You should consider using an authorised Taxi from the hotel reception. There's an online taxi booking service operated by Africab, whose service is becoming increasingly popular.

## RWSN Forum venue map



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