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1. INTRODUCTION

NETSSAF proposes to “coordinate and integrate the current scientific research, technological innovation and execution activities, creating synergies to support large-scale implementation of sustainable sanitation systems in peri-urban and rural areas, in order to propose feasible solutions for the achievement of the Sanitation Millennium Development Goals in Africa”. This has been done by proposing the proper approach to the management of sanitation as well as capacity building of sanitation experts and authorities.

However, to compliment the work of creating the knowledge to the planning and implementation of sustainable sanitation systems, task 5.3 of WP5 aims at creating a database of the West African market and key personnel, which would be made available for the sanitation planners as well as authorities or individuals involved in sanitation planning and implementation. This tool has been defined as the “The yellow pages of sanitation and sanitation solutions” which is available in internet under <http://www.yellowpagesofsanitation.com/>

2. METHODOLOGY

In order to construct this database, the use of questionnaires was employed in tasks 5.1 & 5.2 of the WP5. These questionnaires were distributed to interested companies and organisations providing sales and services in both the technical and non-technical aspects of sanitation, within the African Region. Details of these are provided in Deliverables D44 & D45.

The mapping of the companies and organisations were carried out within several West African countries for the providers of both the technical and non-technical aspects of sanitation. Excerpts from the results of the mapping exercises are provided below.

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3. THE ONLINE SANITATION DATABASE (“sanitation yellow pages”)

With the aim of having a wider outreach, it was agreed that the database will be launched on the internet and will be easily accessed by all stakeholders involved in sanitation. The information gathered from these mapping exercises will be used as the information feed for the database as it provides the various contact details and company/ organisation profile of the sanitation companies and organisations currently involved in Africa.

This online database will be designed to act as the “yellow pages” of sanitation and is currently being developed by the programmers, to be available for launching in June. This online sanitation database (sanitation yellow pages) is aimed at linking providers of sustainable sanitation equipments, systems and construction materials within West Africa and beyond, with planners, engineers and the users of these sanitation materials.

The online database is divided into sections including the introduction page, registration of companies, registration of organisations and the search page where users can search for those companies and organisations providing the services and assistance in the various aspects of sanitation.

Excerpts from the online sanitation database (yellow pages) are provided below.

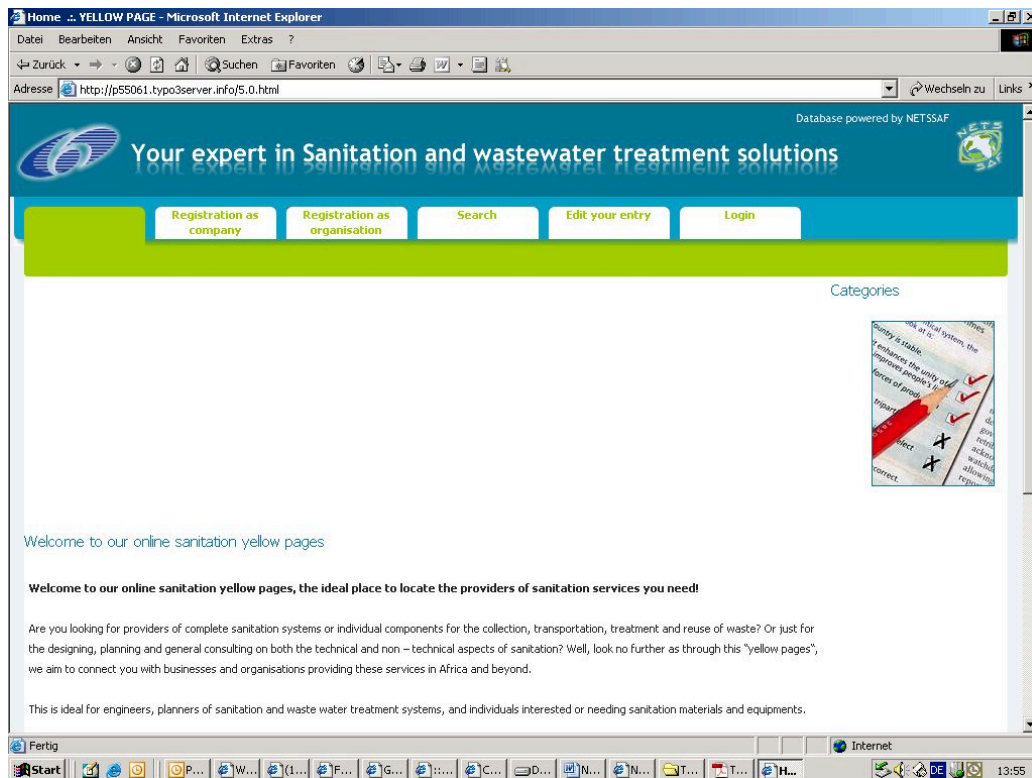


Figure 1: Welcome page of the sanitation yellow pages

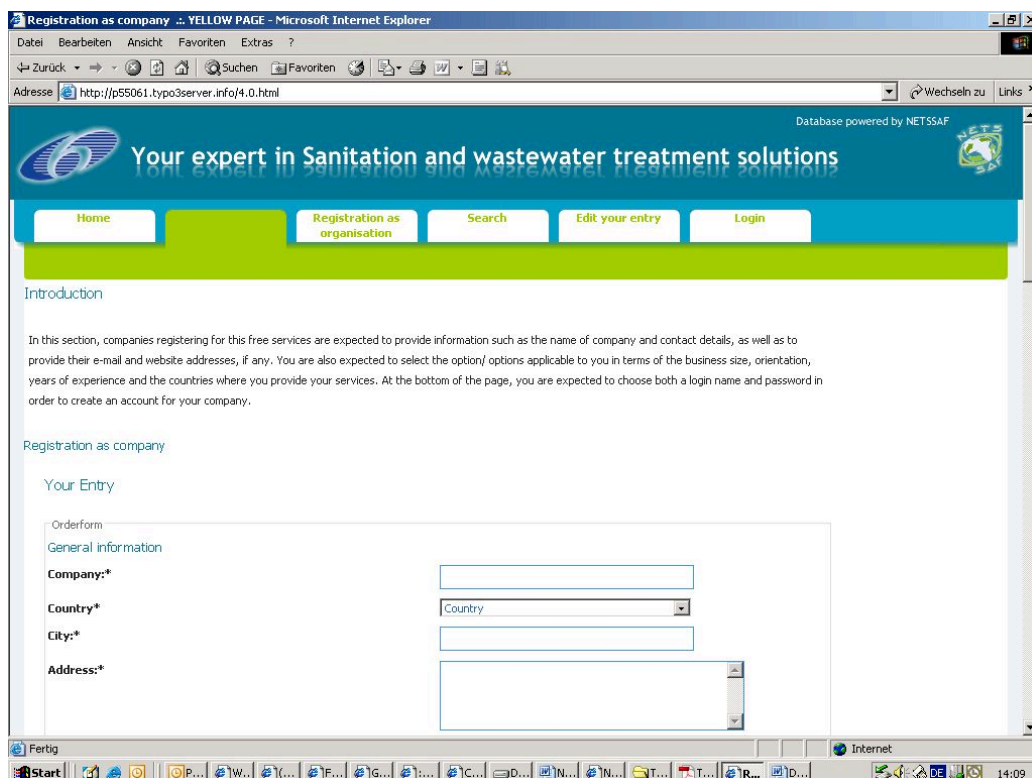


Figure 2: Company registration page of the sanitation yellow pages

Registration as organisation .. YELLOW PAGE - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Adresse <http://p55061.typo3server.info/3.0.html>

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Introduction

In this section, organisations registering for this free services are expected to provide information such as the name of organisation and contact details, as well as to provide their e-mail and website addresses, if any. You are also expected to select the option/ options applicable to you in terms of the scale of action, legal status, nature of activities and years of experience and the countries where you offer your services. At the bottom of the page, you are expected to choose both a login name and password in order to create an account for your company.

Registration as Organisation

Your Entry

Orderform

General information

ORGANISATION:

Acronym

Country

City:

Address:

Figure 3: Organisation registration page of the sanitation yellow pages

Search .. YELLOW PAGE - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Adresse <http://p55061.typo3server.info/2.0.html>

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Search

Country

Searchword

Quicksearch

Please enter a Searchword!

Please choose a country.

- Benin (2)
- Burkina Faso (0)
- Cape Verde (1)
- Côte d'Ivoire (0)
- Ghana (1)
- Ghana (0)
- Guinea (0)
- Guinea-Bissau (2)
- Liberia (2)
- Mali (1)
- Mauritania (0)
- Niger (1)

Figure 4: Search page of the sanitation yellow pages

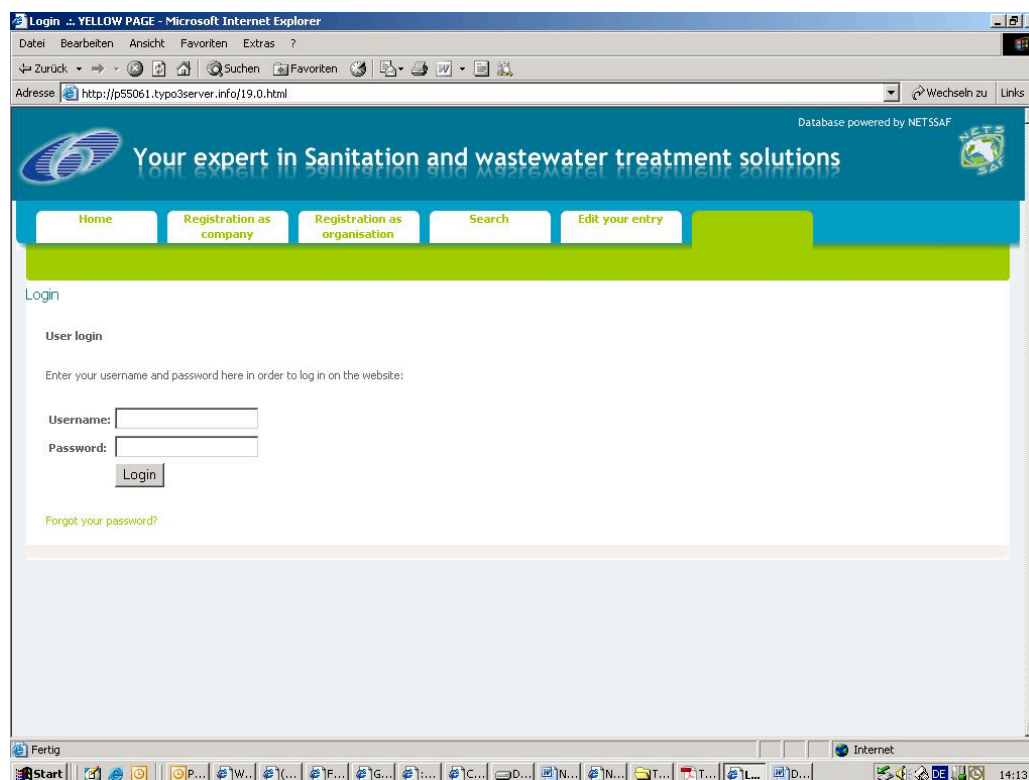


Figure 5: Login page of the sanitation yellow pages

4. JUSTIFICATION AND EXPECTED IMPACTS

Contrary to the belief that there are no computers in West Africa, it is estimated that there are approximately 2 million personal computers within ECOWAS Member states. This represents about 1 computer per 125 inhabitants compared to 1 computer for 5 inhabitants in a more developed country like Spain. Although this is much lower than in other developed regions, it still means that there is a growing access to computers and therefore the preparation of such an online “sanitation yellow pages” software is not a far – fetched idea.

It is expected that this online yellow pages will thus serve as a means of connecting the planners of sanitation to the companies and organisations offering sales and services in both the technical and non-technical aspects of sanitation.