



International Water and Sanitation Centre



Invitation

Unclogging the Blockages in Sanitation East and Southern Africa Action Exchange February 17-20, 2014, Kampala, Uganda

It is a seminal time for sanitation professionals to explore how to achieve better and faster results of public and private sector sanitation service delivery. Part of this is learning what others are doing and what they see and understand are the major barriers to move forward. Part is also seeing how is it possible to work better together in innovative ways that integrates community and market approaches and that branch across sectors and organizations.

Group Therapy for the Sanitation Sector

The primary target audiences are the different partners that want to get shit flowing in sustainable sanitation work. This includes NGO, Business Development Services (BDS) partners, donors, UN agencies, development banks, local government and regulatory partners, MFIs, private sector partners, and social investors. There is a need to bring these groups together to share, reflect, and understand what the major constraints are to better and quicker progress and impact. This action exchange aims to be a unique multi-stakeholder meeting to get to the bottom of important challenges and grow ideas for Unclogging the Blockages.

The Action Exchange

Unclogging the Blockages is about action. The action exchange will be organized according to several themes (several are proposed below) with experts from each of these subject areas presenting and leading small group discussions with their peers on what are the main challenges and barriers for moving forward. After these initial discussions, the challenges will be presented to larger mixed groups and a facilitated discussion will take place to find solutions. These discussions will also be oriented towards skill and knowledge transfer for the uninitiated. Participants will leave the meeting with specific action plans and ideas to test.

- Starting Social Enterprises in Sanitation
- Linking CLTS with Sanitation as a Business
- Systems and Tools for Direct Sales
- Business Development Services and Accelerators
- Social and Commercial Sanitation Investment
- Micro Finance and Effective Sanitation Financial Products
- Technology, R&D, Product Development, and Supply Chain
- Public Sector Roles
- Monitoring and Data Sharing
- Urban Tools
- Health and Hygiene
- Fecal Sludge and Solid Waste Management
- Reuse and Energy

Call to Action, Sponsorship, and Registration

This invitation is a call for sponsors, experts, and participants. Current sponsors of Unclogging the Blockages are IRC International Water and Sanitation Centre, PSI, WSUP Enterprises, and Water For People. We have committed support to rent the conference facility, but we are asking others to support sending staff and experts to this meeting. If you would like to become a sponsor or lead a session please contact John Sauer, jsauer@waterforpeople.org.

This event is free to attend but you must provide your own transport and accommodation to Uganda. To register please visit: <http://www.susana.org/registration-unclogging-meeting>.