

**EcoSan Vision Workshop 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2010**  
**Key Note Speech by Director of Reforms, MWI , Kenya**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the GTZ EcoSan Germany, Secom Switzerland and ESF-India, who have organised this workshop in collaboration with Water Sector Reform Programme Kenya, I would like to cordially welcome you all to this EcoSan Vision Workshop on ecological sanitation.

This workshop has brought together the key actors in the promotion and implementation of sanitation in Kenya. It is to make a major contribution in exchanging experiences and knowledge gained in the recent years in the promotion and implementation of ecological sanitation in Kenya and India looking into ways of enhancing EcoSan as a holistic new approach to waste water management and sanitation.

We are happy that some of the key institutions of the Water Sector Reform, Kenya such as Water Service Providers, Water Service Boards, Water Services Trust Fund, Water Services Regulatory Board and Water Resources Management Authority are participating in this workshop.

I would also like to appreciate the presence of consultants from Austria and India, the representatives of our GoK relevant Ministries, NGOs, CBOs, SMEs, Artisans and other stakeholder groups in the area of ecological sanitation.

EcoSan offers a holistic new approach to waste management and sanitation based on the systematic closure of local material flow cycles in order to close the loop between sanitation and agriculture as will be presented in details during this workshop. It is expected to address sanitation, food security, environmental, health and poverty challenges. This will help in addressing the MDG and Kenya Vision 30 goals. As you are all aware sanitation was for along time not high on political agenda and a lot need to be done in order to achieve the MDG number 7 dealing with sanitation.

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It is in this regard, that we at the MWI have put a great emphasis in exploring the applicability of EcoSan in Kenya. The MWI together with EU, SIDA and GTZ has successfully completed some pilot projects on EcoSan in various parts of the country as study cases for up-scaling. The experiences gained have allowed the incorporation of EcoSan and other onsite sanitation technologies in the Water Sector Sanitation Concept Paper.

This workshop will therefore deliberate on EcoSan as a future sustainable sanitation solution with focus on the following areas which are very relevant to our country Kenya:

1. Development and implementation of efficient household sanitation systems
2. Improvement of sanitation in public places and institutions
3. Promotion safe hygiene practices
4. Promoting affordable , socially and culturally acceptable technologies and practices
5. Integrating sanitation in water resource management

I therefore request all the participants to participate fully in the workshop so as to achieve our objective of knowledge exchange on good practices and experiences.

I wish you all success in this workshop and hope that you will have an interesting, successful and productive one day workshop.

Thank you.