

SuSanA meets the water operators – lunch meeting

Date and time: Tuesday 23 May, 12:00 - 13:30

Location: WOPs Congress Venue

Description: Since its launch in 2007, the Sustainable Sanitation Alliance (SuSanA) has grown to become one of the largest and most established sanitation networks, with 15,000 members and 400 partner organisations. SuSanA's mission is to inform, educate and inspire sector professionals, policymakers, researchers and other agents of change to achieve sustainable sanitation for all.

Although SuSanA has become a household name in the academic, research and NGO worlds (which make up the majority of its membership base), the network has not managed to break through to water and sanitation operators and utilities. What could be the reason for this? Is SuSanA an appropriate platform for operators? What can we do to make the SuSanA more relevant to technicians, operators, and utilities staff? These are some of the questions we will try to answer together during an interactive lunch meeting at the WOPs Congress in Bonn.

time	Agenda item	Format	speaker/moderator
12:00 – 12:20	Welcome and introduction	Speech and round table	Arne Panesar
12:20 – 12:40	Presentation of SuSanA	Presentation	Alexandra Dubois
12:40 – 13:25	Open discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is SuSanA an appropriate platform for water and sanitation operators? • What could be the reason for the lower engagement from this target group? • What can be done to make SuSanA more relevant to this target group? 	Open discussion	Alexandra Dubois
13:25 – 13:30	Closing remarks and way forward	Speech	Arne Panesar