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UNDER A MICROSCOPE

THE USAID CONFIRMED ITS GRANT TO THE AfWA

There is no doubt at all as to the financial participation of the USAID (the United States Agency for International Development) in the implementation of the Water Operators Partnership (WOP) in Africa. As a matter of fact, the American organisation has just confirmed the one million and a half dollars (1.5 Million \$) grant it had announced further to the triennial partnership agreement signed with the African Water Association (AfWA).

The announcement of this confirmation was made during the latest meeting of the WOP Africa Programme Committee held in May 2009 in Nairobi, Kenya. This represents some good news for the African Water Association (AfWA) which considers the WOP Africa as a genuine integration means and a real combined actions platform among the various actors for the improvement of the water and sanitation sector on the continent.

JOHANNESBURG,

South Africa

AfWA attended WATERTEC for the second time, from 9 to 11 June 2009

Invited by the EMS, organisers of the great exhibition on the hydraulic equipments, the AfWA took part in the WATERTEC and held a stand, organised a cocktail party and gave two live interviews to an international tv channel and a radio station both from South Africa. Mrs Jean NGUBANE, the AfWA Vice President, seized that opportunity to develop the main objectives of the Association, pointing out the important projects that have already been achieved and the ones in progress.

The issue related to the Kampala 2010 Congress preparations was dealt with by Mr Martin Kalibbala, PhD., from the NWSC who attended that event to promote the said Congress. He was accompanied by Mss ANNEST NAMATA from The Terp Group, the structure in charge of the search for exhibitors and sponsors in Uganda and Eastern Africa for the Kampala 2010 Congress exhibition. Some Corporate Members attended that event and were represented by Mrs Jean NGUBANE (Chairperson) and Mrs Thombeni (Chief Executive) both from SAAWU, Mr Evenia (Managing Director) from TdE, Mr Martin from NWSC. An affiliated member also took part in that event, namely INTERPLAST from Ghana represented by Messrs SABI and TENNIN.

Mr KONE DOULAYE TO LEAD THE DESTINIES OF THE WOP AFRICA FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS

Mr Koné Doulaye from Côte d'Ivoire was the candidate selected for the position of the WOP Africa Programme Coordinator at the end of interviews conducted for the 4 shortlisted candidates. The interviews were held on May 22nd, 2009 in the WB Office, Nairobi (Kenya). According to the members of the selection committee, the other 3 candidates were also impressive but at the end, the best candidate won. There is no doubt that with the selection of Mr Koné the WOP Secretariat will soon start working.

PROJECT PROPOSAL

Partnership between African Local Authorities, Small-Scale Service Providers, Public Operators and Users for improved access to water and sanitation services in peri-urban areas.

Introduction

On May 29, 2009 AfWA Secretariat submitted a project proposal under the above-stated title to the EC under the ProInvest Grant Application, Budget line 8.ACP.TPS.108. The amount requested from the Contracting Authority is 900,536 Euro, which is 90% of the total eligible cost of actions under the proposed project. This project which is in partnership with PDM, is to be undertaken in 9 African cities: Yaoundé, Ndjamen, Bamako, Monrovia, Mwanza, Windhoek, Kigali, Addis Ababa, Antananarivo.

Project Concept

The project seeks to highlight the perennial problems of WS service provision in peri-urban/informal settlements in African cities. This will be done through stakeholder identifi-

KAMPALA CONGRESS :

■ The launching ceremony took place...

To officially announce the next annual Congress of the African Water Association to be held within a few months in Kampala (Uganda), the Organising Committee held a launching ceremony last May 26th 2009 in the Ugandan capital city, a ceremony highlighted with a press conference before about thirty national and international journalists as

well as the local political and administrative authorities among which the Representative of the supervisory minister. The AfWA was represented at the highest level by its Vice-President in charge of the Southern Africa region, the Secretary General Mr Sylvain USHER, accompanied with the Uganda National Water CMD and MD.

■ Participants visited the site

The ceremony continued with a visit to the Congress site located at the « Speke Resort Munyonyo », a magnificent hotel complex on the banks of Lake Victoria. The reason for selecting this hotel complex is its comfort and security as well as the convenience to the requirement and standards of international meetings.

■ The AfWA Secretary General got informed on the statement of progress of the preparatory activities

Outside the official launching of the Kampala Congress, the AfWA Secretary-General Mr Sylvain USHER held a working session with the members of the Organising Committee of the said Congress scheduled in March 2010. The major concern of this working session was related to the call for papers and the statement of progress of the preparations for the holding of the Congress technical sessions. On the whole, one can say that all the teams are determinedly working for the success of the Congress, and the achievements made so far are really satisfactory. Therefore, the least one could say is that the preparation for the 2010 Kampala Congress is in 'full gear'.