

APPLICATION FORM FOR SOUTH ASIAN CONFERENCE ON SANITATION (SACOSAN)

DHAKA, BANGLADESH, 21st – 23rd October 2003

A working conference hosted by the

**Local Government Division
Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**

Co-hosted by

**United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)
Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC)
Water and Sanitation Program (WSP) – South Asia, (World Bank)
World Health Organization (WHO)
Danish International Development Assistance (DANIDA)
UK Department for International Development (DFID)
Asian Development Bank (ADB)
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
WaterAid
Plan Bangladesh**

The overall goal of the conference is **to accelerate the progress of sanitation and hygiene work in South Asia so as to enhance people's quality of life, in fulfilment of the Millennium Development Goals and the commitments made in the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in Johannesburg.**

The main objectives of the conference are:

- To raise the profile of sanitation, health and hygiene in South Asia after the WSSD;
- To generate political commitments through a joint declaration that prioritizes and facilitates a regional policy and strategy for sanitation and hygiene including national targets;
- To strengthen leadership/advocacy for improved sanitation and hygiene in South Asia;
- To assess the state of sanitation and hygiene in South Asia, sharing experiences and lessons by people and organisations working in the field;
- To explore the possibility for SACOSAN to become an annual event to be hosted in turn by each South Asian country.

Delegates who meet the following criteria will be invited to attend the conference:

- Delegates may be from the public or private sectors, civil society, external support agencies, academia or the media.
- They should preferably be at a managerial or professional level, actively engaged in policy formulation and implementation of sanitation in South Asia, and should be willing to bring their knowledge/experience to the table.
- Applicants must be available in Dhaka on 20th October 2003 and be able stay until the conference finishes on the evening of 23rd October.
- Applicants should expect a participatory working conference, with long hours and draft documentation to be studied in advance.

APPLICATION FOR ATTENDANCE
Complete and return this form by 30th August 2003, to:
[Insert Support Group Email Address]

SURNAME : _____ FIRST NAME : _____

TITLE (Prof/Dr/Mr/Ms) _____ TITLE WITHIN ORGANISATION _____

ORGANISATION/AFFILIATION _____

POSTAL ADDRESS _____

_____ COUNTRY _____

TELEPHONE _____ FAX _____

MOBILE PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

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Please outline briefly in the space below your background and experience regarding policy formulation, implementation or advocacy in sanitation and hygiene:

Please confirm your participation by 30th August 2003.

PARTICIPANT SPEAKERS: EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

There are currently a number of slots available for delegates to make short presentations (15 minutes) to discussion groups, on the following themes:

- Motivation & collective action
- Supply & demand
- Making sanitation work
- Institutional support

If you are interested in presenting a paper one of these themes, please express interest by emailing a draft of your paper (no longer than 15 pages) to your country Support Group (email address above), with copies to the Chairman of the Technical Sub-Committee, Prof. M. Feroze Ahmed (itn@agni.com), the Conference Coordinator, Ryan Knox (ryan.knox@verulamassociates.org) and the Conference Secretariat, M. Shariful Alam, Coordinator for SACOSAN Secretariat (msalam@unicef.org).