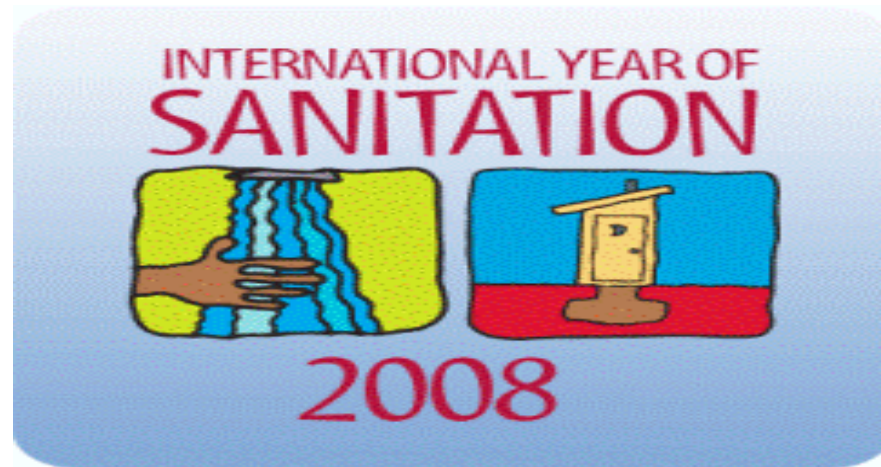


International Year of Sanitation (IYS) 2008



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Objectives

- **To Increase awareness and commitment** from actors at all levels, both inside and outside the sector, on the importance of reaching the sanitation MDG,
- **To Mobilize Government's** existing alliances on how and who will undertake needed steps now.
- **To Secure Real Commitments** to review, develop and implement effective action to scale up sanitation programmes and strengthen sanitation policies by clarifying roles
- **To Encourage Demand Driven, Sustainable & Traditional Solutions,** and informed choices by recognizing the importance of working from the bottom up with practitioners and communities.
- **To Secure Increased Financing** to jump start and sustain progress via commitments from national budgets and development partner allocations.

What is the International Year of Sanitation 2008?

- The “International Year of Sanitation (**IYS**) 2008”, is a theme year set by the UN General Assembly to help put the sanitation issue at the forefront of the global agenda.
- The goal is to raise awareness and to accelerate progress towards the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) target “to reduce by half the proportion of people without access to sustainable safe drinking water and basic sanitation by 2015”

What do you want to achieve with IYS?

- Dramatically increase both the number of people with access to proper sanitation and the number of people who practice good hygiene.
- Build awareness on sanitation and hygiene issues – health, economic and social – across a broad spectrum of audiences
- Secure concrete commitments from actors at all levels, including accurate information based on sound monitoring
- Seek agreement on what steps are most urgently required and who will take responsibility for them
- Develop and strengthen institutional and human capacities.

Key Planned Activity 18-20 Feb 2008-Africasan +5 2008 Conference

- **Project Working Title: Africasan +5 Conference**
- **Venue and Dates: ICC, Durban, Feb 18-20, 2008**
- **International Conference Co-Hosts**
- **African Funding Partners**

Key Planned Activity 18 - 20 Feb 2008-Africasan +5 2008 Conference.....cont

Conference Strategic Areas

- Scaling up sustainable sanitation & hygiene programs through programmatic approaches, behaviour changes and marketing
- Financial Sanitation at scale
- Creating sanitation leadership and institutional accountability
- Safeguarding society
- Building an African knowledge network for sanitation
- Promoting partnership for Hygiene and Hand washing

- ***NB: Africasan is marked as one of the key activities for IYS 2008. IYS will be launched in Africa during the Africasan Conference by AMCOW and Minister of Water Affair and Forestry***

Key messages for IYS.

- **Uncollected/untreated excreta represents a global health crises**
- **Proper sanitation and hygiene is necessary and worthwhile investment for government at every level in the country**
- **Achieving adequate sanitation nationwide is doable**
- **Doing nothing is no longer an option**

Key Role Players

- **Political decision-makers**
- **The general public**
- **Community and women's groups**
- **The news media**
- **Academics**
- **Corporate leaders**
- **Religious leaders**

Conclusion

How can I find more Information about IYS?

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