

## The International Office for Water

For more than 15 years, a key player in the development of skills to improve water management through:

- ♦ Institutional support missions in many countries, including for skills enhancement
- ♦ Training of water professionals with tailor-made and off-the-shelf training programmes given primarily from dedicated technical platforms in Limoges and La Souterraine
- ♦ Assistance with the creation of training centres for the water professions around the world, and participation in the creation of the International Network of Water Training Centres (INWTC), for which it is technical secretary.

[www.oieau.org](http://www.oieau.org)  
[www.inwtc.org](http://www.inwtc.org)

### Presentation of the side event:

The exchange of know-how and the enhancement of skills are the basis for effective cooperation to ensure tangible progress in the field of water management.

To ensure that the precise definition of requirements is pertinent and to provide a response appropriate to the specific nature of the countries and institutions, nonetheless remains an exercise demanding creativity and adaptability.

This side event proposes an opportunity for exchanges to gain a clearer idea of the requirement, to help redefine north-south relations and discover innovative solutions to stimulate the transfer of skills.

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## Training Needs and innovative responses for training and enhancement of skills in the water sector

Side event in the  
French Water  
Pavilion:

Buffet lunch  
17 March 2009  
13h00-14h30

WWF Istanbul 2009



ENGAGÉS POUR L'EAU DU MONDE.

## La Société des Eaux de Marseille

- Firmly rooted in Provence and in other countries of the Mediterranean basin, the Groupe des Eaux de Marseille comprises 21 companies – including two abroad – which for the past 60 years have been developing their know-how along the entire chain of the environmental professions.
- For many years now, it has been proposing its technical expertise and know-how, where its specialists have acquired a solid reputation in all their fields of competence.
- Convinced that training is one of the keys to performance, it developed a Professional school, which produced “tailor-made” programmes to offer a precise solution for both its own needs and those of its partners, in particular those abroad.

[www.eauxdemarseille.fr](http://www.eauxdemarseille.fr)

## "Projection" network

Projection is a platform for exchanges and discussion based around a network of young professionals from North and South, working in the field of essential services developing cities. Its members are junior professionals with between 2 and 10 years of experience, who wish to contribute to moving things forward in this sector. Taking part in the transfer of experience between generations, breaking down barriers between the professions and sectors, increasing the representation of the junior professionals, creating a forum for exchanges between players in the field and institutions, these are the main objectives of the Projection network.

[www.reseauprojection.org](http://www.reseauprojection.org)

## OpT Eau pour Tous Water for All

**International Executive Master OpT:** A Master's degree, with the support of Suez Environnement – Water for All Foundation, designed for urban drinking water and sanitation managers in emerging, transitional or developing countries. To strengthen the management skills of managers and operators of urban services in medium-sized cities (from 100 000 to over a million inhabitants) in order to promote universal and sustainable access to these services, and to optimise service quality and efficiency, in partnership with local stakeholders.

1st graduating class, taught in French in 2009-2010, taught in English in 2010-2011.

## Programme

### 13h00 – 13h15 Opening

M. Laurent STEFANINI, Ambassador delegate for the Environment

### 13h15 – 13h35 Round-table launch

**Training water professionals in the southern countries, certainly, but ...  
What is the demand? Who needs it most? What form should it take?**

#### Guests:

Yacouba KONATE (Burkina Faso), for Projection, the network of junior professionals  
Samir BENSAD (Morocco), for the International Network of Water Training Centres  
Jean-Pierre ELONG MBASSI (Cameroon), United Cities and Local Governments in Africa

### 13h35 - 14h30 Broadening of the round-table:

**What's new in professional training tools?  
What financing?**

#### Guests:

Michel GUINAUDEAU, Master OpT of ParisTech and Suez Environnement  
Annie COULANGE, Société des Eaux de Marseille  
Jean-François DONZIER, International Office for Water  
Martin PARENT, French Development Agency

#### Contact ?

Place your business card, stating your area of interest, in the suggestions box in the French Water Pavilion.

#### Chair of the side event:

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