

First Announcement and
Call for Abstracts



**International Toilet Oriented
Sanitation Conference & Exhibition**

New Delhi, India

31st October to 3rd November 2007

Venue:

India Habitat Centre
Lodhi Road
New Delhi, INDIA

Theme:

Toilets for all

For better Health, Hygiene, Comfort and Dignity
Reshaping Rural Communities and Urban Infrastructure
Improving Quality of Life in Pursuance of the Millennium Development Goal

Participation

International Organisations, Central Government Ministries, State Government Departments, Central and State Government Corporations, Public Sector Undertakings of Central and State Governments, Municipal and Local Bodies, NGOs, Private Organisations, Academicians, Social Scientists, Architects, Engineers, Doctors, Town Planners, Manufacturers of Sanitaryware and Sanitation Related Products, Media and other Interested People / Groups willing to participate.

Call for Abstracts of Papers proposed to be submitted & other details relating thereto

1. Applications to present a paper at WTS 2007 are now open.
2. Abstracts (not exceeding 500 words) must be submitted by 15th June 2007. This may incorporate the title and the subject/ topic/ issue of the WTS 2007 mentioned hereafter. It may also include keywords and result achieved or proposed along with a brief bio-data of the author/s. The Abstract may briefly indicate the project/ study undertaken/ implemented or proposed to be so done and the guidance that it may provide for replication elsewhere etc. etc.
3. All applicants will be contacted regarding the acceptance status of their application by 30th June 2007.
4. All delegates presenting papers are required to submit a full paper for inclusion on the Proceedings CD by 31st July 2007.

Subjects, Topics & Issues

The Summit will deal with sanitation oriented subjects, topics and issues as follows:

Toilets for All

a) Meeting the Millennium Development Goal:

- Current status and reasons for slow progress
- National priorities and targets
- In light of policy perspectives and MDG targets, need for change in strategies and action plan
- Result oriented methodology of implementation
- Identification of implementation agencies and modules
- International and Regional co-operation

b) Individual household toilets in Rural and Urban areas:

- Social, Cultural and behaviour issues.
- Mass Communication and awareness generation.
- Technology and design options for on-site sanitation: Affordable, Sustainable and Culturally acceptable.
- Institutional, Legal and Management issues.
- Training and Capacity Building.
- Financial, economic and resource mobilisation issues.
- Scale of operation of Governments, NGOs, other agencies: toilets constructed and number of people served.
- Maintenance and Management of Household Toilets.
- Total abolition of manual collection and handling of human excreta and issues related to rehabilitation and alternate employments of the scavengers.
- Sanitation and Health linkage and disease burden — Epidemiological issues.

c) Public Toilets improving sanitation - design, construction, maintenance and management:

- Public Toilets in developed and developing countries: numbers constructed and maintained by Government and/or Non Government agencies.
- Current policies, programmes, problems and perspectives: need for change
- Innovative ways and means for funding and financing public toilets.
- Public toilets standards: criteria for location, construction material, sustainability, aesthetics.
- Public toilets as multi-utility services and community development centres.
- Role of Urban Planners, Municipal Authorities and Service Providers.
- Design aspects: durability and safety, gender sensitive, easily accessible to persons with disability.
- Management of public toilets: airports, railways stations, bus stands, hospitals, monuments, recreational areas, city centres, markets, food courts, highways, parks, sports stadiums.
- Effective cost control measures for public toilets.
- Service, maintenance quality control and durability aspects to reduce maintenance costs.
- New technologies, trends and construction materials (pre-built stainless steel modules, concrete and fibre glass combination) for public toilets and urinals.
- Mutual goodwill among public toilet stakeholders viz. users, service providers, Municipal and Allied Authorities.

d) School Sanitation:

- Current status of school sanitation programmes and role of Central and State Governments, Local Bodies and Panchayati Raj Institutions.
- Funding and implementation arrangements.
- Basic minimum standards: appropriate designs and materials, affordable models and costs.
- Maintenance, cleaning and supervision.
- Hygiene education and training in use and upkeep of toilets to school students.

e) Mobilisation of financial resources: Global Sanitation Bond Fund.

f) Realistic programme coverage by 2015 -- the new Road Map.

g) Action plans for UN International Year of Sanitation 2008.

The Provisional Programme for WTS 2007 and details regarding inauguration and visits / technical tours will soon be communicated.....

Principal Convener:



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Plumbing Products, Construction Materials,
Cleaning Products and Equipment

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