



IRC Event - 12 November 2014, 16:30-19:30

The role of public finance for reaching scale and sustainable water and sanitation services

7AM Buitenhof 47, 2513 AH The Hague, The Netherlands

This event will be hosted by IRC and supported by the Netherlands Water Partnership (NWP) and 7AM. It brings together experts and practitioners in WASH and sustainable development to present and discuss the views of the role of public finance for reaching scale and sustainable water and sanitation services.

Programme

16:30-17:00	Welcome: Coffee and tea/networking
17:00-Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome by Patrick Moriarty, CEO, IRC (Moderator)• Intro by Catarina Fonseca, Head International and Innovation Programme, IRC
Key note presentation	<p><i>What is Public Finance? What does it mean for the WASH sector? What are the challenges?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guy Norman Head of Evaluation, Research and Learning at Water and Sanitation for the Urban Poor (WSUP)• Video from Ghana: Mr. Emmanuel Gaze (Director of Technical Services CWSA Head office) and Mr. Owusu Mintah Kwesi (Development Planning Officer, Sunyani West District)
Panel & plenary discussion	<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sjef Ernes, Director, Aqua for All• Katina Gikas, Co-founder, Water Tech Trading B.V.• Pieter Walhof, Director, PharmAccess Foundation and member of the Board of Directors of PharmAccess.• Guy Norman, Head of Evaluation, Research and Learning at Water and Sanitation for the Urban Poor (WSUP)

About IRC events

IRC runs a series of thematic events in The Hague, open to all interested parties. These series bring together professionals to network and discuss hot topics in the water, sanitation and hygiene sector. They are forward looking and multidisciplinary in nature presenting the latest thinking from governments, NGOs, private sector and academia.

The event on 12 November is the last of a series of four events held throughout 2014 to discuss key issues related to WASH. A new series is being scheduled for 2015.

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- 17 September 2014 : [The limits of aid, the future of trade?](#)

About IRC

IRC is an international think-and-do tank that works with governments, NGOs, entrepreneurs and people around the world to find long-term solutions to the global crisis in water, sanitation and hygiene services. At the heart of its mission is the aim to move from short-term interventions to sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene services.

With over 45 years of experience, IRC runs programmes and projects in more than 25 countries and large-scale projects in seven focus countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. It is supported by a team of over 100 staff across the world.

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Route

Venue: 7AM Buitenhof 47, 2513 AH The Hague. How to get to 7AM? Follow this [link](#) to for the directions.

Speakers and panellists



Patrick Moriarty is IRC's CEO. A Civil Engineering by first degree and Water Resource Management expert by main experience, with an emphasis on interdisciplinary work on water service delivery and resource management. Patrick has over twenty years' experience of a broad range of issues around water, its management and its use in improving human wellbeing, predominantly in Africa and South Asia.



Catarina Fonseca is a Senior programme officer and the Lead of IRC's Innovation and International Programme. She has fourteen years of experience in the water supply and sanitation sector and pioneered sector development on the understanding of life-cycle costs and financing. Click [here](#) for Catarina's detailed biography.



Guy Norman is Head of Evaluation & Research at Water & Sanitation for the Urban Poor (WSUP), where his role includes management of WSUP's M&E processes and technical publications, as well as development and management of research around how to improve sanitation services in low-income urban settings. Guy's PhD research looked at the appropriateness of sewerage for African cities. He has a particular interest in public finance for urban sanitation, and more specifically sanitation surcharge systems (i.e. earmarked sanitation taxes paid through the water bill). One of WSUP's main research projects, currently underway, is looking at how to influence municipal decision-makers to raise and allocate more finance to sanitation for low-income communities. Guy was the initiator of the developing IRC/Trémolet/WSUP initiative around public finance for WASH.



Sjeff Ernes is the Director of Aqua for All. Sjeff has built an interesting career in water. After graduating from his studies in mechanical engineering, he targeted water problems in Mozambique for five years. Upon his return in the Netherlands and after working for a drinking water company, he returned to his passion: water-related development aid. Through Aqua for All he stimulates business and market dynamics in the water and sanitation sectors in order to make lasting improvements in the lives of those at the base of the pyramid. Connecting mutually beneficial partnerships is the key to success.



Katina Gikas is the Co-Founder of Water Tech Trading a company that provides sustainable water, energy & waste solutions for isolated communities. Katina was born in Rotterdam, educated in Portugal, England and Holland. With a Masters in Biochemistry and an MBA she entered the corporate world to become a brand ambassador, where she spent more than 14 years learning the tricks of the trade. Realizing that companies need to step up and take responsibility for worldwide issues led her to set up Water Tech Trading. With a natural affiliation to clean water, due to the fact that the family business specializes in sustainable water and waste solutions for marine and offshore. Water Tech Trading believes that with a mix of a marketing background, knowhow of sustainable solutions and sound business sense, they can make an impact when it comes to providing clean water & energy solutions to developing countries.



Pieter Walhof is member of the board of directors of Health Insurance Fund and PharmAccess since July 2012, responsible for Health Plans, mHealth and Global Health Membership. The group is dedicated to affordable access to quality health care in Africa; it stimulates investments through partnerships with the private sector and government institutions and combines standards for quality improvement, loans for healthcare providers, health plans and in-depth impact research. Pieter has a professional background in the life & health insurance and reinsurance markets, mainly in Europe, Africa and South America; is also a supervisory board member at Axent (funeral insurer) and Riverside (life & health direct marketing partnership with Swiss Re) and holds a medical degree.