

The Finance Working Group of the EU Water Initiative

Presentation to the second meeting of the
OECD task team on financing water supply
and sanitation, Paris 23 October 2007

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Progress since the task team meeting on 22 March

- Presentation of possible FWG support to financing strategies for the WSS sector at the EUWI Africa WG meeting in Ouagadougou, 3-4 April
- Workshop in Paris on 27 April to compare methodologies developed by the OECD/TAP Task Force (FEASIBLE) and the WSP (SWIFT)

Progress – ctd

- Key conclusions from that workshop:
 - ✓ To make these methodologies more accessible in the public domain
 - ✓ To desist trying to merge them but consider them both as parts of a tool box available to users
 - ✓ To compare them in practical applications in selected pilot countries

Progress - ctd

- In June/July two countries were approached on the basis of criteria established in March and interest expressed at Ouagadougou meeting
- Burkina Faso at once confirmed its interest
- Ghana has been equivocating to this day
- Lesotho possible third country candidate
- Others?

Progress - ctd

- Updated information on WSS financing strategies, on SWIFT, and on FEASIBLE available at FWG meeting in Stockholm on 22 August
- Presentation at that meeting by WSP and OECD of ongoing work in Mozambique (SWIFT) and Moldova (FEASIBLE)
- Identification mission to Burkina Faso by OECD/FWG on 13-14 September, conclusions positive
- Procurement process initiated by FWG

The work ahead

- Procurement process time consuming (5 companies expressed interest) but should be complete by December
- Selection of additional countries
- Supervision of work on financing strategy in BF, possibly other countries, during 2008
- Documentation of experiences
- Preparation of series of workshops based on these experiences to be held in 2009

Thank you!

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