#### **DENMARK** NATIONAL REPORT ON IHP RELATED ACTIVITIES

#### 1. ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 2004 – JUNE 2006

#### **1.1 Meetings of the IHP National Committee**

The Danish National IHP Committee was transferred to the Danish Water Forum, DWF, in 2003 as a consequence of closing the Danish Water Resource Committee. The daily contact is the DWF, whereas the national committee contacts to the IHP programme is done through a representative from the Technical University of Denmark, Institute of Environment & Resources

## 1.1.1 Decisions regarding the composition of the IHP National Committee

No changes have been done since 2003.

#### 1.1.2 Status of IHP-VI activities

The national committee has not done any actions directly towards IHP-VI, but water-related aspects have been included in a number of workshops, seminars and meetings organised directly by DWF or in cooperation with other Danish Research networks.

### 1.1.3 Decisions regarding contribution to/participation in IHP-VII

The Institute of Environment & Resources, Technical University of Denmark, is coordinating Project Component 4. Integrated Urban Water Systems Interactions of IHP VI Theme 3. Land Habitat and Hydrology, Focal Area Urban and Rural Settlements.

# **1.2 Activities at national level in the framework of the IHP**

1.2.1 National/local scientific and technical meetings

Since last reporting the National Committee has been involved through DWF in three technical meetings in Denmark:

- EU water initiative, April 2005
- Future ways to handle wastewater
- Resource base meeting with the Danish aid organization Danida: Peri-urban water problems.
- Water and Health: Ways to development.

## 1.2.2 Participation in IHP Steering Committees/Working Groups

#### 1.2.3 Research/applied projects supported or sponsored

None, besides providing travel grants for students, wanting to include a stay in a developing country as part of their study (8 students in 2004-2006)

### 1.2.4 Collaboration with other national and international organizations and/or programmes

DWF has been involved heavily in the European initiative in the "Water Supply and Sanitation Technology Platform", a large EU based research programme, where DWF has taken part and has put its fingerprint on the agenda.

DWF has also been involved in the development of knowledge network for coordination and information exchange on the EU water initiative called **ERA-NET EUWI**.

#### 1.7 Other activities at regional level

#### 1.7.1 Institutional relations/cooperation

Dan Rosbjerg, Institute of Environment & Resources, Technical University of Denmark and Jens Jørgen Gaardhøje, Niels Bohr Institute, University of Copenhagen, have attended "Seminar on UNESCO Science Programs in the Nordic Countries", 28-29 March in Stockholm.

#### 2. FUTURE ACTIVITIES 2.1 Activities planned until December 2007

For the coming period DWF intend to organise other workshops and seminars where water is a key issue. The next events are planned:

### *"Urban Environmental Management in Developing Countries - Environmental Health, Planning and Capacity Development"*

23 August 2006, Institute of Geography, University of Copenhagen, Denmark This conference is organized by ReNED, jointly with Danish Water Forum-Research.

"*Water Reform and Access to Water for the Rural Poor*", 19th of September 2006. Jointly arranged by DWF, DIIS and Danida. Programme and announcement are now available on the DWF homepage at <u>www.danishwaterforum.dk</u>.

### 17th Sahel Workshop: "*Environment, Agriculture, Water and Governance in West Africa*", 6-7 November 2006.

This workshop is organized by Research Network for Environment and Development (ReNED), Danish Network for Agricultural Research for Development (NETARD), Research Network for Governance, Economic Policy and Public Administration (GEPPA) and Danish Water Forum-Research, jointly with Danida.