WATER SAFETY PLANS: Resources to Support Implementation

How to do it

The Water Safety Plan (WSP) Manual provides step-by-step guidance on developing and implementing WSPs and is available in a number of languages.

Get equipped

WSPortal provides additional references, practical tools and case studies submitted by experts implementing WSPs.

The WSP Manual (1) provides the point of departure for developing a WSP and includes useful tools and case studies to illustrate each step. To supplement the Manual, WSPortal (2) has been developed to provide an extensive range of practical tools, case studies and other reference materials to support WSP implementation in a range of circumstances. Peer-to-peer networks (3) are organised around specific themes and settings where WSPs are being implemented, allowing water and public health sector professionals to exchange experiences and foster collaboration.
**Get networked**

**IWA Bonn Network**
An international group of water utilities and research partners working towards the implementation of the Bonn Charter, including WSPs. The aim of the network is to signpost and disseminate best practice for risk management for drinking-water quality in urban water systems.
http://www.iwa-bonn-network.org

**Operation and Maintenance Network**
The network aims to generate and exchange experiences, knowledge and information on operation and maintenance of water supply and sanitation systems, with a particular focus in developing regions. The network is jointly organised by the National Institute of Public Health (NIPH) Japan, IWA and WHO and produces many practical documents that help to ensure the ongoing effectiveness of WSPs through good operation and maintenance.
http://www.operationandmaintenance.net

**WHO International Network of Drinking-water Regulators**
This network is for representatives of institutions responsible for regulating drinking-water production and quality and independent surveillance. The aim of the network is to protect public health as it relates to drinking-water through the promotion of regulatory excellence and the continual improvement of regulatory systems, including how regulations can be used to support WSP implementation. For further information, contact RegNet@who.int

**WHO International Network to Promote Household Water Treatment and Safe Storage**
The mission of the network is to contribute to a significant reduction in waterborne disease, especially among vulnerable populations, by promoting household water treatment and safe storage as a key component of water, sanitation and hygiene programmes. The network works through advocacy, communication, research and implementation.
http://www.who.int/household_water

**WHO International Small Community Water Supply Management Network**
The mission of the network is to support the mainstreaming and improved management of small community water supplies to achieve universal, sustainable access to safe drinking water. This network supports the development of guidance and tools, including how to implement WSPs in small and community-managed supplies.
http://www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/dwq/scwsm_network

**Regional networks**

**LAC WSP Network**
Aims to support the promotion and implementation of WSPs in the Latin American and Caribbean region. Coordinated by a group of international and regional partners including AIDIS, IWA, WHO / PAHO, USEPA, CDC, US State Department and UN-Habitat.
http://www.cepis.org.pe/bvsacg/red_lac_psa/redlaccpsaeng.html

**WaterLinks**
Brokers and facilitates Water Operators Partnerships between water and wastewater utilities in Asia to promote improved access to safe water and basic sanitation. This is supported by IWA, USAID and ADB and is in line with the WHO/AusAid Water Quality Partnership to support WSP scale up in the region.
www.waterlinks.org

**EVENTS**
IWA-WHO Global Water Safety Conference
2-4 November 2010. Kuching, Malaysia.
www.iwa-watersafety2010.org

*IWA Latin America and Caribbean Water Safety Plan Conference
December 2010. Lima, Peru.

*IWA Middle East and North Africa Regional Water Safety Plan Conference

*Further details about these conferences will be provided on WSPortal

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Website: www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/dwq/en/
www.iwhq.org

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