



## WATERBIOTECH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

# Biotechnology for Africa's sustainable water supply

**KENZI FARAH Hotel, Marrakech, Morocco**  
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**CALL FOR PAPERS: FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT**



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## BACKGROUND

The International Conference “**Biotechnology for Africa’s sustainable water supply**” is the closing event of WATERBIOTECH project ([www.waterbiotech.eu](http://www.waterbiotech.eu)). The objectives of this conference is to bring together members of WATERBIOTECH consortium in conjunction with national and regional decision makers, water professionals, experts in water treatment biotechnologies, scientists and practitioners and to promote the transfer of knowledge between African organizations and other regions in the world.

The event includes the presentation of scientific papers related to relevant aspects of water management, water treatment and water supply in Africa as well as discussion panels and Side events.

The scientific conference will be complemented by an exhibition showing the state-of-the-art in biotechnology for water treatment.

Sharing and discussing views and experiences on “**Biotechnology for Africa’s sustainable water supply**” will provide the opportunity to directly address the challenges of sustainable development in African countries.

## WATERBIOTECH CONFERENCE TOPICS

This international conference organized by the National Centre for Studies and Research on Water and Energy -University Cadi Ayyad, will be a forum for exchange of best practices and knowledge transfer between Europe and African countries with regards to the following topics:

- Biotechnologies for water treatment and reuse in the African context
- Requirements and practical experiences in water treatment and re-use in Africa
- Operation and maintenance related to biotechnologies for water treatment and re-use
- Energy efficiency in wastewater treatment
- Water treatment policies

## TARGET AUDIENCE

The conference organisers are expecting over 200 international delegates to attend the Workshop.

The conference is open to all interested participants. Its aim is to provide the opportunity to bring together scientists, policy-makers, water and waste managers, operators, PhD students, stakeholder representatives and NGOs,

## SUBMISSION

Abstracts of 1000 words should be submitted to the submission system on the conference website: [waterbiotech.uca.ma](http://waterbiotech.uca.ma) before July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013. All abstracts should be in English. The abstracts will be reviewed by international scientific committee. Accepted abstracts will be printed in the proceedings book of the conference.

## PUBLICATION OF PAPERS

Best selected papers will be peer reviewed for publication in IWA Publishing’s journals Water Science and Technology, Water Supply, Journal of Water Supply: Research and Technology – AQUA, or Journal of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for Development. Specifications for the formatting of papers are available on the IWAP website at <http://www.iwaponline.com/ws/i2a.htm>.

## DEADLINE AND IMPORTANT DATES

**30<sup>th</sup> of July 2013:** Deadline of Extended abstract submission

**15<sup>th</sup> of September 2013:** Notification of abstract acceptance

**1<sup>st</sup> of December 2013:** Receipt of full manuscripts

## **REGISTRATION FEES**

High Income countries Participants: 300 €

Low Income countries participants: 200 €

Industrial/Exhibitors: 500 €

Students: 150 €

Accompanying persons: 150 €

Registration gives right to documents of the conference, lunches, coffee breaks, refreshments, and technical visit

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## **VENUE**

The conference will be held at KENZI FARAH Hotel (5 stars) located at the centre of the worldwide known Marrakech city. Marrakech is a lively, touristic city with a large number of attractions, cultural sites, restaurants and hotels. It is one of the most popular destinations for the European and Far East tourists and becoming quite popular in North America as well. The Marrakech airport is served by a large number of air lines and low cost carries linking it with an impressive number of European and extra-European cities.

## **LANGUAGES**

The official languages of the conference is English and French

## **CONTACT**

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