

23-8 June 1996. Water Quality International 96, Singapore. Eighteenth biennial conference of International Association of Water Quality (IAWQ) which will focus on the impact of water on the environment. Further details from: *Jenny Ong, RAI Exhibitions Singapore Ptd Ltd., 1 Maritime Square #09-01, World Trade Centre, Singapore. Fax: +65 272 6744.*

2-5 July 1996. Water Africa '96, Accra, Ghana. Fourth in a series of exhibitions of water and environmental-protection technology and services. Contact: *Water Africa Ltd., 37 Upper Duke Street, Liverpool L1 9DY, UK. Tel: +44 151 709 9192. Fax: +44 151 709 7801.*

2-5 September 1996. Afriwater 96, Johannesburg, South Africa. International water, waste, and environmental technology exhibition and conference. For further details contact: *Peter Hebbourn, Reed Exhibition Companies, 26 The Quadrant, Richmond, Surrey YW9 1DL, UK. Tel: +44 181 910 7743. Fax: +44 181 910 7749.*

9-13 September 1996. 22nd WEDC Conference: Reaching the Unreached – Challenges for the 21st Century, New Delhi, India. More details from: *Professor K.J. Nath, IPHE Building, CK-58, Salt Lake, Calcutta 700 091, India. Fax: +91 33 373852, or Professor John Pickford, WEDC, Loughborough University of Technology, Leics. LE11 3TU, UK. Fax: +44 1509 211079.*

15-22 September 1996. 16th International Congress

on Irrigation and Drainage, Cairo, Egypt. 'Sustainability of Irrigated Agriculture'. Information from: *International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID), 48 Nyaya Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi 110 021, India. Tel: +91 11 3016837/3015679. Fax: +91-11 3015962.*

23-4 September 1996. Water Policy: Allocation and management in practice, Bedford, UK. Forum for exchange of current experience in water-policy implementation. For further information contact: *Dr Peter Howsam, Water Management Department, Silsoe College, Cranfield University, Silsoe, Bedford MK45 4DT, UK. Tel: +44 1525 863291. Fax: +44 1525 863300.*

23-7 September 1996. Aquatech 96, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. International trade fair and conference programme. Covers drinking-water, process water, and wastewater technology. Information from: *Ingrid Looijmans or Hennie Taconis. Tel: +31 20 5491212.*

3-6 November 1996. International Evaporation and Irrigation Scheduling Conference, Texas, USA. Focusing on new technology, prioritizing future needs. For researchers, consultants, designers, practitioners and manufacturers. Further information from: *Susan Buntjer. Tel: +1 616 429 0300. Fax: +1 616 429 3852.*

21-5 April 1997. Eighth International Conference on Rainwater Catchment Systems, Teheran, Iran. Topics associated with rainwater catchment systems utilization in arid and semi-arid areas will include: technology; management; and environmental and socio-economic aspects. For details, contact: *J. Ghoddousi, Conference Secretariat, PO Box 13445-1136, Teheran, Iran. Tel: +98 21 6418335. Fax: +98 21 6407214. E-mail: rain@neda.net.ir.*

Workshop on water and NGOs

How can we expand community-based approaches and strengthen the role of NGOs working in the water sector?

That's the question posed by the British Government's Overseas Development Administration (ODA) who, with WEDC, has organized a one-day workshop on **10 June 1996** aimed at representatives of NGOs and other organizations who are currently involved in promoting the sustainable use of water and sanitation in the South.



Although much of the UK aid budget channelled through NGOs supports water-related activities, the organizers emphasize that much remains to be done to meet basic needs — and that available water is becoming increasingly scarce.

Workshop participants will review past experiences and constraints, and consider the input, capacity, and needs of local and UK NGOs, NGO partnerships, advocacy, and the incorporation of community-based approaches in government policies.

For information on the workshop's structure, how to participate, and general arrangements, contact: Ian Smout or Rowena Steele, WEDC, Loughborough University of Technology, Loughborough LE11 3TU, UK. Fax: +44 1509 211079. E-mail: I.K.Smout@lut.ac.uk.