



Strategic cooperation opportunities in O&M

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Plan

- **Sector needs**
- **Background**
- **Joint opportunities**
- **Activities**

Sector needs

- **What we know**
 - Country analysis: highlights neglect of watsan services
 - Alarming situation – 30-60% rural watsan services inoperable; urban??
- **What we recognize**
 - Increasing understanding of importance of O&M
 - Variety of sector players have responsibility to nurture productive O&M environment

Background: cooperation opportunities

- **O&M network (WHO/WSSCC)**
 - Working group created in Oslo, 1991
 - Focus: improve recognition of O&M, primarily through knowledge products; some advocacy; capacity strengthening
- **Efficient Operation & Management group (IWA)**
 - Focus on operation, maintenance and rehabilitation of water supply and sanitation services
 - Emphasis on performance indicators, UAW
 - Generally not covering developing country conditions



Joint opportunities

- **Recognition of mutual value in cooperation**
 - Coordinators meeting, July 2005
 - Explored mutually supportive collaboration
- **Status**
 - Looking to align work plans where practical
 - Seek to define and outline potential cooperative activities
 - Modus operandi discussions – OMN retain independence but operates within wider framework of EOM (still under discussion)

Proposed activities

- Framed by understanding of needs of target audiences
- Gap analysis and tool development
 - Both have long history of tool development
 - Need for further refinement of existing tools – gap analysis
 - Information campaign on existing tools
- Advisory support
 - Technical assistance to staff from qualifying agencies
 - One day technical advice on pro bono basis