

# "IMPROVED ON-SITE SANITATION – FROM SCIENCE TO TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT"

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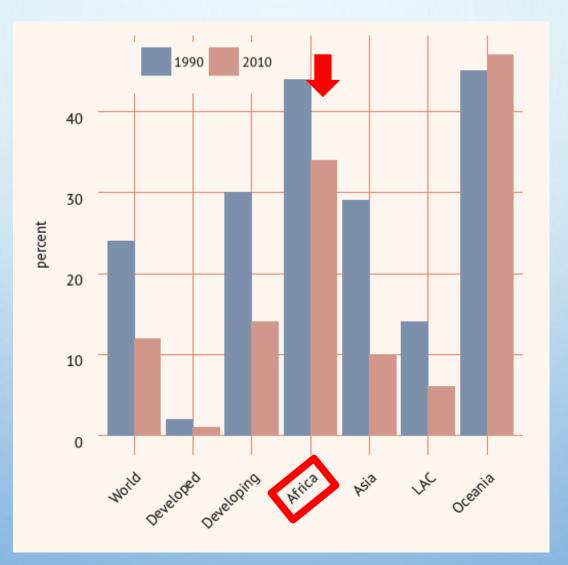
- WATER AND SANITATION IN AFRICA
- WATER AND SANITATION IN SOUTH AFRICA
- ETHEKWINI DURBAN
- POLLUTION RESEARCH GROUP'S ROLE



### AFRICAN REALISATIONS

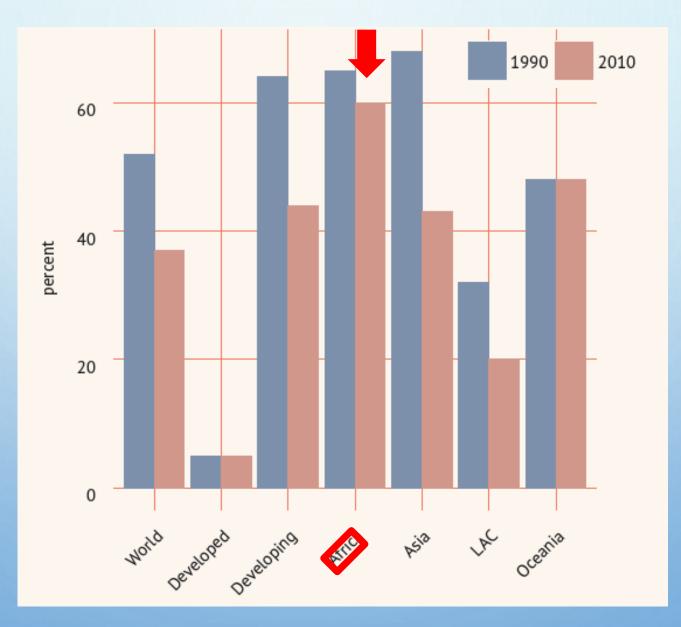
- FAST GROWING INFORMAL POPULATION
- WATER SCARCITY
  - BASIC WATER AS A HUMAN RIGHT
  - TECHNICAL METHODS OF MANAGING WATER USE
- SANITATION PROVISION
  - LARGE BACKLOG
  - WATER BORNE SANITATION SERVICE TOO EXPENSIVE AND SLOW
  - MULTIPLE DELIVERY MODES
- VULNERABLE POPULATION
  - FOOD
  - EMPLOYMENT
  - HOUSING
- ASSIMILATIVE CAPACITY OF AGRICULTURE

#### POPULATION WITHOUT REASONABLE ACCESS TO IMPROVED WATER SOURCES (2010)



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## SOUTH AFRICA - FACTS





- Area
- Population
- Density
- Access to improved water sources
- Access to improved sanitation 79%
- Water scarce country

(Census 2011)

1,221,037 km<sup>2</sup> 51,770,560 42.4/km<sup>2</sup>

91%

## WATER AND SANITATION LEGISLATION

- 1994 NEW SOUTH AFRICA
- 1994 WHITE PAPER ON WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION
   POLICY
  - 1996 CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
    - "EVERYONE HAS A RIGHT TO AN ENVIRONMENT THAT IS NOT HARMFUL TO THEIR HEALTH OR WELL-BEING"
    - "EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO HAVE ACCESS TO (...) SUFFICIENT FOOD AND WATER".
  - 1997 WATER SERVICES ACT 108
    - PROVIDING FOR THE RIGHT OF ACCESS TO BASIC WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION NECESSARY TO SECURE SUFFICIENT WATER AND AN ENVIRONMENT NOT HARMFUL TO HUMAN HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
    - "RIGHT TO BASIC SANITATION."
  - 1998 NATIONAL WATER ACT 36

- 2000 FREE BASIC SERVICES (FBS) POLICY
  - FREE BASIC SERVICES FOR THE POOR INCLUDING WATER SUPPLY, SANITATION, REFUSE REMOVAL AND ELECTRICITY
- 2002 SANITATION TECHNOLOGY OPTIONS
- 2003 STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR WATER SERVICES
  - WATER IS LIFE SANITATION IS DIGNITY
- 2004 NATIONAL WATER RESOURCE STRATEGY
- 2005 NATIONAL SANITATION STRATEGY
- 2009 FREE BASIC SANITATION (FBSAN) IMPLEMENTATION
   STRATEGY
  - "PROVIDING ALL CITIZENS WITH FREE BASIC SANITATION BY 2014"
- 2013 NATIONAL WATER RESOURCE STRATEGY (UPDATE FROM 2004)

### WATER SERVICE INSTITUTIONS

- WATER SERVICE AUTHORITY (WSA)
  - ANY MUNICIPALITY ENSURING ACCESS TO WATER SERVICES IN THE ACT
  - CAN PERFORM AS A WATER SERVICE PROVIDER
  - MAY FORM A JOINT VENTURE WITH ANOTHER WATER SERVICES
     INSTITUTION
  - MUST PREPARE A WSDP TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, AFFORDABLE
     AND SUSTAINABLE ACCESS TO WATER SERVICES
  - WSDP IS A LINK BETWEEN WATER SERVICES PROVISION AND WATER
     RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

### WATER SERVICE INSTITUTIONS

- WATER SERVICE PROVIDER (WSP)
  - TO PROVIDE WATER SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION, THE WATER SERVICES ACT AND BY-LAWS OF THE WATER SERVICES AUTHORITY
  - WSA MAY PERFORM THE FUNCTIONS OF THE WATER SERVICE PROVIDER
- WATER BOARDS
  - GOVERNMENT OWNED
  - KEY ROLE IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN WATER SECTOR
  - PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO MUNICIPALITIES
  - REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS
  - 15 WATER BOARDS IN SA
  - THE THREE LARGEST ARE RAND-WATER; UMGENI WATER; OVERBERG WATER
  - PROVIDE WATER SERVICES TO WSA'S
- WATER RESEARCH COMMISSION (WRC)

### **KEY STAKEHOLDERS**

- NATIONAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION
- WATER BOARDS
- MUNICIPALITIES
- BANKS, THE PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION WISA, WRC AND CIVIL SOCIETY

#### **ON-SITE SANITATION**

- VENTILATED IMPROVED PIT (VIP) LATRINE IS THE STANDARD FOR BASIC SANITATION IN SOUTH AFRICA
- PROBLEMS IN ENSURING LEGALLY COMPLIANT DISPOSAL OF FS'S
- A SERIES OF GUIDELINES FOR THE UTILISATION AND DISPOSAL OF SLUDGE BETWEEN 2006-2009
  - POST WORLD SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, SA, 2003
  - TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT BY UTILISING THE ENERGY OR NUTRIENTS AVAILABLE IN SLUDGE

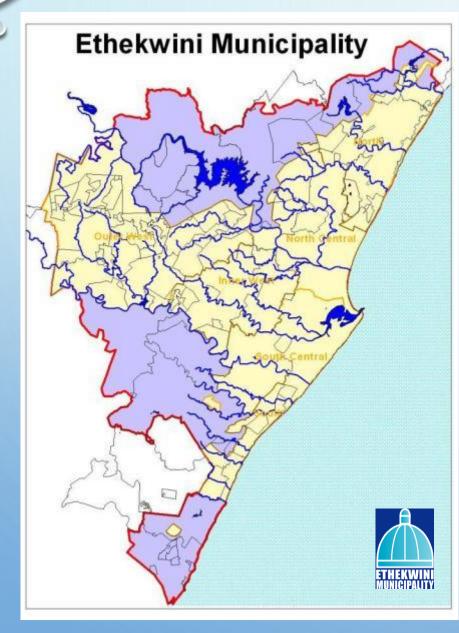
### CLASSIFICATION OF SLUDGE

	A: Unrestricted use	B: General use	C: Limited use
Microbiological class	(<1000 FC; <0.25 viable helminth ova/g dry)	(1x10 <sup>6</sup> FC; <1 HO)	(1x107; 4 HO)
Stability class	1: Stable	2: Partially stabilised	3: Unstable
Pollutant class	a: Minimal restriction	b: Moderate restriction	c: High restriction

## MANAGEMENT OPTIONS AND LIMITATIONS FOR PIT SLUDGE

- AGRICULTURE AND OTHER BENEFICIAL OPTIONS
  - REQUIRE PRE-TREATMENT OF THE SLUDGE
- SLUDGE APPLICATION METHODS
  - SURFACE APPLICATION
  - SHALLOW INCORPORATION
  - INJECTION
  - DEEP ROW ENTRENCHMENT

# DURBAN TO ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITY

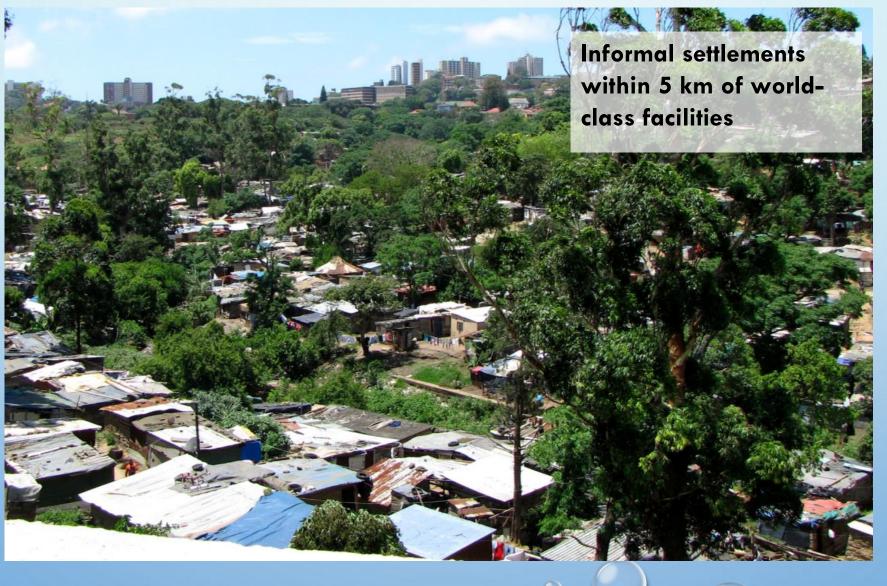


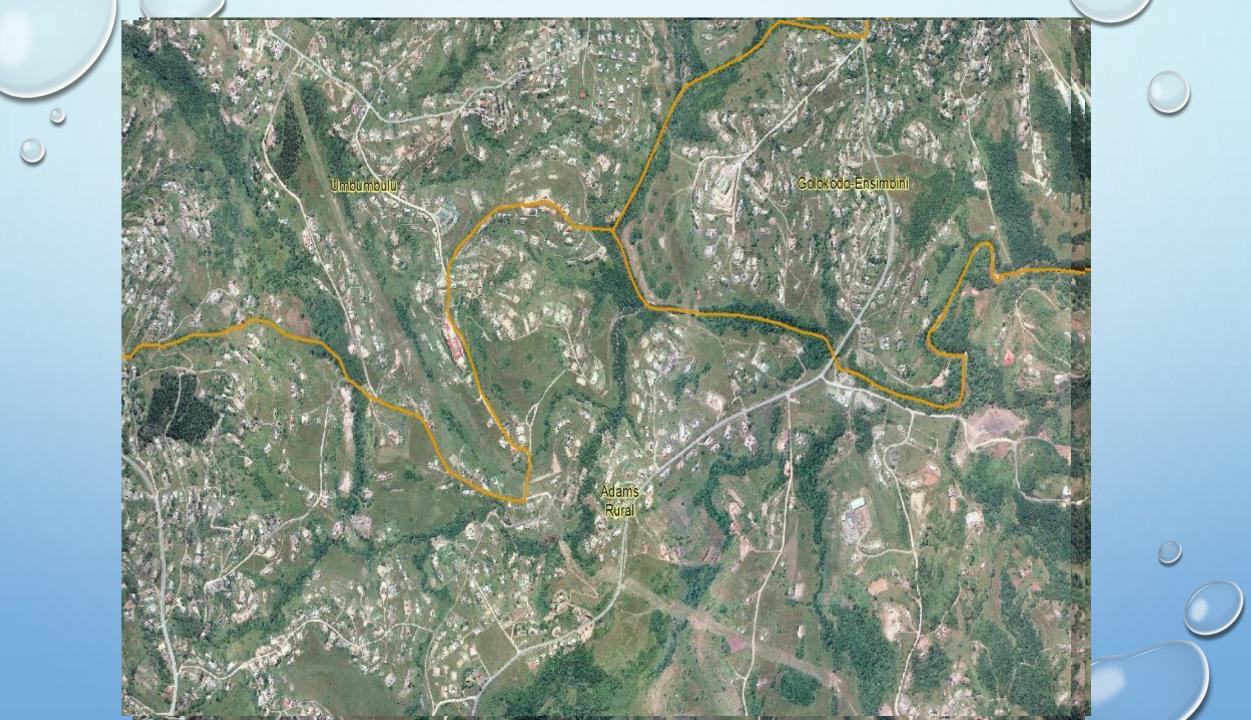
- OLD METRO
  - 1 366 KM<sup>2</sup>
  - POPULATION 2.5 MILL
- UNICITY
  - 2 297 KM<sup>2</sup>
  - POPULATION 3.5 MILL
- 1 MILL LIVE IN INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS AND TOWNSHIPS
- Committed to
  - recovery of nutrients in excreta
  - dry on-site sanitation
  - innovative delivery

## Durban: City of contrasts

- Second largest industrial hub
  - Fastest growing urban area
  - Major tourist destination
  - South Africa's major port

# Durban: City of contrasts







### CONVENTIONAL SEWAGE TREATMENT NOT ALWAYS A FEASIBLE OPTION + HIGH ENERGY CONSUMPTION



### EXCRETA PLUS FLUSH WATER

	Units	Black water (urine + faeces)	Black water + Flush water
wet mass	kg/person.y	610 —	→ 18,000
dry mass	kg/person.y	40	40
nitrogen	kg/person.y	4.5	4.5
phosphorus	kg/person.y	0.5	0.5

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all pathogens are in the water! ,

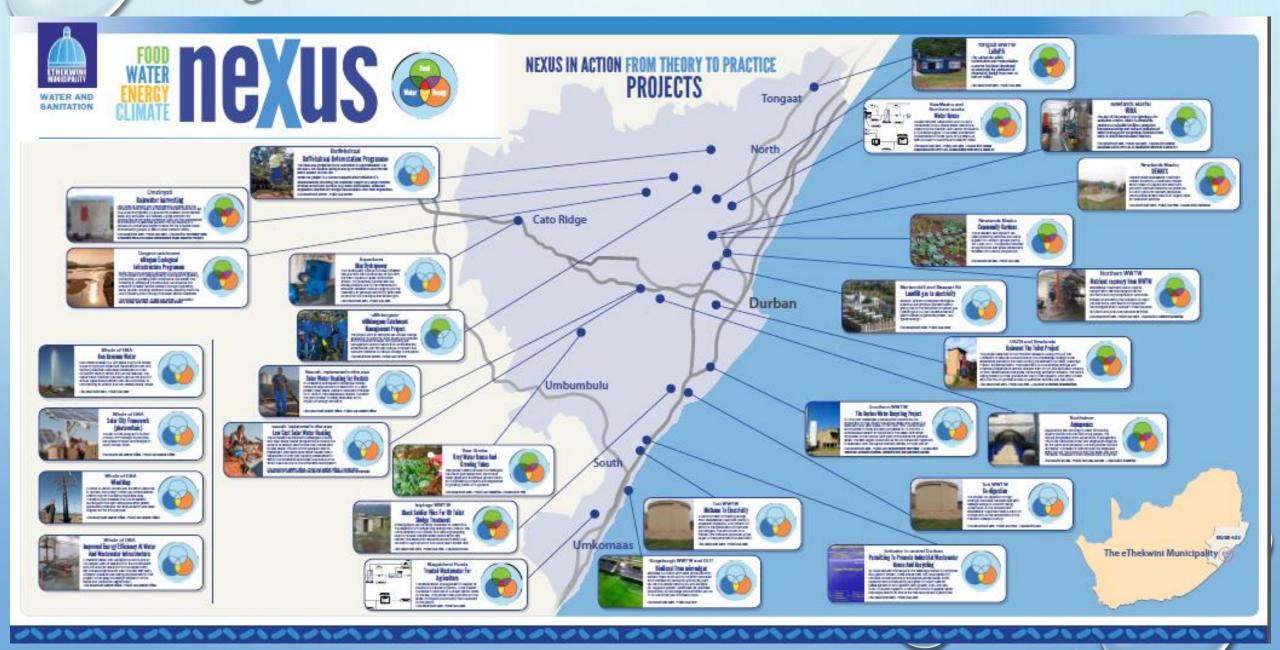
## NEXUS APPROACH

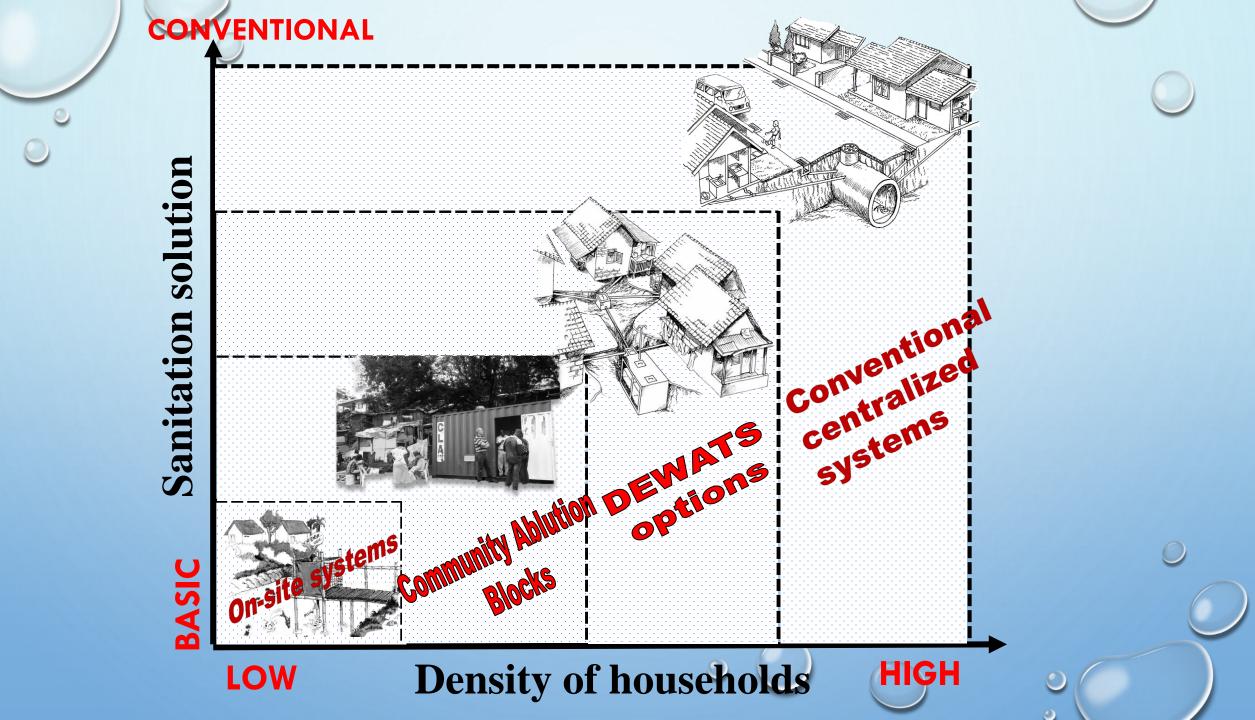
# Water – Sanitation – Food - Energy

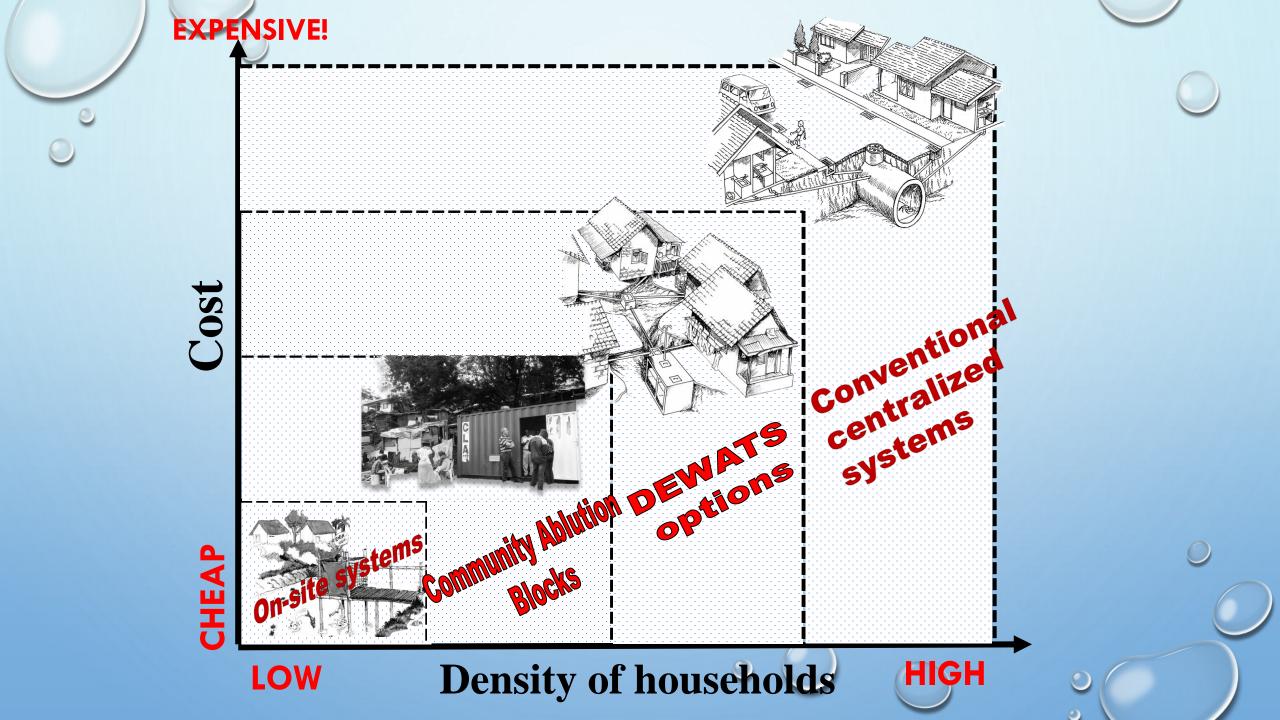
- THROUGH THE TREATMENT OF FS/WW:
  - RECOVERING WATER FOR REUSE
  - PROVIDING SAFE AND AFFORDABLE SANITATION
  - RECOVERING NUTRIENTS FOR FOOD SECURITY
  - RECOVERING ENERGY

- **RESPONSIBILITIES** 
  - PROVISION OF W&S SERVICES TO ALL CUSTOMERS IN THE MUNICIPALITY
  - PUBLIC HEALTH IS THE OBJECTIVE
  - SANITATION SYSTEM IN HARMONY WITH WATER SUPPLY
  - ALL WATER TO BE ADSORBED ON-SITE UNLESS FORMAL SEWERS PROVIDED

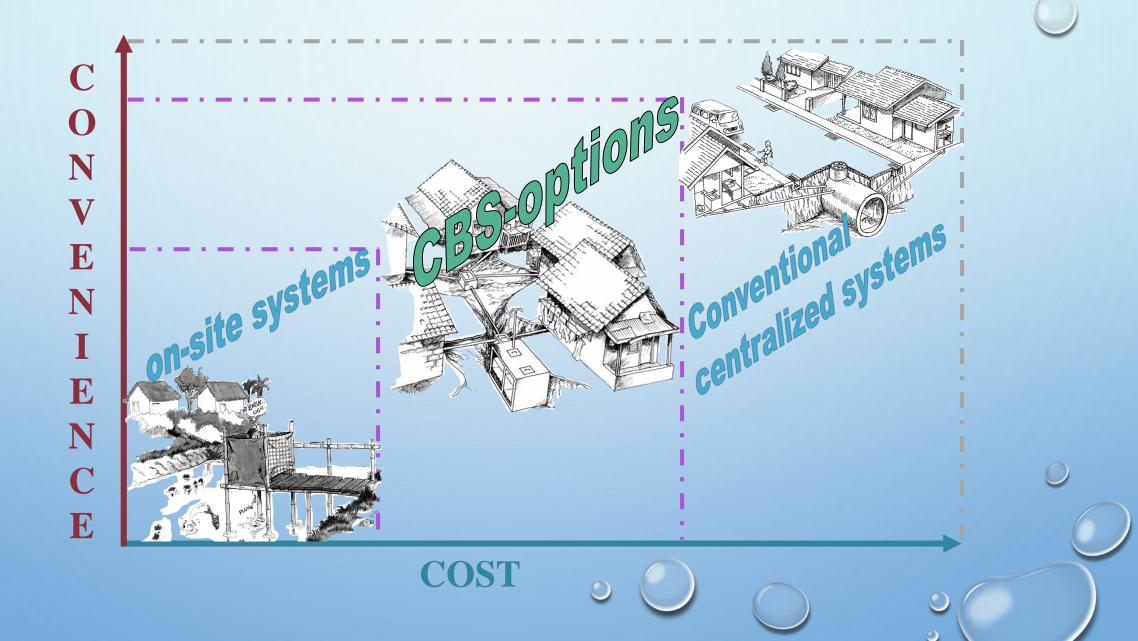
#### THE MUNICIPALITY







### Filling the gap: ww treatment >5 up to 5,000 p



# Current Situation – eThekwini

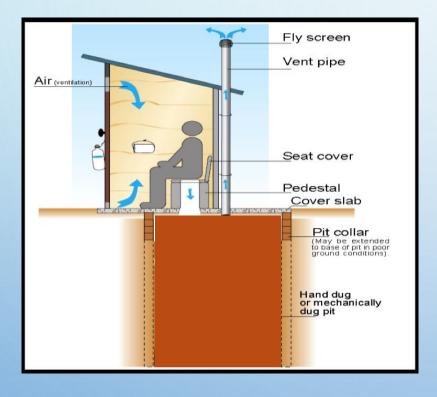
- 1 mil people in informal settlements and townships
- 35 000 VIPs
  - Need regular emptying
  - Entrepreneurs empty pits safely
  - LaDePa dry, pasteurised pellets
- 80 000 UDDTs
  - BSF treatment
- 360 Community Ablution Blocks
  - central area sewered or VIP
- DEWATS
- Conventional sewer



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# PIT EMPTYING









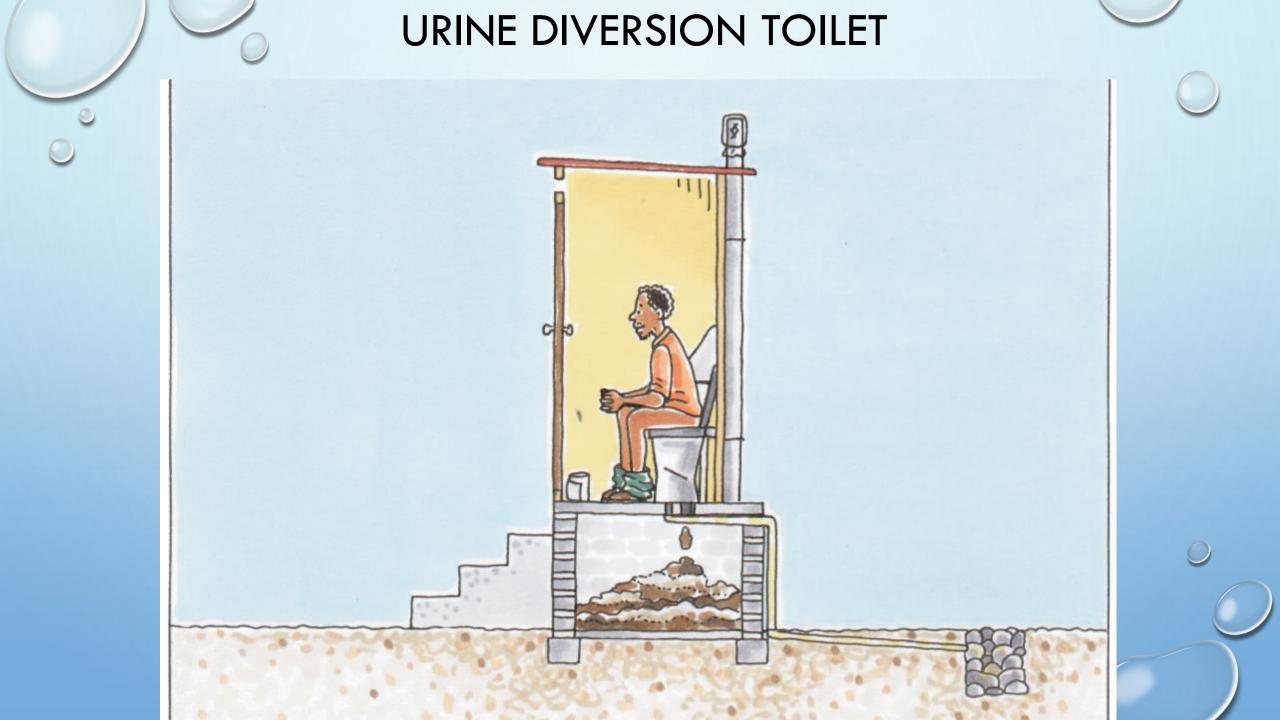




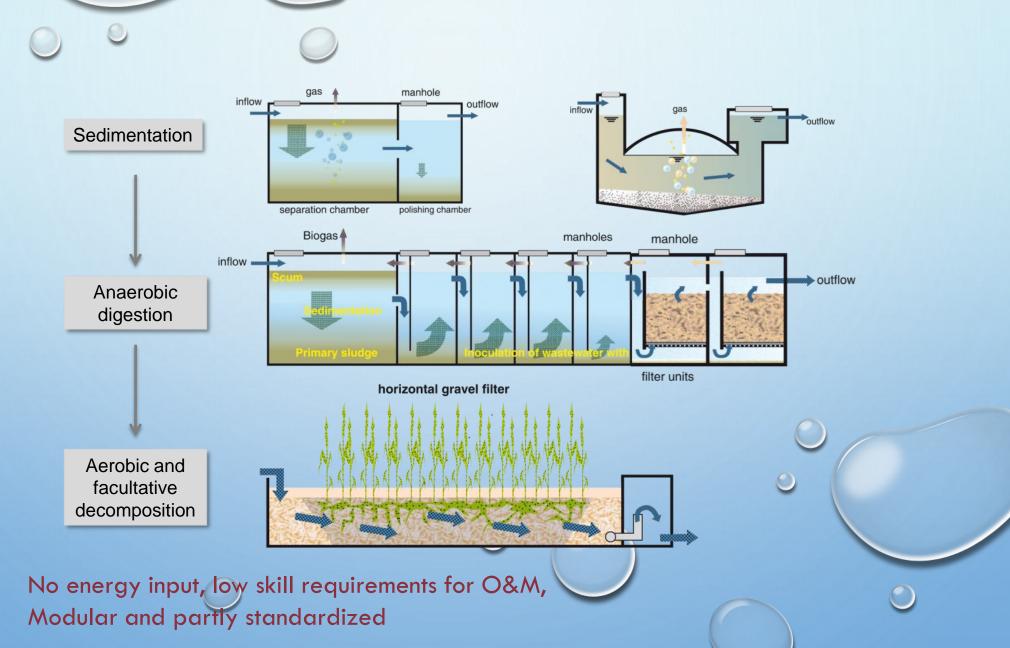




## URINE DIVERSION TOILETS



#### **Decentralised Wastewater Treatment Systems**



### POLLUTION RESEARCH GROUP – PRIMARY ACTIVITIES

- CONTRACT RESEARCH
- EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND IN THE WASH FIELD
- CUSTOMER FOCUSED
- POST GRADUATE STUDENTS
- FUNDING
  - ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITY
  - WATER RESEARCH COMMISSION
  - BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION
  - BORDA (INGO)
- WIDE COLLABORATION
  - HEALTH, SCIENCE, AGRICULTURE, SOCIAL SCIENCE, ENGINEERING

#### FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES OFFERED BY THE PRG TO SUPPORT FAECAL SLUDGE RESEARCH

- ACCESS TO DIFFERENT SANITATION SYSTEMS
- SANITATION (REFERENCE) LABORATORY
- MECHANICAL WORKSHOP
- FIELD TESTING
- SYSTEMS AND PROTOTYPES TESTING
- TRAINING AND SHARING

# ACCESS TO SANITATION SYSTEMS

- PARTNERSHIP WITH ETHEKWINI WATER AND SANITATION
  - VIP LATRINES
  - URINE DIVERSION TOILETS
  - COMMUNITY ABLUTION BLOCKS
  - POUR-FLUSH TOILETS
  - BLACK SOLDIER FLIES
  - CONVENTIONAL SYSTEMS
  - Orientation for city leaders and officials
  - Social and technical orientation
  - Sampling and data gathering





# SANITATION TOURS











## FIELD TESTING - NEWLANDS MASHU SITE

- AGRICULTURAL TRAINING CENTRE
- BORDA DEWATS ANAEROBIC BAFFLED REACTOR
- CONSTRUCTED WETLANDS
- AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH
  - FIELD TRIALS
  - POT TRIALS
  - MICROBIAL RISK ASSESSMENT
  - URINE PRODUCT EVALUATION (STRUVITE, VUNA PROJECT)
- LABORATORY

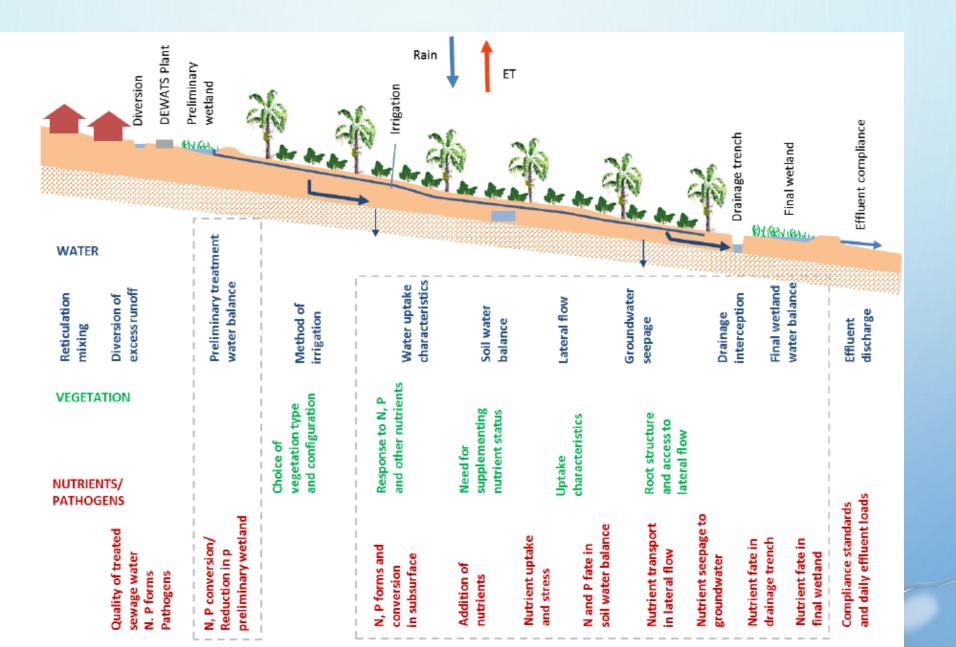




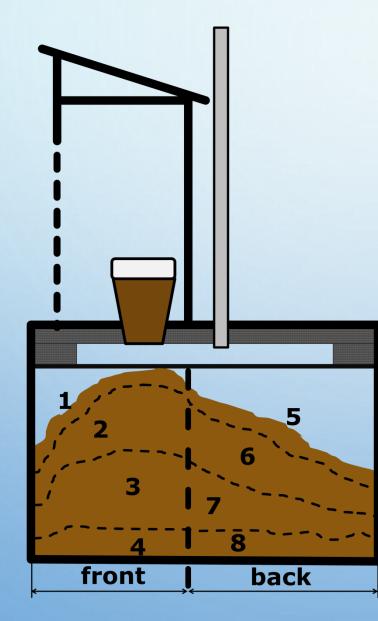




# AGRICULTURAL TRIALS AND MODELS



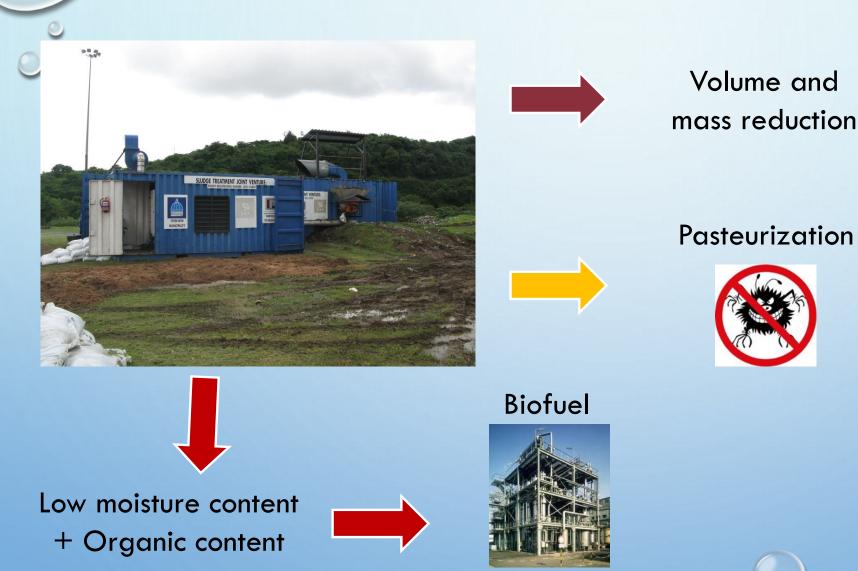
#### FIELD TESTING - PIT EMPTYING AND SAMPLING







# Field testing - LaDePa - Faecal sludge drying and pasteurisation



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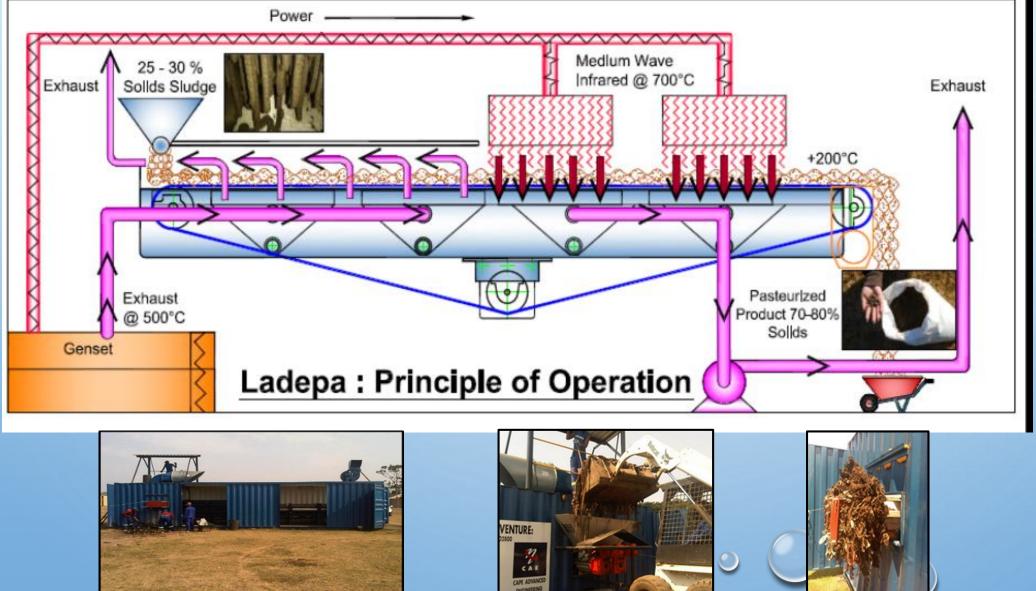
Transport cost

decrease

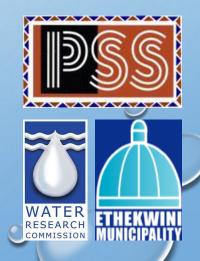
Agriculture use



# LADEPA (LATRINE DEHYDRATION AND PASTEURISATION)







# SLUDGE PASTEURISATION AND AGRICULTURAL REUSE











# Pit + LaDePa; UDDT+black soldier fly

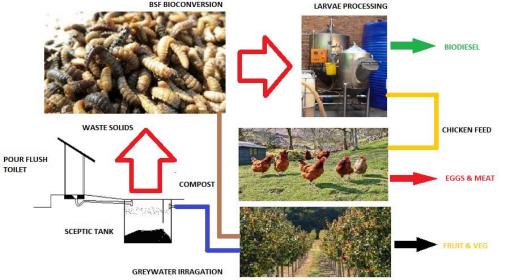


BFF BIOCONVERSION LARVAE PROCESSING BIODIESEL BIODIESEL BIODIESEL BIODIESEL COMPOSI SCEPTIC TANK CREYWATER IRRAGATION CREYW

# Pit + LaDePa; UDDT+black soldier fly+VUNA



**BSF BIOCONVERSION** 





# LABORATORY

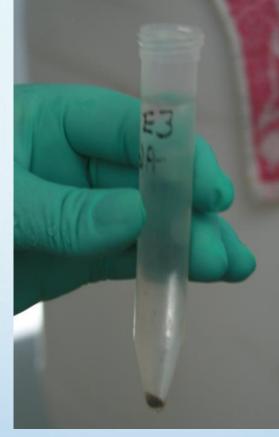
- HEALTH AND SAFETY FOR ANALYSING FAECES AND URINE
- COMPREHENSIVE EQUIPMENT FOR FAECAL SLUDGE
   CHARACTERISATION
- PREPARATION FOR EXTERNAL SPECIALISED ASSAYS
- MULTIPLE SAMPLES AND REPLICATES
- TRAINED TECHNICIANS AND RESEARCHERS
  - PHYSICAL, CHEMICAL, MICROBIOLOGICAL, AGRICULTURAL
- STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOPS)
- LAB-SCALE PILOTING

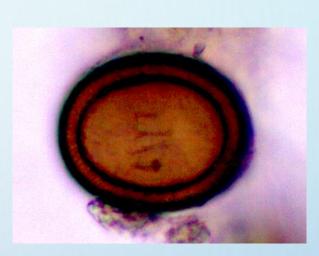
## SPECIALISED SANITATION LABORATORY



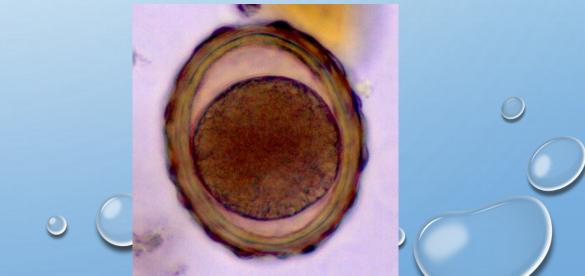














# MECHANICAL WORKSHOP

- EQUIPMENT CONSTRUCTION
- MODIFICATION

Viscous heater



Hydraulic ram



### SYSTEMS AND PROTOTYPES TESTING

# **BMGF PROJECTS:**

- REINVENT THE TOILET CHALLENGE
- PHASE I
- PHASE II DATA ACQUISITION AND FIELD SUPPORT FOR
   SANITATION PROJECTS
- MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF FAECAL SLUDGE
- CAPACITY GRANT: EQUIPMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY MODIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR DEVELOPING THE CAPACITY TO SUPPORT GRANTEES FIELD TESTING IN DURBAN, SA





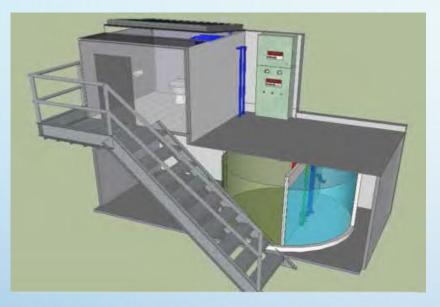


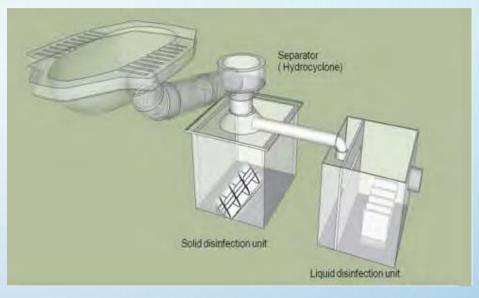


# **REINVENT THE TOILET FAIR: INDIA 2013**









Solar septic tank

#### Hydrocyclone toilet





# JANICKI INDUSTRIES

#### **OMNI-PROCESSOR**





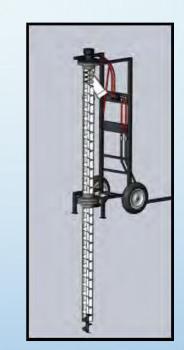
# **FSOI DEVELOPMENT FIRMS**

# THE FECAL SLUDGE OMNI-INGESTOR (FSOI) AND OTHER PIT EMPTYING DEVICES



#### NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY HYGIENIC PIT EMPTYING USING A MODIFIED AUGER – "THE EXCREVATOR"





### SANERGY

**BUILDING AN INTEGRATED SANITATION VALUE CHAIN** 





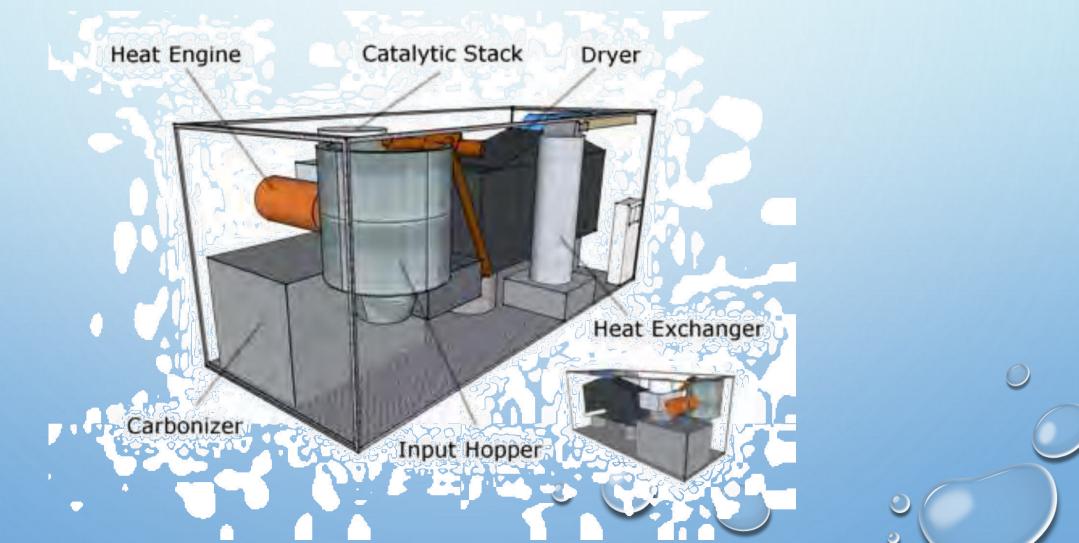
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#### **CLIMATE FOUNDATION**

CONVERSION OF HUMAN WASTE INTO BIOCHAR USING PYROLYSIS AT COMMUNITY SCALE FACILITY



# CRANFIELD UNIVERSITY

#### The Nano Membrane Toilet







#### SANIR: UPGRADING HUMAN WASTE WITH PLASMA-DRIVEN GASIFICATION







#### OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Viscous heater for pathogen inactivation in faecal sludge





## **RTI INTERNATIONAL**

#### AN INTEGRATED ON-SITE WASTE TREATMENT AND TOILET SYSTEM.

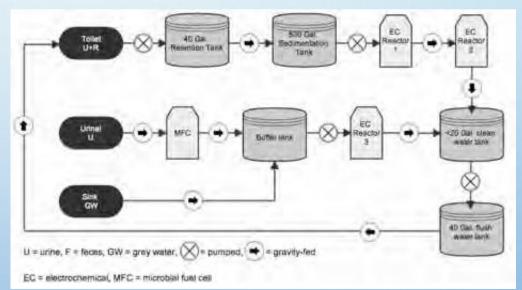




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### CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (CALTECH)





DUKE UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

# NEIGHBORHOOD-SCALE TREATMENT OF SEWAGE SLUDGE BY SUPERCRITICAL WATER OXIDATION



EAWAG (SWISS FEDERAL INSTITUTE OF AQUATIC SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY), DESIGN BY EOOS

#### **BLUE DIVERSION TOILET**





## LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY

#### REINVENTEDTOILET@LBORO

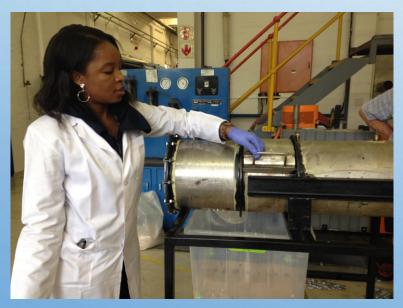


### TRAINING AND SHARING

- TRAINING (IN SITU OR REMOTELY)
  - LAB TRAINING
  - SAMPLING
  - POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS AND INTERNS
  - FSM ONLINE COURSE
- DEVELOPMENT OF SOPS
- HOST RESEARCHERS (SHORT / LONG TERM)
- DATA DISSEMINATION
  - DATA BASE ON FS AND URINE CHARACTERISTICS
  - UNDERTAKE DATA COLLECTION ON SPECIFIC REQUESTS

## HYDRAULIC RAM FOR TRASH SEPARATION FROM FS









## DEVELOPMENT OF FS SIMULANTS

#### TOILET FAIR INDIA 2013

The Recipe for Fake Poop



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Researchers around the world are working to reinvent the toilet, bringing toilets to the 2.5 billion people worldwide who don't have a safe place to relieve themselves. But there's a slightly gross problem—how do you test a toilet in a sanitary and, ahem, *repeatable* way?

Enter "fake poop," my preferred term for what scientists call "synthetic sludge simulant." Yes, this is a material meant to simulate fecal matter, and it has to have properties very similar to real fecal matter—minus all the pathogens, odors, and grossness. For this year's Reinvent the Toilet Fair, a new recipe was developed by the Pollution Research Group at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Their recipe was inspired by a research paper on simulated fecal

#### http://mentalfloss.com/article/56003/recipe-fake-poop

Radford, JT; Underdown, C; Velkushanova, K; Byrne, A; Smith, DPK; Fenner, RA; Pietrovito, J; Whitesell, A; "Faecal sludge simulants to aid the development of desludging technologies" Journal of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for Development", 5, 3, 456-464, 2015, IWA Publishing



### **FSM ONLINE COURSE**

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Discussion Board

Overview:

Prerequisites:

**PPRG** 



Learning Objectives:

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#### **Course Details:**

Start Date: 7th March 2016 Course Duration: 16 weeks Language: English Cost: \$20



The FSM online course is based on the book recently published by the IWA.

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https://prg-durban.org.za/course/faecal-sludge-management

Assessment

GLOBAL FAECAL SLUDGE MANAGEMENT

e-LEARNING ALLIANCE

## K5/2414 Household Sanitation Technology Assessment and Evaluation Protocol (Water Research Commission SA)

- Desktop review
- Field verification
- Laboratory verification
- Overall technology assessment











Household Sanitation Technology Assessment and Evaluation Protocol

## LESSONS LEARNED AND CONSIDERATIONS

- $\checkmark$  It is ideal for reviewer to be involved in selection of the site(s) to visit.
- Supplier should describe the toilet operation in detail on-site. This captures nuanced items that may be neglected in initial forms and brings clarity.
- ✓ Try to get input from other people on site in particular users





Household Sanitation Technology Assessment and Evaluation Protocol

## LESSONS LEARNED AND CONSIDERATIONS

- ✓ Check all components thoroughly really get inside the system
- ✓ Check for dead zones and short circuiting
- ✓ Take good notes and report back











Household Sanitation Technology Assessment and Evaluation Protocol

## MICROWAVE DIGESTER TECHNOLOGY (UNESCO-IHE) – PROTOTYPE TESTING









INTERACTIONS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS - PROVISION OF DATA, HOSTING VISITORS, ASSISTANCE ON RESEARCH PROJECTS, TESTING OF PROTOTYPES AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

•AGRI PROTEIN (SOUTH AFRICA) •ASIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (THAILAND)

•BANGLADESH UNIVERSITY OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY (BUET)

•BATH UNIVERSITY (UK)

•BEAUMONT (USA)

•BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION

•BORDA

•BRISTOL ROBOTICS LAB (UK)

•CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY (USA)

•CENTRE OF SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENT (INDIA)

•CLIMATE FOUNDATION (USA)

•CRANFIELD UNIVERSITY (UK)

•DUKE UNIVERSITY (USA)

•EAWAG (SWITZERLAND)

•ETHEKWINI WATER AND SANITATION (SOUTH AFRICA)

•FIRMENICH (SWITZERLAND)

•INRA (FRANCE)

•JANICKI INDUSTRIES (USA) •LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY (UK)

•MOTT MACDONALD (UK)

•NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY (USA)

NORTH-WEST UNIVERSITY, UNIT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT, POTCHEFSTROOM CAMPUS
OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY (USA)
PLYMOUTH MARINE LABORATORY (UK)
RESEARCH TRIANGLE INSTITUTE (USA)
SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY (USA) •STOCKHOLM ENVIRONMENT INSTITUTE

•SWEDISH UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

•SYNAPSE

•TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF DELFT (TU DELFT, NETHERLANDS)

•UNESCO-IHE (NETHERLANDS)

•UNILEVER (UK)

•UNIVERSITÉ LAVAL (CANADA)
•UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, LONDON (UK)
•UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO (USA)
•UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

•UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL •UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO (CANADA) AFRICAN ORGANISATIONS • KHANYISA PROJECTS • PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT (PID)

• AFRICAN MUNICIPALITIES

• BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT

• JIMMA UNIVERSITY, ETHIOPIA

• EGERTON UNIVERSITY, KENYA

MAKERERE UNIVERSITY, UGANDA

• UNIVERSITY, OF MALAWI, MALAWI

• UNIVERSITY OF ZAMBIA, ZAMBIA

• UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA, BOTSWANA

WATER FOR PEOPLE, UGANDA

• MZUZU UNIVERSITY, MALAWI

• RHODES UNIVERSITY, RSA

• INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR WATER & ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING (2IE), BURKINA FASO

# **THANK YOU!**



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