The ParisTech "SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT Water for All" Chair

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MISSION, OBJECTIVES, PARTNERS

The ParisTech "SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT Water for All" Chair was created in 2009. Agro-ParisTech and MINES ParisTech are the schools bearing this teaching and research Chair. One of its main partners is SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, through the SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT Initiatives Funds, that provides a skills-based sponsorship arrangement and financial support. The Chair aims to address the operational management challenges of water and sanitation services in developing, emerging and transitional countries.
Supported by the research programme of the Chair, the Advanced Masters Eau pour Tous - Water for All **"International Executive Masters OPT (IEM OpT)"** was created to **expand the skills of leaders and executive managers** who are needed by large urban water and sanitation utilities to move their service towards excellence in terms of quality and operational efficiency. It is based in Montpellier, France.

SANDWICH COURSES AND INNOVATIVE PEDAGOGY

The OpT programme lasts 16 months and is held in both English and French languages.
During the training, every trainee will work on building the strategic action plan of a city or a region, counting from 100 000 inhabitants to several millions:

- Diagnosis, Issues at stake, Vision for the service
- Long-term strategic planning
- Prospective and modelling
- Political, social, economic and financial feasibility
- Operational action plan backed up by a strategic plan

This work constitutes the final thesis of every trainee.
Training takes the form of a sandwich course with two 3 months face-to-face training blocks in France and abroad for a fieldtrip, and two 4 months blocks spent in the trainee's company to apply and share with their team methods acquired during the training.

For further information: **www.agroparistech.fr/-OpT-EaupourTous**

2008 TO 2014 REVIEW and 2015-2016 PROGRAMME

In the space of 6 years:

- 82 managers from 32 countries on four continents have been trained by over 120 trainers and some 20 mentors and tutors from SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT and other leading French companies.
- Almost 90 towns and cities now have strategic action plans covering a period of 15 to 20 years. A combination of knowledge transfer and strategy implementation will ensure better management of water resources, utilities will be more efficient and service will be of better quality, benefiting to over 35 million inhabitants.
- In 2015, Mamadou Dia Class welcomes 36 operational managers coming from 20 countries. Case studies will be held in Uganda and Burkina Faso and they might be held in Asia in 2017.



Graduation Ceremony
International Executive Masters OpT 2013-14

PARTNERS

- **AgroParisTech** is the leading institution for life and environmental sciences and industries and is ranked top for life sciences in France and Europe.
- **MINES ParisTech** as France's leading institution by volume of contract research handles a high level of industry-oriented research activity.
- **SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT** supplies drinking water to 92 million people, delivers wastewater treatment services to 65 million. It collects waste produced by almost 50 million, recovers 14 million tons of waste each year and produces 5,138 GWh of local and renewable energy.
- Fonds **SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT Initiatives** represents the commitment of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT for the access of vulnerable populations to essential services.
- **French Agency for Development** (AFD), French Water Agencies and Languedoc-Roussillon Region have supported this capacity building programme as well.

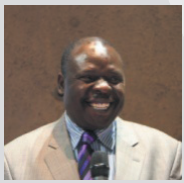
MENTORS OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE MASTERS OPT



Ek Sonn Chan
2009-10



Nadia Abdou
2010-11



Dennis Mwanza
2011-12



Petre Roman
2013-14



Mamadou Dia
2015-16

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