

Kyoto 3rd WWF

Statement on Ecological Sanitation

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1. Ecological sanitation (ecosan) is an environment-friendly and safe approach to sanitation.
2. Ecosan is holistic in that it saves water, prevents water pollution, sanitizes and recycles the nutrients and organics to restore soil and soil fertility.
3. Ecosan includes low- as well as high-cost solutions for rural and urban settings. Ecosan can be more cost-effective than conventional sanitation and thereby offering a greater chance of meeting the Millennium Development Goals and the Johannesburg Commitments on Sanitation.
4. Ecosan is applicable to a wide array of local physical, cultural and economic conditions providing permanent installations.
5. Ecosan concepts and techniques can also be used to upgrade conventional pit latrines and flush systems.
6. Ecosan is being applied successfully in many locations in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Americas, and Oceania.
7. At the Kyoto 3rd WWF, ecosan emerged as a significant option in meeting the Millennium Development Goals and the Johannesburg Commitments on Sanitation and is supported *inter alia* by UNDP, UNEP, UNICEF, Water and Sanitation Programme (World Bank), EU, Government of Uganda, GTZ (Germany), Sida (Sweden), Austrian Aid, SDC (Switzerland), IWA, CREPA, Mvula Trust, the City of Kyoto and the Japan Toilet Association.

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