



UNITED NATIONS
UNIVERSITY

UNU-FLORES

Institute for Integrated Management
of Material Fluxes and of Resources

ANNOUNCEMENT

1 November 2017

Calling All Wastewater Professionals:

Fill Out Survey on Needs for a Knowledge Platform on Constructed Wetlands and Secure a Copy of *Safe Use of Wastewater in Agriculture: Good Practice Examples (2016)*

Information on constructed wetlands is currently unevenly distributed. UNU-FLORES has designed a questionnaire to identify the needs of potential users of a global platform on constructed wetlands. Wastewater professionals from science and practice are called on to share their needs through a brief online survey and secure a digital copy of *Safe Use of Wastewater in Agriculture: Good Practice Examples (2016)*.

Dresden, 1 November 2017. – Target 6.3 of the Sustainable Development Goals calls for halving the proportion of untreated wastewater and increasing recycling and safe use globally by 2030. Constructed wetlands can help achieve this target, but it remains unclear to which extent. Currently there is no knowledge about how much these systems contribute to global wastewater treatment and use. The existing data on constructed wetlands is unevenly distributed and many regions, especially in developing countries, face data scarcity.

To address these challenges, UNU-FLORES researchers are creating a central digital platform on constructed wetlands. The platform will compile accessible data and provide a mechanism for data submission. The Constructed Wetlands Knowledge Platform (CWKP) will consist of a comprehensive database and a geographic information system. These functions will enable the assessment of the global amount of wastewater treated by constructed wetlands and support the efforts of various stakeholders in research, policymaking, financing, implementation, and operation.

To shape this complex web solution according to the needs of its potential users, wastewater professionals from science and practice are called on to share their needs in an online survey, based on their best knowledge. The results will be fundamental in designing and implementing the CWKP. Upon submitting the questionnaire, participants will receive a free digital copy of UNU-FLORES's path-breaking book *Safe Use of Wastewater in Agriculture: Good Practice Examples (2016)*.

The survey is available in four languages (English, French, Spanish, and German), and is accessible at: cwkp.questionpro.com. Responding to it will take about 15 minutes.

###

For enquiries, please contact:

Kurt Brüggemann

Water Resources Management
United Nations University
Institute for Integrated Management of Material Fluxes and of Resources (UNU-FLORES)
Ammonstrasse 74
01067 Dresden, Germany

Tel: + 49 351 7999 3813

Fax: + 49 351 8921 9389

Email: brueggemann@unu.edu

United Nations University Institute on the Integrated Management of Material Fluxes and of Resources

The United Nations University aims to develop sustainable solutions for pressing global problems of human survival and development. The Institute for the Integrated Management of Material Fluxes and of Resources (UNU-FLORES) was established in Dresden, Germany in December 2012. The Institute engages in research, capacity development, advanced teaching and training. UNU-FLORES develops strategies to resolve pressing issues in the area of sustainable use and integrated management of environmental resources such as water, soil, and waste.

flores.unu.edu