# Invitation to Swedish Tsunami Conference, February 4, 2005

# CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP on:

# What Can We Do? - Mobilizing technical capacity for South-East Asia

#### **SUMMARY**

Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan (KTH), Swedish Water House and Engineers Without Borders Stockholm (INUG) invite academia (researchers and students), business (companies and professionals) and other organizations to a conference/workshop together with people and organisations that have extensive and local knowledge about the Tsunami-affected regions.

#### **BACKGROUND**

A lot of support has been raised for the regions in South East Asia affected by the Tsunami. Still a lot needs to be done in terms of mobilizing, organizing and coordinating resources. In addition to the ongoing disaster relief the focus must now be long-term development in the disaster regions.

## "What Can We Do?" highlights the following questions:

What are the most important needs?

How can aid be made long-term effective and sustainable?

What ways are there to keep a local perspective?

How can engineering or scientific knowledge be of assistance?

Keynote speakers will inform on topics of general interest, and there will be sessions on more specific topics and opportunities for discussions and networking.

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Anders Flodström, Rektor, KTH

Ben Perkasa Drejab, Head of Political Affairs, Indonesian Embassy Hasanti Dissanayake, Chargé d'affaires, Sri Lankan Embassy Johan Brisman, Coordinator of South East Asia, Sida Kjell Larsson, Head of the Humanitarian Operations Department,

Räddningsverket

Fiona Miller, Research Fellow, Risk and Vulnerability Program, Stockholm

**Environment Institute** 

Dag Nielsen, Head of Ericsson Response

#### DATE

Friday the 4th of February 1300-1700

### **LOCATION**

D1, KTH, Lindstedts väg 17, (T) Tekniska Högskolan, Stockholm

#### REGISTRATION

The workshop is free of charge, however please register with name(s), profession or area of expertise and organization by email to: <a href="mailto:whatcanwedo@biotech.kth.se">mailto:whatcanwedo@biotech.kth.se</a>

#### **ORGANIZERS**

- Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan (KTH)
- Swedish Water House and Engineers
- Without Borders Stockholm (INUG).

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Finally, please support the International Water Management Institute's Tsunami Relief Effort. This effort is providing immediate emergency relief, invigorating the IWMI network in the rebuilding of communities and making available institutional capacity available within IWMI's network. You can learn more by visiting here: <a href="http://www.iwmi.cgiar.org/tsunami">http://www.iwmi.cgiar.org/tsunami</a> appeal/index.htm

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Organising the yearly World Water Week in Stockholm. This year 21–27 August 2005. The abstract deadline for the Stockholm Water Symposium to be held during the 2005 World Water Week in Stockholm is February 1, 2005.

More information, and on-line abstract submittal, is available at: <a href="http://www.worldwaterweek.org">http://www.worldwaterweek.org</a>