



**In West Africa, 75% of the population live without adequate sanitation facilities, representing a significant burden for health and economic development.**

# WEST AFRICAN POLICY AND ADVOCACY ACTIVATOR

## Background

In the world, 1 in 3 people still live without adequate sanitation facilities (WHO/UNICEF, 2017).

More than 2 billion people around the world resort to a non-sewered sanitation system, without having access to a suitable and adapted sewage and fecal sludge management mechanism (WHO, 2017). The sludge is therefore dumped directly into the urban environment, thereby causing serious health and environmental problems.

## Our Vision

Enable cities where all citizens live productive, healthy, dignified lives in an environment free from fecal contamination. Cities where human waste is managed to safeguard the urban environment, including water and food supplies.

## Objective

Speak Up Africa and Niyel are committed through advocacy, to support governments toward increasing the access to and use of non-sewered sanitation in Francophone West Africa. This through a three-tiered approach which directly targets: municipalities, policy-making at the national level and strong engagement at the regional level.

## Which stakeholders are to be engaged?



**Regional institutions.**



**Political leaders at the national level.**



**Local authorities.**



**Civil society organizations.**



**Media.**



**Communities.**

# How do we get there?



## At the regional level

- Ensure that regional intergovernmental agencies (The African Ministers' Council on Water, the African Water Association and the African Water Facility) increase their commitment to non-sewered sanitation and fecal sludge management.
- Develop and produce advocacy tools.

- Work with the African Ministers' Council on Water and the African Water Association to implement the African Local Authorities Network on Sanitation.

- Build a strong network of high-level political and public influencers to ensure fecal sludge management and non-sewered sanitation are on regional meetings' agendas.



## At the national level

- Mobilize champions at the national level to ensure the promotion and enactment of gender sensitive and equitable non-sewered sanitation policies that incorporate fecal sludge management.

- Involve the media to actively amplify media coverage around sanitation and Fecal Sludge Management .

- Engage civil society organization, decision-makers and communities around non-sewered sanitation.
- Mobilize parliamentarians as active champions for Fecal Sludge Management and Non-Sewered Sanitation.



## At the municipal level

- Speak Up Africa supports the Municipalities of Ouagadougou, Yamoussoukro and Dakar in setting concrete actions to implement gender inclusive and equitable strategies that incorporate the full fecal sludge management value chain.



## About us



Headquartered in Dakar, Senegal, Speak Up Africa is a Policy and Advocacy action tank dedicated to catalyzing leadership, enabling policy change, and increasing awareness for sustainable development in Africa. Through our platforms and relationships and with the help of our partners, we ensure that policy-makers meet implementers; that solutions are showcased and that every sector – from individual citizens and civil society groups to global donors and business leaders – contributes critically to the dialogue and strives to form the blueprints for concrete action toward public health and sustainable development on the continent.



Niyel is a campaigns, advocacy and public affairs firm with strong relationships with civil society organizations and decision-makers across the continent. The firm contributes to the planning and implementation of initiatives supporting organizations in conducting measurable changes and sustainable policies and practices. Headquartered in Senegal since 2008, Niyel has worked with hundreds of development organizations and governments, as well as political and cultural actors to influence policies and practices in over 35 countries. Niyel also has an office located in Kigali, Rwanda.