



BORDA is in a constant state of progress. The success of our work over the past few years has led to the inspiring and exciting development of our organization. From 2010 to 2014, we achieved an annual overall turnover increase of approximately 85% and increased the number of partner countries by 90% from 11 to 21.

BORDA's steady growth has meant adding new members to our team, not only in our regional offices but also in our Bremen headquarters, where our team outgrew its work space. This past spring we moved to a new office and hosted an official housewarming party to mark the occasion.

The new office at Am Deich 45 is a luminous, airy space with two meeting rooms, a cosy kitchen, and a view of the Weser River. The space fits perfectly with the dynamic and future-oriented work of our team, and the river view is a continuous reminder of our main theme: water.

Members and friends of BORDA together with well-known figures from politics, press, and trade joined us to celebrate the opening of our new home. Aiming to inform as well as entertain, the event included a press conference and remarks from our managing director Stefan Reuter and the chairman of the board Joachim Klaemdt. These talks provided a springboard for interesting discussions about BORDA and the topic of water and development cooperation past, present and future. Photographer Julia Knop's exhibition "Water matters" featured impressionist pictures from India, accompanied by live music from the Australian singer-songwriter Kaurna Cronin.





The past year has seen some exciting developments at BORDA. The new office space isn't the only improvement. We have also been working on new ways to make BORDA's work more visible and understandable. One of these initiatives is our YouTube Channel BORDA Global TV, stocked with brand-new videos from explainity that present complex information in a friendly and accessible way, as well as interesting speeches from conferences, documentaries from our regions, and much more. We encourage you to check out the channel and send us feedback about your experience there.

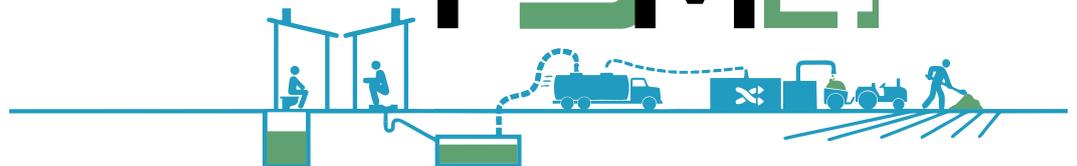
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A Delegation of the Ministry of Cooperation of Germany visited BORDA's Cuban Partner GTE-Bahia

On July 15, 2016, a delegation from the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) visited the State Working Group for the Sanitation of the Havana Bay (GTE-BH) at the second's Headquarters. Under the leadership of the Secretary of State, Mr. Hans-Joachim Fuchtel, the BMZ delegation was received by the President of GTE-BH, Mr. Santiago Reyes and the Director of Projects and Collaboration Mr. Yosvany Simon Gil.

This meeting allowed GTE-BH reporting on the characteristics of the Havana Bay watershed, the challenges of its sanitation and its role in cooperation with BORDA to develop a strategy based on the introduction of decentralized water and sanitation solutions. In addition to this, GTE-BH remarked the importance of the BMZ-funded cooperation in the years 1999-2003 and the capacity building activities for GTE-BH team held in Germany and Cuba led by the German Civil Defense (THW). Mr. Fuchtel and his delegation were also informed in detail on the scope of the comprehensive collaborative projects between GTE-BH and BORDA which aim at generating a new sanitation perspective, integrating on the one hand different aspects such as wastewater treatment, the treatment of solid waste, reuse of treatment products, water supply and storm water management and on the other hand, consider the new tourist destination of the bay.

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Water Institute of Southern Africa (WISA) Conference, Durban, South Africa, 15 – 19 May 2016

The Water Institute of Southern Africa (WISA) held in May its biannual conference in Durban, South Africa. The event attracted more than 2,000 delegates from different segments of the sector. Organised under the theme 'Water: the ultimate constraint', the conference hosted 54 sessions, 26 parallel workshops, and more than 50 exhibitors who showcased a variety of innovative technologies.

Delegates from BORDA and partner organizations including eThekweni Municipality and the Pollution Research Group from the University of KwaZulu Natal attended the conference as session hosts and participants. These delegates shared their research results, made oral presentations, presented posters, and contributed to discussion sessions as experts in the field.

Conference organizers conducted a visit to the Newlands Mashu Research Site, attended by a delegation of 60 guests. The visit proved to be a success and served as an effective conclusion to the WISA Conference 2016. Durban provided the perfect platform, as eThekweni Municipality was named the 2014 winner of the prestigious Stockholm Industry Water Award for its transformative and inclusive approach to providing water and sanitation services. The city is recognized as a leader in innovation as the operator of the most progressive water utility in Africa.

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German Ambassador Visited Ecology and Climate Center, Bamyan, Afghanistan

German Ambassador H.E Markus Potzel visited Ecology and Climate Center Bamyan (ECCB) on 31 May 2016. ECCB is a joint initiative between BORDA, UNEP and COAM to research, investigate, support, promote and implement environmentally sustainable programs and educational initiatives.

Ambassador Potzel paid a visit to the ECCB's exhibition area showcasing green technologies then attended a workshop organized by ECCB partners to introduce the Ecology and Climate Center and share BORDA's program results in Afghanistan.

Ambassador Potzel expressed his appreciation for ECCB's initiatives on protection of the environment and promotion of green technologies in Bamyan. He also thanked BORDA for their excellent work in Afghanistan and added, "We are very happy that the German money is spent in very useful projects."

The workshop was followed by a visit to Biogas project sites in Lalakhil village, Bamyan.

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Women power in the sanitation sector

Keeping in mind the increased importance of sanitation for the current Indian government, especially in the area of Faecal Sludge Management (FSM), BORDA-South Asia has aligned its activities under the following themes for this year:

1. Consolidate efforts in FSM
2. Take capacity building to a new level
3. Evolve from a micro-level DEWATS approach to a meso-level approach at the cluster level

1. Consolidate our efforts in FSM

With the Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant (FSTP) plant at Devanahalli running well and its day-to-day operations proceeding smoothly, Consortium of DEWATS Dissemination (CDD) Society's FSM team is now dedicating its efforts to monitoring the plant at a micro level, to the extent of recording every load and truck. The team's efforts to encourage policy changes have begun to reflect on the day-to-day operational activities on the ground, helping fill the current gaps in the system that existed because of FSM not being given its due importance.

This year, we have also developed concepts for Faecal Sludge Treatment Plants (FSTP) for five cities in the state of Orissa and are in process of establishing another one in Gulbarga, in the state of Karnataka. Having received more than 10 enquiries from different parts of the country, we can see that word about the Devanahalli plant has spread. The successful implementation and running of the Devanahalli plant has also attracted a continuous stream of visitors - from key decision makers in the government to corporate representatives working in the water and sanitation field to international and national university students and professors, NGOs, and other experts and consultants.

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Philippines: Project QMS Desktop and Label Audit in 2nd Quarter

BORDA South East Asia has conducted an audit for recent projects undertaken by Basic Needs Services Philippines Inc. After identifying the implemented DEWATS, audits were conducted April 20 – 22, 2016 in the Province of La Union, in Region I in the northern part of Luzon.

Over four days in April 2016, an audit team from BORDA South East Asia visited four project sites in the Province of La Union in the Philippines. The team, led by Mrs. Prawisti Ekasanti as Technical Program Coordinator from BORDA Indonesia together with Mrs. Asrita Yunianti as BORDA Indonesia Technical Staff, and Ry Borin as Chief Engineer of BORDA Cambodia. Audits at each site were assisted by Engr. Jennibelle Lyka Kesip of BNS-Philippines as the host country representative.

On April 20, 2016 the team conducted two audits: one for the Balaoan Public Market assisted by the market's administration and operator, and the other for the Bangar Public Market with representatives from the Municipality. On April 21, 2016, the third audit was conducted for AVP Dressing Plant located in the Municipality of Bauang, where the team was welcomed by the owner, Mr. Anthony Padua.

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