

## ***PREFACE***



Water is of a great importance to which we stick more and more. In Morocco, country with a semi-arid climate, water resources is known for its unequal repartition in space and irregularity in time. In addition to the frequent droughts occurring since the beginning of the 80's, Morocco has undergone violent thunderstorms which have left important material damages and sometimes human life losses.

For this reason, water resources are under a great pressure because of increasing demands and released pollution either from domestic and industrial activities. To face this situation, Morocco has already taken steps to guarantee good water governance through the creation of basins agencies, federative organisms of water resources management in which all the others users are involved including the civil society.

One of the challenges to face towards rational and sustainable water management is water protection through sewage treatment and purification of the effluents discharges. Also, the Moroccan Government has launched the national programme of liquid sewage which has the full financial support from the Government and also the backers at the international level. The main objective of this programme is not only the improvement of water resources quality but also to act as effect of drive economic, to improve sanitation quality, heath and population life quality.

The Sebou basin is under a special attention from the Government because of the poor quality of the water resources. Important projects are initiated among them the wastewater treatment project of the city of Fez responsible of 40% of the pollution in the Sebou basin.

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