

## **Highlights of the Kick-off Meeting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asia-Pacific Water Summit (Final Draft)**

A Kick-off Meeting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asia-Pacific Water Summit was held 16:00-18:00, Thursday, 14 October 2010 at ADB Headquarters, Manila.

The session was co-chaired by Ms. Erna Witoelar and Mr. Ravi Narayanan, Vice-chairs of the APWF Governing Council.

Ms Witoelar opened the meeting with a welcome and invited all attending Asia Pacific Water Forum (APWF) members to contribute to the preparations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asia-Pacific Water Summit to be hosted by the government of Thailand. The Agenda for the meeting is provided in Annex 1 and a list of participants in Annex 2.

### **Agenda Item 1 Primary objective of the 2<sup>nd</sup> APWS (APWF Secretariat)**

Ms Yamaguchi provided an introduction to the Summit which will focus on “Water Security, Leadership and Commitment”. She alerted the meeting to the upcoming APWF Governing Council meeting on 6 December in Singapore where consensus on the structure, set up and proposed outcomes will be sought.

### **Agenda Item 2 Proposed structure of the 2<sup>nd</sup> APWS (MONRE, Thailand)**

Ms Parichart Katavetin and Mr Kanapoj Wandee from the organizing Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE) provided an information update for the Summit including the proposed programme, sub-themes and topics as well as the establishment of a Steering Committee and Organising Committees. The Information update is provided in Annex 3.

Discussions were held on the proposed programme with questions or requests for clarification on a number of issues which needed to be addressed including: the availability of suitable hotels, invitations from the Thai government, country representations and civil society and private sector engagement, process for and nature of Summit outcomes, duration of the Summit, and linkages between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Summit.

Ms Yamaguchi provided clarification on the 1<sup>st</sup> Summit outcomes which included 1) APWF Policy Brief, 2) Chair’s Summary, 3) Message from Beppu, and 4) Summit Proceedings.

It was agreed that discussions will be held at the upcoming APWF Governing Council to agree on the outcomes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Summit and the region’s contributions to the 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, taking linkage to the Asia Water Development Outlook into account.

The duration of the Summit was discussed and it was suggested that following the experiences in Beppu, 1.5 to 2 days should be reserved for the Summit to allow for sufficient time for engagement and arriving at the expected outcomes.

Ms Witoelar indicated that invitations by the Thai Government for the Summit will be send on Heads of Government level and suggested the involvement of relevant embassies in the region. Further suggestions were made to extend invitations to other Royal families with a comprehensive involvement in water (e.g. Japan and Netherlands) or high level personalities and create conditions to attract the attention of the larger Asian countries (e.g. China and India).

### **Agenda Items 3 and 4 Proposed sub-themes and topics and Institutional set-up (MONRE)**

Ms Parichart Katavetin and Mr Kanapoj Wandee provided an outline of the proposed sub-themes and topics and institutional set-up for the Summit.

The meeting considered the proposed sub themes and topics and questions were raised on the appropriate linkages to the 1<sup>st</sup> Summit, Water and Sanitation as a Human Right, the Asia Water Development Outlook, food security and water security in a wider context than water supply and sanitation.

The meeting agreed that reflection on the 1<sup>st</sup> Summit outcomes and commitments was essential and that a review process to be led by APWF and facilitated by its Secretariat should be undertaken.

There was general agreement that the leadership of the Thai Government to host the Summit is appreciated and respected by the APWF members and that appropriate linkages should be made between APWF and the Steering Committee. Where relevant, "advisers" from the APWF can be involved in the Steering Committee making foremost use of Bangkok-based members and planned associated meetings, with a view to cost-effectiveness and coordination of efforts.

The meeting also generally agreed on the proposed structure of organizing committees and confirmed the involvement of Foreign Affairs. Further development of the programme, the duration of and the preparatory process for the Summit will need to be confirmed by the host country taking into account, the World Economic Forum, the lunar new year and regular cabinet meetings.

### **Agenda Item 5 Specific outcomes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> APWS**

Mr Lincklaen Arriens presented ideas for the establishment of a global programme for nurturing water leaders with a special focus on Asia-Pacific and Africa following the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium of UNESCO-IHE in 2007. Members appreciated these explorations and suggested that use is made of existing capacity building efforts such as exist within existing regional knowledge centers and programmes.

Mr Overmars presented ideas for a preparatory process for the Pacific island region with the inclusion of the Maldives and Timor Leste as input for the Summit including the organizing of youth forums, civil society engagement and national consultations culminating in a new regional strategy. It was suggested that a parallel-session could be held at the Summit focusing on water in small islands where such a regional strategy can be presented and/or endorsed. Suggestions were made to include supporting agencies in this process and develop a specific Pacific Water Development Outlook.

Discussions were held on other specific outcomes of the Summit with considerations to include 1) a Bangkok Message, 2) a Chair's Summary, and 3) and update of the APWF Policy Brief linked to the AWDO initiative. This needs to be further discussed and confirmed through the APWF Governing Council.

#### **Agenda Item 6 Invitees of the 2<sup>nd</sup> APWS**

Ms Parichart Katavetin and Mr Kanapoj Wandee confirmed that Invitations for the Summit signed by the Prime Minister of Thailand will be send to all Heads of Government of APWF countries. Suggestions were made to consider invitations to be extended to heads of civil society organizations, international organizations and private corporations for consideration by the Thai Government and the APWF Governing Council.

#### **Agenda Item 7 Other matters**

Mr Lincklaen Arriens highlighted the framework recently being developed by the APWF Steering Group on Water and Climate Change for further consideration at the APWF Governing Council.

Ms Witoelar briefly alerted the meeting to the issue of the future leadership of the APWF Governing Council and solicited thoughts on how this can be resolved.

#### **Closure**

The meeting was concluded by Mr. Ravi Narayanan who thanked the representatives from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Thailand and other attendees for their contributions.

## **ANNEX 1**

**Kick-off Meeting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asia-Pacific Water Summit  
16:00-18:00, Thursday, 14 October 2010  
RSDD Conference Room 4653 East, ADB Headquarters, Manila**

The session will be co-chaired by Ms. Erna Witoelar and Mr. Ravi Narayanan, Vice-chairs of the APWF Governing Council.

### Agenda Items

1. Primary objective of the 2<sup>nd</sup> APWS\* (APWF Secretariat)
2. Proposed structure of the 2<sup>nd</sup> APWS (MONRE, Thailand)
3. Proposed sub-themes and topics of the 2<sup>nd</sup> APWS (MONRE, Thailand)
4. Institutional set-up for the 2<sup>nd</sup> APWS (MONRE, Thailand)
5. Specific outcomes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> APWS (Open discussion)
6. Invitees of the 2<sup>nd</sup> APWS (Open discussion)
7. Other matters (Time permitting)

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\* The primary objective of the 2<sup>nd</sup> APWS is to provide a platform for Heads of Government to substantively discuss water policy issues (challenges, achievements along the lines of the APWF Priority Themes and KRAs) for the benefit of all in the region.

## ANNEX 2

<i>List of Attendees</i>	
<b>Ms. Erna Witoelar</b>	APWF Governing Council
<b>Mr. Ravi Narayanan</b>	APWF Governing Council
<b>Mr. Kanapoj Wandee</b>	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, MONRE
<b>Mrs. Parichart Katavetin</b>	Department of Water Resources, MONRE
<b>Mr. Wouter Lincklaen Arriens</b>	ADB
<b>Mr. Thierry Facon</b>	FAO
<b>Mr. Andre Dzikus</b>	UN-HABITAT
<b>Mr. Kulwant Singh</b>	UN-HABITAT
<b>Mr. LeHuu Ti</b>	UNESCAP
<b>Mr. Marc Overmars</b>	SOPAC
<b>Mr. Kenzo Hiroki</b>	GWP
<b>Ms. Mercy Dikito- Wachtmeister</b>	GWP Secretariat
<b>Mr. Sasongko Djoko</b>	GWP Southeast Asia
<b>Ms. Machiko Higa</b>	Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)
<b>Mr. Tadashige Kawasaki</b>	Japan Water Agency
<b>Ms. Jiseon Matilda Park</b>	
<b>Ms. Noriko Yamaguchi</b>	JWF

## ANNEX 3

**Information Update**  
**Preparation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asia-Pacific Water Summit**  
**Which will be held in Bangkok, Thailand in January 2012**  
**Presented to the Kick-off Meeting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asia-Pacific Water Summit**  
**14 October 2010, ADB Headquarters**

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**1. Proposed Programme**

1.1 It is proposed to organize a one day programme for the Summit which includes:

- Opening Ceremony
- Keynote Address
- Speeches by Heads of Governments
- Closing Ceremony including Presentation of the Summit's document(s) / Results

1.2 The Summit may be held on Monday 16 January 2012.

1.3 Prior to the Summit, Thailand wishes to organize 5-day side events for awareness raising for both Thais and foreigners.

1.4 It is proposed to change the **Summit's venue** to accommodate more participants and side events from the UNCC to either **Queen Sirikit National Convention Center (QSNCC)** or **IMPACT Convention Center**.

**2. Proposed Sub-themes and topics for the Summit**

2.1 Sub-themes which correspond with the Asian Water Development Outlook's guiding vision for water security

- Meeting basic needs for water and sanitation
- Water to support economies in agriculture and industry
- Water for cities and towns
- Water to restore healthy rivers and ecosystems
- Strengthening communities that can adapt to change

2.2 From the above sub-themes, the following topics are proposed for the Summit's agenda:

- Investment to ensure water security across the 5 sub-themes
- Coping with an increase in water demand through demand management
- Fight against impacts of climate change: flood, water shortage and water quality
- Public-private-community-expert partnerships in water management and development

**3. Establishment of a Steering Committee and 4 Organizing Committees**

The National Water Resources Committee chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister has agreed to set up the Steering Committee for organizing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asia-Pacific Water Summit chaired by the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE), comprising heads of other Ministries/agencies concerned or their representatives.

Four organizing committees will also be set up to be in charge of 4 major areas as follows:

1. The Organizing committee on formulation of framework and technical aspect, chaired by the Permanent Secretary of MONRE
2. The Organizing committee on protocol, logistics and facilitation, chaired by the Permanent Secretary of MONRE
3. The Organizing committee on security and traffic management, chaired by the Commissioner General of the Royal Thai Police
4. The Organizing committee on public relations, chaired by the Permanent Secretary of MONRE

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Department of Water Resources, MONRE

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