

Minutes of the 1st Asia-Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for the 5th World Water Forum

<Outline of the meeting>

1. Date and time: From 9:00 to 12:30 on Friday, June 27, 2008
2. Venue: Learning Oasis Room in WaterHub, 80 & 82 Toh Guan Road East
3. Organizers: Asia-Pacific Water Forum (Japan Water Forum as Secretariat)
Secretariat of the 5th World Water Forum
World Water Council
4. Objectives:
 - to discuss how to coordinate the regional inputs to themes and topics of the 5th World Water Forum
 - to identify 5 sub-regional preparatory meetings at which the discussions on sub-regional inputs would be discussed
5. Agenda: see “Annex 1 Agenda”
6. Participants: see “Annex 2 List of participants”

<Agreed points>

- APWF Secretariat will prepare the TOR for sub-regional coordinators together with the questionnaire to all the APWF members to identify the possible contributions to the themes/topics of the 5th World Water Forum by middle of July.
- Secretariat will send the list of participants of this meeting to the 5th World Water Forum Secretariat and request for adding them as the members of the Virtual Meeting Space (VMS) for the Asia-Pacific Region. The VMS will be the platform of future discussions.
- Regional Synthesis Meeting for the 5th World Water Forum is planned to be organized either in the end of November or in December 2008 back to back with the 4th Governing Council Meeting of the APWF in Tokyo.

<Summary of the meeting >

The meeting was opened by Taeko Yokota, APWF Secretariat. She welcomed the participants and explained the objectives of the meeting.

Two presentations on the preparatory process towards the 5th World Water Forum by Mr. Paul Reiter, Co-chair of the Programme Committee of 5th World Water Forum and Prof. Zekai Şen, Representative of the Mayor of Istanbul followed. And Hikaru Shoji, APWF Secretariat presented the proposed Asia-Pacific regional process for the Forum.

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After the Q&A session, the coordinators of the following themes/topics presented the outline of their theme/topics.

- Topic 1.3: Mr. Katsuhiko Miyake of ICHARM
- Topic 2.3 and 2.4: Mr. Thierry Facon of FAO
- Topic 3.3: Mr. Mathieu Pinkers of Ministry of Agriculture-Water, the Netherlands
- Theme 4: Mr. Andre Dzikus of UNHABITAT
- Theme 6: Mr. Paul Reiter and Mr. Richard Meganck

After the break, following sub-regional coordinators were invited to make short presentations on possible inputs to the themes/topics and future sub-regional process.

- South Asia: Mr. Quamrul Islam Siddique of Bangladesh Water Partnership/GWP SA
- Northeast Asia: Ms. Matilda J. Park of Korea Water Forum
- Southeast Asia: Mr. Siswoko Sastrodihardjo of GWP SEA
- Central Asia: Dr. Vadim Sokolov of GWP CACENA
- Oceania & Pacific: Shinobu Fukumoto of APWF Secretariat as a liaison of Oceania & Pacific region on behalf of SOPAC

All the presentation files by theme/topic coordinators and sub-regional coordinators will be uploaded on the APWF website and on the VMS.

Noriko Yamaguchi, APWF Secretariat and liaison for the Southeast Asia, explained the roadmap to the 2nd Asia-Pacific Water Summit in the Southeast Asia as a result of the discussion at the Planning Meeting for the 4th Southeast Asia Forum to be organized in October 2009 in the Philippines (tbc). All other sub-regions were requested to prepare the same type of roadmap.

In closing, Mr. Wouter Lincklaen Arriens summarized the discussions and told participants not to forget that money should be used for the people who are suffering from the lack of water and sanitation.

<Comments/points of discussions>

- APWF members understand that the 5th World Water Forum in March 2009 is one of the milestones in the process towards the 2nd Asia-Pacific Water Summit in 2010, so the event itself is not the objective but rather an opportunity to present the challenges and actions of the region to the world.
- During the open discussion on participation in the 5th World Water Forum, one participant noted the general agreement to consider the 5th World Water Forum as an important milestone for the preparation of the 2nd Asia-Pacific Water Summit and thus recommended that efforts be made to illustrate commitment of the AP region and

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achievements of the regional coordinated efforts under the framework of APWF at the 5th World Water Forum. In that connection, he further recommended to organize a side-event at the 5th World Water Forum to enable regional partners to highlight their respective achievements and if possible to invite regional Ministers on water to participate in the side event. The Ministerial Statement of the side event together with the summary of the recommendations of the regional partners would then be presented to the plenary session for Asia-Pacific at the same time with the presentation of the Policy Brief and Beppu Message. In this connection, he recommended that the side event be organized under the framework of APWF.

- Theme/topic coordinators are willing to receive the regional inputs from the Asia-Pacific region but it was noted from the sub-regional presentations that no sub-region was planning at the moment to provide inputs on any topic related to Theme C of APWF for instance. Them-topic coordinators needed assurance that the APWF-led regional process would mobilize inputs to their sessions, other wise they will need to think of alternatives.

-> Secretariat will prepare the questionnaire as mentioned in the "Agreed Points."

<Agenda>

- 9:00-9:05 Opening
- Presentation on the 5th World Water Forum
- 9:05-9:15 - Mr. Paul Reiter, Co-chair of the Programme Committee of 5th World Water Forum
- 9:15-9:25 - Prof. Zekai Şen, Representative of the Mayor of Istanbul
- 9:25-9:35 Proposed regional process in the Asia-Pacific region towards the 5th World Water Forum
Mr. Hikaru Shoji, Chief Officer, Japan Water Forum
- 9:35-9:50 Q&A
- 9:50-10:30 Short presentations by participating thematic/topic coordinators of the 5th World Water Forum (5 minutes/theme or topic)
- 10:30-10:40 Q&A
- 10:40-10:55 Coffee Break
- 10:55-11:20 Short presentations on sub-regional focuses to the themes and topics of the 5th World Water Forum
(5 minutes/sub-region: Northeast Asia / Southeast Asia / South Asia / Central Asia / Oceania & Pacific)
- 11:30-12:00 Discussions on possible contributions from other participants, future schedule and next steps
- 12:00 Closing

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Annex 2

<List of participants>

Name	Organization
Participants	
Wouter Lincklaen Arriens	ADB
Robert Hsu	Asia Society
Quamrul Islam Siddique	Bangladesh Water Partnership/GWP-SA
Thierry Facon	FAO
Vadim Sokolov	GWP-CACENA
Siswoko Sastrodihardjo	GWP-SEA
Kazu Fukami	ICHARM
Katsuhito Miyake	ICHARM
Ramesh Vaidya	ICIMOD
Yoji Matsui	Japan Water Works Association
Toru Tomioka	Japan Water Works Association
Matilda J. Park	Korea Water Forum
Hong Il-Pyo	Korea Water Forum
Mathieu Pinkers	Ministry of Agriculture-Water, the Netherlands
Karamat Ali	Pakistan Water Partnership
Navin Rajagobal	PUB Singapore
Wong Meng Kin	PUB Singapore
Le Huu Ti	UN-ESCAP
Richard Meganck	UNESCO-IHE
Kulwant Singh	UN-HABITAT
Andre Dzikus	UN-HABITAT
Ishaprasad Bhagwar	WaterAid
Jack Sim	World Toilet Organization
Organizers	
Paul Reiter	World Water Council / IWA
Zekai Şen	Representative of the Mayor of Istanbul
Mevlüt Vural	Director General of Istanbul Water and Sewerage Administration (ISKI)
Orhan Göktaş	Department of Sewerage Planning, Europe (ISKI)
L.Leonard Wolner	USACE Liason to 5th World Water Forum Secretariat
Taeko Yokota	JWF
Noriko Yamaguchi	JWF
Shinobu Fukumoto	JWF
Kaori Kondo	JWF
Shuichi Hirayama	JWF
Hikaru Shoji	JWF