
The 1st Announcement



The 2nd Asia-Pacific Water Summit



**2nd APWS
Bangkok, Thailand 2012**

5th and 6th February 2012

*at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center,
Bangkok, Thailand*

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Background and Objectives

In the development process of every country, water security has always been recognized as a core factor for socio-economic stability and environmental sustainability. In a speech by His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, King of Thailand he stated that “water is life”, indicating the significance of water resource management to the global population. During his reign of over sixty years, many royal projects have been initiated with the support of the Government of Thailand to ensure the sound management of water resources, and which have led to a better quality of life for many Thais. His dedication to sustainable water resources development and management has been widely recognized. To mark the auspicious occasion and celebration of His Majesty the King’s 7th cycle and 84th birthday anniversary in December 2011, Thailand would like to share these valuable experiences and practices from the royal projects with the international community at the 2nd Asia-Pacific Water Summit (2nd APWS), which is to be held in Bangkok on the 5th and 6th of February 2012.

• In the face of the region’s pressing water problems, in March 2006 at the 4th World Water Forum in Mexico, the Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF) was created to help address the challenges of the Asia Pacific Region. The APWF is an independent, not-for-profit, non-partisan, non-political network dedicated to solving water problems in the Asia-Pacific region. The APWF organized the 1st Asia-Pacific Water Summit which was held in Beppu, Japan and focused on the theme “Water Security: Leadership and Commitment”. The Summit endorsed the Message from Beppu and launched a series of concrete initiatives for regional water solutions. More than three years have passed and Thailand has the privilege of hosting the 2nd Asia-Pacific Water Summit (2nd APWS) in collaboration with the APWF and supporting regional and international organizations. The 2nd APWS will continue under the guiding theme of “Water Security: Leadership and Commitment” with an emphasis on three policy priorities for water security: *Development; Shocks and Resilience; and, Well-being.*



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- The 2nd APWS is an important opportunity
- to present the royal initiatives as examples/
- best practices for water resources
- management, promote active dialogue among
- regional leaders, and bring about more
- effective regional cooperation and
- coordination in water security in the Asia-
- Pacific. It will provide Asia-Pacific leaders
- and stakeholders, as well as international
- organizations the chance to jointly seek
- solutions on water resource development
- and management for regional water security
- with participation from public and private
- sectors, technical experts, academics and
- civil society. Awareness raising and
- knowledge sharing activities will be
- organized in parallel with the 2nd APWS.
- These activities include technical sessions,
- exhibitions, and a short documentary film
- about His Majesty the King of Thailand and
- his dedicated work on water resources and
- other water-related activities. In addition,
- *Focus Area Sessions* will be held prior to
- the Summit on the morning of 5th February,
- 2012.

The focus areas, lead organizations and subregional coordinators for the sessions include:

<i>Focus Area Sessions</i>	<i>Lead Organizations</i>
Water Security: Leadership and Commitment	ADB
Household Water Security	UNESCAP
Economic, Food and Water Security	FAO & UNESCAP
Urban Water Security	UNHABITAT & PUB
Environmental Water Security	IUCN
Water Risks and Resilience	ICHARM
IWRM Process for a Water Secure World	UNESCO

<i>Subregions</i>	<i>Subregional Coordinators</i>
Central Asia	GWP CACENA & EC IFAS
Northeast Asia	KWF
South Asia	GWP SAS
Southeast Asia	GWP SEA
Pacific	SOPAC/SPC

Participants

1. *The 2nd Asia-Pacific Water Summit*

The 2nd APWS will take place on the 5th and 6th of February 2012. The principle participants of the Summit will be Heads of Government from the Asia-Pacific region. Ministers from ministries such as finance and planning, representatives from local governments, leaders from the private sector and civil society in the region, as well as the media will also be invited.

2. *Focus Area Sessions*

Focus Area Sessions will be run in parallel sessions prior to the Summit on the morning of the 5th February 2012. The principle participants of the Focus Area Sessions will be Ministers from ministries such as finance and planning, representatives from local governments, leaders from the private sector and civil society in the region, as well as the media.

3. *Awareness Raising and Knowledge Sharing Activities on Water Resources*

From 2nd to 6th February 2012 there will be a number of awareness raising and knowledge sharing activities on water resource management and water security. These are open access events and participants include water resources stakeholders and the general public.

Venue

The 2nd APWS and the open events will be held at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center (QSNCC), Bangkok, Thailand.

Outline

of Focus Area Sessions and the 2nd Asia-Pacific Water Summit Programme

<i>Day</i>	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Afternoon</i>	<i>Evening</i>
Day One: 5 th February 2012	*Focus Area Sessions (to be run in parallel sessions)	*Opening Ceremony	*Welcome Dinner
Day Two: 6 th February 2012	*Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Summit *Speeches by Heads of Government	*Closing Ceremony: - Report on Focus Area Sessions - Chair's Summary - Message from Bangkok *Press Conference	

Official Language

The official language of the 2nd APWS is English. No interpreters will be provided. However, the possibility of providing interpreters for some of the open events will be considered at a later stage.

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee chaired by the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Thailand will set the policy and direction of the 2nd APWS and invite the APWF to jointly work on preparing the agenda and invitation list. The Department of Water Resources of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment is the secretariat of the Steering Committee.

Registration, Travel and Accommodation

Information on registration, travel and accommodation will be made available in the final announcement, as well as in Administrative Arrangements document on the official website of the 2nd APWS: www.apwatersummit2.org

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