FAS on HWS

19 May, 2013
1400-1600
Objective

To discuss and recommend the policy framework at regional level, including:

- Raise awareness of the importance of HWS among participants;
- Demonstrate country initiatives as examples/best practices in improving HWS;
- Facilitate communication and knowledge sharing among participants;
- Seek for practical solutions on HWS with participation from public and private sectors, technical experts, academics and civil society;
- Promote active dialogue towards more effective regional cooperation and coordination on HWS in the Asia-Pacific.
Expected Outcome

Propose a recommendation for a supportive framework for action plans on water access and sanitation, including local, national and regional action on issues of water security in all socio-economic activities, supported by appropriate policy instruments and investment programmes within a proposed green growth strategy. The FAS would be incorporating key points of the TW and Panel Discussion would be crystallized into:

• A 150-word policy statement to be used in the preparation of the Chair’s Summary

• A 500-word summary to be used for the Proceedings of the 2nd APWS
Opening and Plenary

14:00 Opening Remarks: ESCAP/HABITAT/JWF

14:10 Presentation of the Summary on results of TW on HWS
Panel Session 1: Status and Trends and Challenges in Meeting MDG targets

- Facilitated by JWF
- Panelists (TBC): ESCAP, UN HABITAT, Japan Water Forum, World Toilet Organization, Japan Sanitation Consortium, SAARC, ASEAN, UNEP, Tokyo Metropolitan
- Focus: to discuss key challenges and opportunities in MDG achievements in water supply and sanitation
Panel 2: The Way Forward Towards HWS

- Facilitation by ESCAP
- Panelists (TBC): China, India, Indonesia, Vietnam, Myanmar, Philippines, Central Asia? Pacific?
- Focus: to discuss and agree on the new actions and commitments to be taken on HWS, with appropriate legal, policy and institutional frameworks, improved management instruments, transparent and innovative financing mechanisms
Summary and Closing

- 15:40 Q&A and Summary of Statements
- 1600 Closure