



## **Asia-Pacific Regional Synthesis and Commitment Session at the 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum**

### **1. Background & Objectives**

Water is a fundamental resource and as such its sustainable management is at the heart of human security and the social and economic development of nations. Over the past few decades, several areas of the Asia-Pacific region have experienced notable progress in various aspects of water management, including access to water resources and coverage of related services. Due to rapid population, economic growth and urbanization, however, there are still significant shortfalls in meeting the region's needs.

Considering the region's formidable size and diversity, the Asia-Pacific's water challenges are of massive proportions. Under the Asia-Pacific regional process of the 7th World Water Forum, there will be 11 thematic sessions covering a wide variety of topics such as water and cities, water and food, and water and disasters, all of which are in need of the strongest response to provide suitable solutions as soon as possible.

The outputs of each of the regional sessions will be reported at the Asia-Pacific Synthesis and Commitment session. During the high level dialogue, various government, academic, civil and private sector experts will discuss the issues and consider clear, practical and specific solutions with a goal of creating a mutually agreeable list of topics of common importance to the Asia Pacific region. This list should form the message of recommendations for the 3rd Asia-Pacific Water Summit which will be held in the mid-2017.

The outcomes of the session will be channelled into the process that leads up to the 3rd Asia-Pacific Water Summit to be expected to be held in 2017 and the 8th World Water Forum in 2018 in Brazil. The outcomes will also be reflected in the next edition of the Asian Water Development Outlook to be published in 2016.

### **2. Organizers**

The Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF) in cooperation with the Korea Water Forum (KWF), the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Educational, Culture and Scientific Organization (UNESCO), and the International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), the Network of Asian River Basin Organization (NARBO), the Korea Water Resources Cooperation (K-water), the Global Water Partnership Organization (GWPO) and GWP Regional Partnerships

(GWP CACENA, GWP SAS, GWP SEA) and the Asia-Pacific Center for Water Security (APCWS)

### 3. Date and Time

Wednesday, April 15, 2015, 14:40--19:00

### 4. Venue

B1F : Convention C/ Room 5/ GHH\_B 105, Hyndai Hotel Gyeongju, Republic of Korea

### 5. Language

English (English-Korean simultaneous translation is available)

### 6. Tentative Program

Chair: Mr. Ravi Narayanan, Chair, APWF Governing Council

Time	Program	Speakers
14:40	Opening remarks	Mr. Yoshiro Mori, President, APWF, to be represented by Dr. Kotaro Takemura, Secretary General, Japan Water Forum as Secretariat of APWF
14:45	Remarks	Dr. Jung-moo Lee, President, KWF
14:50	Regional Water Security Status	
	Introduction	Mr. Gil-Hong Kim, Senior Director, Sector Advisory Service Division, Regional and Sustainable Development Department, ADB
	Asian Water Development Outlook	Ms. Yasmin Siddiqi, Principal Water Resources Specialist, Sector Advisory Service Division, Regional and Sustainable Development Department, ADB
15:05	Regional Synthesis	
	Water and Cities	Dr. Shahbaz Khan, Deputy Director, UNESCO Regional Science Bureau for Asia and the Pacific
	Water and Green Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Salmah Zakaria, Economic Affairs Officer, ESCAP</li> <li>• Mr. Tae-sun Shin, Head Manager, Research Center for Water Policy and Economy, K-water Research Institute</li> </ul>
	Water and Food Security	Mr. Thierry Facon, Senior Water Management Officer, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
	Water related Disasters and Climate Change	Dr. Ramesh Ananda Vaidya, Senior Advisor, ICIMOD
	Integrated Water Resources Management	Mr. Koichiro Omoto, NARBO Secretariat
	Rural Water and Sanitation	Ms. Hilda Winartasaputra, Regional WASH Specialist, Plan International Asia Regional Office
	Development of Cooperation in the Aral Sea Basin	Dr. Vadim Sokolov, Regional Coordinator, GWP CACENA

	Trans-boundary River in Northeast Asia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Deukkoo Koh, Secretary General, KWF</li> <li>• Dr. Sangyoung Park, Executive Director, KWF</li> </ul>
	Japan- Korea- China Trilateral Cooperation	Ms. Yuko Akita, Director of Economic Affairs, Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat
	Hydrological Services	Dr. Sung Kim, Senior Research Fellow, Hydro Science and Engineering Research Institute, KICT
	The Caribbean and the Pacific	Dr. Jose Luis Martin Bordes, Programme Officer, Global Water Operators' Partnerships Alliance, UN-HABITAT
16:40	Break	
17:00	Summary of Asia-Pacific regional outcomes	Mr. Ravi Narayanan, Chair of the APWF Governing Council
17:10	<p>Regional Commitments (High-level Dialogue)</p> <p><u>Moderators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Changhua Wu, Vice Chair, APWF Governing Council</li> <li>• Prof. Simon SC Tay, Vice Chair, APWF Governing Council</li> </ul> <p><u>Country delegates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Khayrullo Ibodzoda, Chairman of the Committee on Environment Protection under the Government of Republic of Tajikistan</li> <li>• Dr. Tong Ngoc Thanh, Director General of National Center for Water Resources Planning and Investigation, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Vietnam</li> </ul> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Keizrul Bin Abdullah, Chairperson, Network of Asian River Basin Organizations</li> <li>• Dr. Uschi Eid, Chair of United Nations Secretary-Generals' Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB)</li> <li>• Mr. Gil-Hong Kim, Senior Director, Sector Advisory Service Division, Regional and Sustainable Development Department, ADB</li> <li>• Mr. Shigeo Mizutani, President and Representative Director, Swing Corporation</li> <li>• Mr. Mark Pascoe, Chief Executive Officer, International WaterCentre</li> <li>• Mr. Ponce Ernest Samaniego, ADB Youth Coordinator / International Youth Steering Committee</li> <li>• Ms. Jayamala Subramaniam, Chief Executive Officer, Arghyam Foundation</li> </ul>	
18:40	Audience interactions	
18:55	Closing	Mr. Ravi Narayanan, Chair of the APWF Governing Council

## Speaker profiles – High level dialogue

### **Mr. Khayrullo Ibodzoda**

Chairman of the Committee on Environment Protection under the Government of Tajikistan



### **Dr. Tong Ngoc Thanh**

Director General of National Center for Water Resources Planning and Investigation, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Vietnam



**Prof. (Dr.) Keizrul bin Abdullah** has been involved in the field of water and water resources engineering for the past 35 years. In April 2010 he was appointed by the OIC General Secretariat to serve as a Member of the OIC Advisory Panel on Water tasked to identify major challenges, priorities and framework for future cooperation on water issues with a view to developing a Water Vision for the OIC. In November 2010, at the 4<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Asian Network of River Basin Organisations (NARBO), he was elected as Chairperson of NARBO for the session 2010-2012 & 2012-2016. He is also presently the Secretary-General of the ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organisations (AFEO).



**Dr. Uschi Eid** was appointed Chair of UNSGAB by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in June 2014, after serving as Vice-Chair since 2004. Ms. Eid was Parliamentary Secretary of State in the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (1998 - 2005), personal G8-Africa Representative of Chancellor Schroeder of Germany (2001 - 2005), and Member of Parliament for the Green Party of Germany (1985 - 1990 and 1994 - 2009). Ms. Eid Co-Chaired the 2011 Bonn Nexus Conference, which contributed to the 2012 UN Conference on Sustainable Development Rio+20. Since 2011, she holds an appointment as Honorary Professor at Osnabruck University of Applied Sciences in the field of sustainable resource management with a focus on water management and sanitation.



**Mr. Gil-Hong Kim** is Senior Director for Sector Advisory Service Division, Regional and Sustainable Development Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB). His portfolio of initiatives includes clean energy and energy efficiency, sustainable transport, water supply and sanitation, urban development, and public-private partnerships. He is responsible to develop and implement ADB's sector policies and operational plans for energy, water, transport, and urban; develop innovative approaches and new business models for infrastructure development; and work as ADB's anchor for internal knowledge management and external knowledge partnership in the infrastructure sector. He is the Fund Manager for Clean Energy Financing Partnership Facility (CEFPF), Water Financing Partnership Facility (WFPPF) and Urban Financing Partnership Facility (UFPF).



### **Mr. Shigeo Mizutani**

Shigeo Mizutani serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Swing Corporation and served as its Executive Vice President. He served as a Senior Vice President of Mitsubishi Corporation since April 1, 2011 and as an Executive Vice President of Ebara Engineering Service Co., Ltd. Mr. Mizutani is now Representative Director of Swing Corporation.



**Mr. Mark Pascoe** has more than 40-year career in the water industry – predominately in Brisbane, Australia. He spent many years with Brisbane City Council where his most recent position was the Manager, Water and Sewerage. Mark currently chairs the Queensland Government’s Water Expert Panel and is also the CEO of the International WaterCentre where his role is to lead the development of the joint venture in providing capacity building services to water managers and their organizations and particularly to help develop future water leaders.

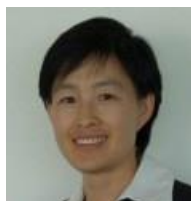


**Mr. Ponce Ernest Samaniego** is a young expert on civil society and youth participation and innovative financing for development. He is currently Lead Youth Coordinator for Asian Development Bank (ADB) Youth Initiative, an ADB technical assistance project which empowers Asia’s youth as development partners by mainstreaming their participation in ADB operations. As team leader, he manages the coordination of the Youth Initiative with its different partners, and mobilizes stakeholders and resources in and beyond ADB.



**Ms. Jayamala Subramaniam** comes with over two decades of experience in Strategy and Execution in Banking, Education, Agro-technology, ITES and Not for Profit sector, across countries. She has proven expertise in identifying and establishing transformational processes for scaling standalone start-ups and start up environments in established organizations. She is a certified Executive and Business Coach. She has a management degree from the Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta. She is currently the Chief Executive Officer, Arghyam Foundation

#### Moderated by



**Ms. Changhua Wu** is the Greater China Director of The Climate Group. A China specialist for nearly 20 years and an environment and development policy analyst, she leads the organization’s strategic development in the region and manages its Greater China operations. She is the current Chair, World Economic Forum’s Global Agenda Council on Climate Change; Vice Chair, Asia-Pacific Water Forum Governing Council; Member, UNFCCC High-Level Panel on the CDM Policy Dialogue; Member, Foundation Board of Global Energy Basel: and Vice Chair, China Philanthropy Fund, All-China Overseas Chinese Federation.



**Prof. Simon SC Tay** is a public intellectual as well as private advisor to major corporations and policy-makers. He is concurrently Chairman of the Singapore Institute of International Affairs, the country’s oldest think tank and founding member of the ASEAN network of think tanks. He is also an Associate Professor, teaching international law at the National University of Singapore. Prof. Tay is also a Senior Consultant at WongPartnership, a leading Asian law firm. He serves on the Global Advisory Boards for Toyota Motor Corporation and MUFG, the world’s second largest financial group. Furthermore, he sits as a board member for two major Singaporean corporations, Hyflux Ltd, a billion dollar water treatment company, and Far East Organization. He is currently the Vice-Chair of the Asia-Pacific Water Forum Governing Council.