

THE ASIA-PACIFIC WATER FORUM (APWF)
18TH GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

24th February 2016, 9:20 am to 3:40 pm, PUB Water Hub, Learning Connection, Singapore

SUMMARY

- The APWF held its 18th Governing Council in 24th February 2016, which was hosted by Singapore PUB. The meeting was attended by 33 delegates including the chair and vice-chair of the APWF governing council, representatives of lead organizations (including the ADB, UNESCAP, PUB, UN Habitat, UNESCO, FAO, the IWC Australia, The Japan Sanitation Consortium, the Korea Water Forum, NARBO and the Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, the GWP and its sub-regional coordinators, Japan Water Forum as the secretariat of APWF, and representatives of the Asia Water Council.
- At this meeting, the participants shared their activities at present and plans for 2016 including their analysis of water security issues and their efforts in offering solutions to water problems and the improvement of water security in Asia and the Pacific, along with measures for dealing with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The participants then discussed the APWF's objectives, roles and its course of action in the future as well as how to reinforce partnerships with related organizations in the future (including the Asia Water Council) leading to effective contributions to the third Asia-Pacific Water Summit (3rd APWS) in 2017 and Asia-Pacific regional process of the 8th World Water Forum in March, 2018. These will include both thematic and sub regional perspectives. Details of the presentation made by each organization were sent to each participant.
- A mapping exercise was carried out by Mr. Vijay Krishna of the LKY Institute of Public Policy, Singapore and APWF Secretariat to present the work and plans of each contributing organization. This would identify areas overlap which might help in future cooperation.
- The meeting ended with all the participants being thanked for their contribution to the meeting and a unanimous appreciation to the Singapore PUB for their hospitality in offering their facilities for the meeting.
- The next meeting would be in July to coincide with the Singapore International Water Week.