



2nd APWS
Bangkok, Thailand 2012

**Presentation
Preparation for
the 2nd Asia-Pacific Water Summit (2nd APWS)**

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Flood situation and Proposal for a re-scheduling of the 2nd Asia-Pacific Water Summit, Bangkok, Thailand (1)

- Thailand is committed to hosting the 2nd APWS, with a focus on the issue of water security.
- The current flood disaster in Thailand and many countries in the region emphasize the importance of water issues to the security, development and prosperity of the Asia-Pacific region as a whole.
- Just two weeks ago, the ASEAN Leaders issued a statement on “Cooperation in Flood Prevention, Mitigation, Relief, Recovery and Rehabilitation”.

Flood situation and Proposal for a re-scheduling of the 2nd Asia-Pacific Water Summit, Bangkok, Thailand (2)

- Thailand is convinced that flood disaster has become a common challenge, not only for countries in Southeast Asia but also for the wider Asia-Pacific region.
- We believe that the 2nd APWS would be the appropriate forum for countries in the region to forge region-wide cooperation to cope with flood and other water-related challenges.

Flood situation and Proposal for a re-scheduling of the 2nd Asia-Pacific Water Summit, Bangkok, Thailand (3)

- We would like to propose that **water management and flood-related issues be one of the topics to be addressed by the Leaders** during the upcoming APWS.
- Thailand [in consultation with the APWF Secretariat] **will continue to work out an appropriate format** for such high level discussion, which will be a part of the Summit programme. We will circulate the concept paper of this discussion to all relevant parties at the earliest opportunity.

Flood situation and Proposal for a re-scheduling of the 2nd Asia-Pacific Water Summit, Bangkok, Thailand (4)

- Given the flood situation in Thailand and the need for adequate time for the preparations of such important Summit meeting, especially in light of the additional topic proposed for discussion among the leaders, Thailand would like to propose a **rescheduling of the 2nd APWS** to a later date as agreeable to all.

Flood situation and Proposal for a re-scheduling of the 2nd Asia-Pacific Water Summit, Bangkok, Thailand (5)

- We envisage that the Summit could be held no later than June 2012. We will do our best to ensure the highest number of high level participants.
- Today, allow me to continue to brief you on the draft programme as well as logistic and substantive arrangement we prepared so far.

Draft Programme Outline of the Summit – Day One – 2012 (1)

- **Day 1**
- 09.00-10.30 Three Focus Area Sessions
 1. Economic, Food and Water Security
 2. Urban Water Security
 3. Environment Water Security
- 10.30-11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.00-12.30 Three Focus Area Sessions
 4. Household Water Security
 5. Water Risks and Resilience
 6. IWRM Process for a Water Secure World
- 12.30-14.30 Lunch

Draft Outline of the Programme – Day One – 2012 (2)

- **15.30-17.30** Opening Ceremony
- Arrival of the Chairperson
- Welcome remarks
- Opening address
- VDO presentation on HM the King of Thailand and water resources (10 min.)
- VDO presentation on regional water situation (10 min.)

Draft Outline of the Programme – Day One – 2012 (3)

- Addresses on Water Security by 3 leading organizations:
 - 1. APWF (10 min.)
 - 2. UNESCAP (10 min.)
 - 3. ADB (10 min.)
- Keynote Speech (20 min.)
- Group photo (Heads of Government and VIPs)
- **18.30 Welcome Dinner**

Draft Programme Outline of the Summit – Day Two – 2012 (4)

Morning (Plenary Session)

- **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**
- **Speeches by Heads of Government**

- **Dialogue among Heads of Government (tbd)**

Draft Outline of the Programme – Day Two – 2012 (5)

Afternoon (Plenary Session)

Closing Ceremony

- **Summary reports from 6 Focus Area Sessions**
- **Chair's Summary**
- **Bangkok Message**

- **Press Conference**



Invitation Process for 2nd APWS (1)

Invitation

- Prime Minister of Thailand sent the invitation letters, dated 22 September 2011 to 49 Heads of Government of the Asia-Pacific countries to attend the Summit and related activities through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- So far, only 2 countries have replied: one country has accepted the invitation but another country will have senior level representation.
- MNRE would like to ask for support from APWF and leading organizations esp. Sub-regional Coordinators to ensure the heads of government's participation in the Summit.





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- **Prime Minister of Thailand has also sent the invitation to the Crown Prince of The Netherlands through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to attend the 2nd APWS and make a keynote address. The Thai Government has not yet received HRH reply.**
***** If HRH the Crown Prince of The Netherlands cannot come and make the keynote address to the Summit, MNRE would be grateful to receive recommendation from APWF Governing Council members of suitable candidates as a keynote speaker.**





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- **Hotel accommodation:** MNRE has prepared the list of designated hotels for the Summit delegations and participants. The list is shown on the 2nd APWS website. More information on how to reserve hotel's rooms will be uploaded on the website.





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- **Registration:** MNRE and the organizers of the event has designed 6 categories of the online registration forms for each type of participant which is test run and will be uploaded on the Summit website soon.
- **Liaison Officer (LO):** MNRE has arranged to provide one LO attached to the Head of Government and one LO for the delegation.
- **Security Arrangement:** MNRE has coordinated with the Royal Thai Police and formulated the security plan for the Summit and its related activities.





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The Government of Thailand will cover expenses as follows:

1. Hotel accommodation for Head of the Government and one accompanying person per country.
2. Rooms in a 5-star hotel will be provided for 3 nights.
3. Vehicles: one each for the Head of the Government, Minister/ senior officials, and a stand-by car for the party, for use during the two-day period of the Summit.



(could be extended for a maximum of 4 days upon request)



Focus Area Sessions (FAS) - (1)

- Each FAS can accommodate up to 100-200 people depending on how the room will be arranged. (100 persons for classroom and 200 persons for theatre arrangement) So we need to know the planned arrangement of the room in advance for consideration of the number of participants to be invited.

Focus Area Sessions (FAS) - (2)

- We plan to invite 4-5 delegates from each A-P country. So the number of country delegates in FAS will be approximately 200-250.
- Thai guests will be around 100 persons.
- The number of international invitees can be increased (depends on the room arrangement as mentioned above).

Message from Bangkok

- MNRE has appointed the Working Group, chaired by the Director-General of DWR to help consider the content of the draft Message from Bangkok together with APWF and Lead Organizations.
- The Draft will be sent through diplomatic channel to all Asia-Pacific Countries Representatives (CR) for consideration and comments.



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Thank you.

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