

Focus area session
Economic, Food and Water Security

FAO-ESCAP

This session will propose for discussion a supportive framework for action on water in green growth to assist regional national and local decision makers and stakeholders, to achieve sustained prosperity with equity, in developing a coherent set of feasible economic, social and environmental policy goals, water resources management strategies and related sectoral strategies policy instruments and investment programmes within a green growth strategy.

Participants will discuss:

- Processes for reviewing broad social, economic and environment objectives through a water lens, with respect to bulk water allocation, sectoral policies, productivity targets, and policy instruments and investments in all productive sectors including revitalizing irrigation in the region.
- Policy dilemmas and conflicts:
 - economic water productivity vs. equity and other strategic goals
 - national vs. local and river basin objectives
 - managing informal water economies and transitions
 - political feasibility - ideal vs. second-best options.
 - Risk management strategies for national food security policies.
 - How water policies, allocation, management and investment can support green growth strategies while having explicit food and nutrition security and poverty reduction targets
 - Progress on a regional system for monitoring of investment and results.
 - The water, energy and food nexus.

Session plan

What	How long
Welcome speech: ESCAP Division director	5 minutes
ESCAP economic study on Economy, Food and Water Security; ESCAP consultant	10 minutes
Towards a framework for action on EF&WS: FAO ADG-Reg. Representative	10 minutes
Panel: ESCAP, FAO, ICID Pres. IWMI DG, WIW, ADB, Private sector	25 minutes
Presentation of key messages on EF&WS	5 minutes
Q&A	35 minutes
Summary conclusions of the session and key message	5 minutes