

Enabling Solidarity - scaling-up local financing mechanisms in Asia and the Pacific: Main Outcomes



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1. Additional ideas & solutions

- *People should understand more the importance of urban water issues and the important roles which could be played by water and sanitation utilities in addressing them through the mechanism like Water Operators' Partnerships.*
- *There is a difference in terms of compassion amongst the workers in the water and sanitation utilities in different countries. The compassion for those who do not have the access to water and sanitation is strongly present in European utilities but it is not the case in Japan. Therefore, to be involved in the international cooperation activities can be an incentive for the workers in European utilities but not the ones of Japanese utilities. Therefore, one of the biggest challenges in establishing the mechanism in the region could be how to address this fundamental issue of staff's motivation.*

2. Updates to the Target Action Plan, including follow-up actions

- *Organizing a Seminar to introduce the Global Water Solidarity mechanism and activities/institutional frameworks in different European countries in Japan*
- *Organizing a Seminar to introduce the Global Water Solidarity mechanism and activities/institutional frameworks at the 2nd Asia-Pacific Water Summit in Bangkok*
- *Working with the APWF Secretariat for the inclusion of the supporting article in the message from Bangkok of the 2nd APWS*
- *Keeping Lobbying activities in some targeted countries in the region for the establishment of the mechanism using the global/regional water events*

3. Final list of commitments

- *Call for the establishment of the institutional framework such as legislation in some leading countries in the region, starting from Japan.*
- *Work for receiving the acknowledgement/support for the establishment of the decentralized water solidarity mechanism from the leaders of the region through the process towards the 2nd Asia-Pacific Water Summit.*

4. Take away messages & unexpected results

- *To give incentives/change the mind of workers in the utilities is prerequisite for facilitating the international cooperation activities to be implemented by the water and sanitation utilities.*

5. Updated list of speakers and panelists

- Bert Diphooorn, Coordinator, Urban Basic Services, UN-HABITAT / Chair of Steering Committee of the Global Water Operators' Partnerships Alliance (GWOPA)
- Ravi Narayanan, Vice Chair, APWF Governing Council (Chair of the session)
- Cecile Molinier, Director of UNDP Office, Geneva
- Céline Gilquin, Division Eau et Assainissement - Water & Sanitation Division. Agence Française de Développement
- Faraj El-Awar, Programme Manager, GWOPA/UN-HABITAT
- Jean Didier Berthault, Vice President, Syndicat Interdépartemental pour l'Assainissement de l'Agglomération Parisienne (SIAAP)
- Gerard Rundberg, Director, World WaterNet
- Ricardo Sandoval, Board Member of the Interamerican Water Resources Network (IWRN) and ANEAS Deputy Director of Development
- Alan Baird, Senior Water Supply and Sanitation Specialist, Asian Development Bank (representing WaterLinks as well)
- Ikuo Mitake, International Director, Japan Water Works Association
- Betty Lourdes Tabanda, Councilor, Baguio City, Philippines (ICLEI)
- Lionel Goujon, Project Manager, Water & Sanitation, Agence Française de Développement
- D.C. van Ginhoven, Sr. Advisor Water and Sanitation, Directorate General for International Cooperation of the Netherlands
- Hideaki Oda, Member of UNSGAB

6. List of Working Group Composition

- 🔹 *UNDP Office of Geneva*
- 🔹 *Asia-Pacific Water Forum / Japan Water Forum*

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