

4th APWS Outcome Document Drafting Process and the Thematic Sessions

4th APWS Joint Steering Committee

1. The drafting process of the 4th APWS outcome document (Kumamoto Declaration)

(1) The APWF Secretariat will receive feedback on the messages to include in the 4th APWS outcome document (Kumamoto Declaration) among stakeholders,

- Kumamoto City
- The relevant Japanese ministries or departments
- Japanese experts
- 4th APWS Joint Executive Committee Meeting Members
- APWF Member Organizations
- Session leaders' and co-organizers' organizations of each Thematic Session

The APWF Secretariat will draft the outcome documents (Kumamoto Declaration), reflecting their feedback on the contents.

(2) Once the basic consensus on the contents of the draft of Kumamoto Declaration has been settled among stakeholders, the Secretariat will start to call for the comments on the draft from the 49 expected participating countries of 4th APWS through the focal points of each country.

(3) The APWF Secretariat will formulate the draft of Kumamoto Declaration with further feedback from the related multi-stakeholders and countries.

(4) The final draft of the “Kumamoto Declaration” will be finalized during the High-Level Roundtable in the afternoon of that Day.

2. Thematic Sessions

- The topics of the Thematic Sessions should be related to the theme of the 4th APWS “Water for Sustainable Development - Best Practices and Connecting to the Next Generation”. Specifically, Sessions are expected to present concrete case studies, and the measures and/or processes to implement the policy proposals in the “Kumamoto Declaration”.
- **The call for the Thematic Sessions will be opened from the middle of September 2019. The selection of the thematic sessions’ Lead Organizations will be announced by the middle of December 2019.**
- If there are many applicants for the Thematic Sessions, time might be allocated for extra Sessions on Day 2-afternoon, if necessary.

<Tentative Topics of the Thematic Sessions>

Thematic Sessions will be designed based on the following key pillars, which were adopted in the “Yangon Declaration: Pathway Forward” of the 3rd APWS.

(1) “Sound Water Cycle Management”

(i.e. groundwater management; sustainable river basin management and dam development, which also supports ecosystems and the poor; sustainable lake basin management; water for food security under water scarcity)

(2) “Governance and Inclusive Development”

(i.e. operation and management for sustainable water supply and urban development; institutional architecture for mainstreaming wastewater management into the development process and for implementation; institutional architecture to promote science and technologies for water-related disaster risk management and the implementation of climate change responses; improvement of hygiene in urban and rural poor communities, etc.)

(3) “Financing the Implementation of Water-related Sustainable Development Goals”

(i.e. financial instruments and new financial mechanisms to achieve the water-related SDGs; promotion of the procurement of sustainable infrastructure development through the evaluation of lifecycle cost analysis; ESG investment by the private sector and sustainable procurement, etc.)

(4) “Water Cooperation at All Levels”

(i.e. implementation of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018-2028 in Asia and the Pacific; sessions focused on sub-regions, etc.)