



Asia Focus in Stockholm World Water Week 2019

Asia Pacific Water Forum (APWF) and its partners are putting a spotlight on the state of water in Asia by sharing the steps, achievements, and remaining gaps that need to be bridged as assessed by the Asia Water Development Outlook (AWDO), the flagship water publication of the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

The Asia Focus program in World Water Week 2019 includes four sessions on water cycle management, rural water and sanitation, governance and inclusive development, and finance, which are all in line with the Yangon Declaration: Pathway Forward adopted by government leaders at the 3rd Asia Pacific Water Summit (APWS) in December 2017. Materiality, Connectivity, and Scalability are three important dimensions that will guide the debate and discussions. The outputs will contribute to the 4th APWS in Kumamoto City, Japan on 19–20 October 2020.

Along with these four sessions, a special showcase event will inform participants of the upcoming AWDO 2020.

1. Water Cycle Management: Towards Water Security in Asia and the Pacific

Tuesday, 27 Aug • 14:00–15:30 • Room L9

Convenors

APWF, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), International Centre of Excellence in Water Resources Management (ICEWaRM), International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Japan Sanitation Consortium, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) Asia, UNESCO Scientific Bureau of Asia and the Pacific

Presentations

- Water Cycle Management for the Sustainable Development Goals: Strengthening the SDG6 Knowledge Base
- Striving for the Improvement of Wastewater Management to Achieve Good Water Cycle Management: Introduction of ‘Ho Chi Minh Water Environment Improvement Project’ and ‘AWaP’

- Water Solutions for Sustainable Development: Mobilizing Science, Systems Thinking, and Evidence-based Approaches
- Towards Inclusive Water Management: Taking Action for South Asia
- Natural-based Solutions for Water Cycle Management in the Greater Mekong Subregion Countries
- Transboundary Water Management: Principles, Policies, and Politics

2. Inclusive Asia-Pacific Rural Water and Sanitation: Pathways to the SDGs

Tuesday, 27 Aug • 🕒 16:00–17:30 • Room L9

Convenors

APWF, Global Water Institute (GWI) – University of New South Wales (UNSW), Global Water Partnership (GWP) Southeast Asia, Japan Water Forum, and the United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat)

📌 Presentations

- Support to the Grassroots Activities through Japan Water Forum Fund
- Enhancing the Climate and Disaster Resilience of Vulnerable Rural Communities through Provision of Water Supply and Sanitation
- Rural Water Security through Springs Rejuvenation: Progress through Partnerships in India
- Development of a Community-owned Groundwater Treatment Plant to Mitigate Risk Factors for Chronic Kidney Disease of Unknown Etiology (CKDu) in Galwaduwigama Village, Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka
- Precision Targeting in Delivering Safe Water And Sanitation Services: Water and Sanitation Household-based E-survey In Indonesia

3. Strengthening Governance to Address Asia's Water Challenges

Wednesday, 28 Aug • 🕒 09:00–10:30 • Room M6

Convenors

APWF, ADB, GWP, International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management under the auspices of UNESCO (ICHARM), Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), UN-Habitat, and Water Integrity Network (WIN)

📌 Presentations

- ESCAP's Tools for Water Governance and Inclusive Development

- Applying Integrity Tools for Water and Sanitation: Experiences from Bangladesh
- Enhancing Capacities of Water Utilities in the Mekong Region
- Linking Integrity Tools with Capacity Development of Water Utilities: Experiences from Lao PDR, Cambodia, and Viet Nam
- Multilevel Water Governance: Lessons Learnt from Thailand
- Water and Disaster Risk Management: Perspectives from Asia
- Creating Partnerships at All Levels for Water-Related Disaster Risk Reduction by Involving All

4. Inclusive Financing for Water

Wednesday, 28 Aug • 🕒 11:00–12:30 • Room M6

Convenors

ADB, APWF, IWC and Waterpreneurs, OECD, Manila Water, Water.org, WWF, and JICA

📌 Presentations

- Blended Finance for Water-Related Investment
- The Philippines' Water Revolving Fund
- Utility Creditworthiness and Alternative Lending Instruments: The Southeast Asia Experience
- Rural and Small-Town Water and Sanitation Financing in Indonesia
- Bankable Water Solutions for Food and Beverage Companies in Myanmar
- Innovate 4 Water Forums in Asia and the Pacific

5. Showcase: Water Security for All: Asian Water Development Outlook 2020

Thursday, 29 Aug • 🕒 12:00–12:45 • Room M1

Convenors

ADB, APWF, Chulalongkorn University of Thailand, and OECD

📌 Presentations

- The Five Key Dimensions of Water Security: AWDO 2020
- Enabling Water Security: A Focus on Governance
- Investing in Water Security: A Focus on Finance
- AWDO as a Policy Tool: Thailand Case Study