



Asia-Pacific  
Water Forum

Stockholm World Water Week 2021

## Asia Focus Sessions



The APWF collaborates with various organizations to advance water security challenges across Asia and the Pacific by sharing knowledge, experiences, and lessons under the theme of Stockholm World Water Week 2021, Building Resilience Faster. In 2021, we will organize three sessions as the Asia Focus.

Join us by registration through  
[www.worldwaterweek.org/tickets](http://www.worldwaterweek.org/tickets)

# Best Practices in Innovative Water Financing in Asia and the Pacific

Monday, 23 August 2021 • 10:00–11:00a.m. CEST

 <https://bit.ly/2Uc4IWZ>

## Overview

Climate change adaptation and resilience are critical to advance water security, inclusive economic development, and SDGs despite shocks and stresses like COVID-19. Development partners will present a variety of current initiatives towards upscaling and mainstreaming of investments in climate resilience and water security across Asia and the Pacific.

Conveners



## Program

### Welcome/Opening Remarks

Mr. Jelle Beekma

Senior Water Resources Specialist, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

## Presentations

- **Enabling conditions for various innovative financing strategies in Asia**  
Mr. Xavier Leflaive  
*Team Leader, Resilience, Adaptation and Water, Environment Directorate, OECD*
- **Private sector participation in resilience**  
Ms. Hisaka Kimura  
*Advisor, Private Sector Operations, ADB*
- **Mainstreaming water resilience in financial institutions in Asia**  
Ms. Kari Davis  
*Technical Director, AGWA*
- **Case study on establishing community borewell by Adhikar, a microfinance institution in Odisha, India**  
Ms. Buvaeswari Duraisamy  
*Senior Manager, Microlending Partnerships, Water.org*

## Panel Discussion

Moderator: Mr. Ravi Narayanan, *Governing Council Chair, APWF*

Question to each of the independent panelists

### i. Banking sector

Dr. G R Chintala  
*National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Mumbai*

### ii. Resilience sector

Ms. Ania Grobicki  
*Deputy Director of External Affairs, GCF*

### iii. Service sector

Mr. Perry Rivera, *Advisor, Manila Water*

## Open Q&A with the audience

## Closing Remarks

Ms. Neeta Pokhrel, *Chief Water Sector Group, ADB*



## ASIA FOCUS

# Water Cycle Management for Resilient and Equitable Societies

Tuesday, 24 August 2021 • 7:00–8:00a.m. CEST

 <https://bit.ly/3xEVjzt>

### Overview

Asia and the Pacific face escalating pressure from the impacts of climate change and development. The Covid-19 pandemic has demonstrated the region's current vulnerabilities. Without fully understanding the rapidly changing hydro-metrological interactions using the best available science and data, achieving the necessary resilience within a short timeframe will not be possible. The session brings together a diverse group of speakers from Asia and the Pacific, highlighting different perspectives on the urgency and potential benefits of more robust information and data flows between science, policymakers, and the public.

Conveners



### Program

#### Welcome/Opening Remarks

Yumiko Asayama

Manager, APWF c/o Japan Water Forum

## Presentations

**Mr. Curt Garrigan**

*Chief, Sustainable Urban Development Section, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP*

**Dr. Pierre Flamand**

*Manager of International Affairs, Japan Sanitation Consortium*

**Dr. Manohara Khadka**

*Country Representative - Nepal and South Asia, International Water Management Institute*

**Mr. Osamu Kondo**

*Director, Secretariat of Water Cycle Policy Headquarters, Cabinet Secretariat, Japan*

**Dr. Ik-Jae (IJ) Kim**

*Director General, Chief Research Fellow, Water and Land Research Group, Korea Environment Institute (KEI)*

**Dr. Hans Dencker Thulstrup**

*UNESCO Regional Science Bureau for Asia and the Pacific*

## Plenary Q&A from the audience

Moderator: **Dr. Hans Dencker Thulstrup**, *UNESCO Regional Science Bureau for Asia and the Pacific*

Panelists: above speakers

## Summary and Wrap Up

**Dr. Hans Dencker Thulstrup**, *UNESCO Regional Science Bureau for Asia and the Pacific*

## ASIA FOCUS

# Accelerating Inclusive Water Governance to advance Sustainable Development

Wednesday, 25 August 2021 • 8:00–9:00a.m. CEST

 <https://bit.ly/3AGMxCP>

### Overview

The water crisis is often a crisis of governance, so addressing effective water governance should be one of the highest priorities in Asia-Pacific. Key regional actors will share innovative approaches in examining and improving water governance to boost sustainable and inclusive development and kick-start commitments towards concrete collaborative action.

Conveners



### Program

#### Introduction and Opening Remark

Ms. Yumiko Asayama

Manager, APWF c/o Japan Water Forum

### Session 1: Position and status of water governance for Asia Pacific countries to address issues on regional water governance

- **Asian Water Development Outlook (AWDO) 2020**  
Ms. Neeta Pokhrel  
*Chief of Water Sector Group, ADB*
- **Asia Focus Water Governance, lesson learned from the AWDO 2020**  
Dr. Maria Salvetti  
*Water Policy Analyst, OECD*
- **Water Integrity Global Outlook 2021**  
Ms. Barbara Schreiner  
*Executive Director, Water Integrity Network*
- **Implementation Status of SDG 6.5.1 Integrated Water Resources Management in Asia Region 2020**  
Mr. Colin Herron  
*Global Coordinator, Water Solutions for the SDGs,  
Global Water Partnership (GWP)*

### Session 2: Learning exchange sharing and discussion on concrete case studies in water governance (Video Presentation)

- **Role of International Water Law and informal mechanisms in transboundary water cooperation:**  
Mr. Raphael Glemet  
*Senior Programme Officer, Science and Strategy Group, IUCN Asia*
- **Innovation of capacity building on water-related disaster risk reduction**  
Dr. Tetsuya Ikeda  
*Deputy Director (International Coordination), International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management (ICHARM)*
- **Japanese lessons about water governance throughout history**  
Dr. Mikio Ishiwatari  
*Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)*
- **Water governance for Blue Cities**  
Dr. Oriana Romano  
*Head of Unit, Water Governance and Circular Economy, Cities, Urban Policies, and Sustainable Development Division, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD*

### Plenary Panel Discussion (Live)

Moderator: **Dr. Yumiko Yasuda**, *Senior Network and Transboundary Water Cooperation Specialist/ GWP Regional support to Pan Asia, GWP*

Panelists:

- **Mr. Vishwa Ranjan Sinha**, *Programme Officer, Science and Strategy Group, IUCN Asia*
- **Dr. Tetsuya Ikeda**, *ICHARM*
- **Dr. Mikio Ishiwatari**, *JICA*
- **Dr. Oriana Romano**, *OECD*

### Session 3: Joint actions and solutions for water governance to accelerate the achievement of the SDGs through enhanced water governance

Presentation **“Breaking down the silos: a multi-stakeholder open program for enhanced water security”?**

**Mr. Fany Wedahuditama**  
*Regional Coordinator, GWP Southeast Asia*

### Questions from participants

### Closing Remarks

**Ms. Yumiko Asayama**  
*Manager, APWF c/o Japan Water Forum*