

Accelerating Progress on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in the Asia- Pacific region

Date &
Time

2nd March 2022 (Wed)
Noon - 1:00PM (Jakarta Time)
2:00PM - 3:00PM (Tokyo Time)

Overview

In 2021, the Global Water Partnership and UNEP-DHI Centre jointly developed a progress report on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in the Asia-Pacific Region. This report is expected to provide the basis for further regional collaboration to take action on the critical next steps needed to work towards achieving full IWRM implementation by 2030. This is in line with the Yangon Declaration made by Leaders of the Asia-Pacific region at the Third Asia-Pacific Water Summit in 2017, which committed to achieving the water-related Sustainable Development Goals and targets, and to facilitating the implementation of IWRM to achieve water security for sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region.

The key results, findings and recommendations of the SDG 6.5.1 Progress Report in Asia-Pacific will be presented in a joint webinar organized in partnership with the Asia Pacific Water Forum on March 2nd 2022. Two countries, The Philippines and Georgia, will share their experiences in using the results and findings of IWRM monitoring and how they can be mainstreamed in government processes. At the end of session, panelist will discuss a “call for action” to encourage countries and those responsible for implementing IWRM to understand that urgent action is needed at all levels to work toward achieving full IWRM implementation by 2030 in the Asia-Pacific Region. The outcome of the discussion from the webinar is intended to feed into the 4th Asia Pacific Water Summit in April 2022.

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About the Speakers:



Megan Knight, Senior IWRM Expert for Asia Region at Global Water Partnership:

Currently assuming the position of Senior IWRM Expert for GWP in the Pan Asia region Megan is providing support to national and transboundary actions towards achieving SDG 6.5, drawing from her technical expertise from over 20 years' experience in the natural resource and environmental first in Australia for the New South Wales government, and over the last ten years from an international development context within the Asia-Pacific region. She has experience advising international institutions and governments on environmental, natural resources, water resources and biodiversity management issues. Specifically she has provided technical support to the Mekong River Commission (MRC), an inter-governmental river basin organization, working with the four lower Mekong countries of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Viet Nam, and its dialogue partners, China and Myanmar as the International Technical Advisor (IWRM) to the Mekong-Integrated Water Resources Management Project, a World Bank funded project, which supported transboundary bilateral projects to develop joint IWRM action plans, and successfully supported the MRC in its development of the Mekong Basin-wide Environmental Strategy (SBEM) for prioritized environmental assets of regional (transboundary) importance, a first of its kind in the region. She has also worked for the UNDP as the Senior Technical Adviser in Viet Nam to address environmental management issues in the Red River Delta and in Nauru to develop an environmental and social safeguards policy and guidelines for the Nauru Ridge to Reef Project.



Fany Wedahuditama, Regional Coordinator, GWP-SEA:

Currently assuming the position of Regional Coordinator of Global Water Partnership Southeast Asia (GWP SEA) and the Chairman/Executive Director of Alliance Water Stewardship Indonesia. 20 years' experience in planning and implementing development projects related to: Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with specific focus on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM); Resilience and disaster risk management with a focus on Integrated Drought and Flood Management; Strong experience working with the Indonesian Government system at both National level (BAPPENAS) and Municipal level (BAPPEDA), and in facilitating processes of strategy and planning development.

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Paul Glennie, Senior Technical Advisor - UNEP-DHI Centre on Water & Environment:

For over 10 years with the UNEP-DHI Centre, Paul Glennie has been dedicated to supporting countries to implement sustainable water resources management and transboundary cooperation. During this time, he has been heavily involved in global, regional and national reporting on Sustainable Development Goal(SDG) indicator 6.5.1 on integrated water resources management (IWRM). His areas of expertise include water governance, climate change adaption, water quality and freshwater ecosystem management, and transboundary cooperation over water. Previously, Paul worked in flood modelling in Australia, where he now lives.



Dr. Seville D. David, Jr., Executive Director, National Water Resources Board, The Philippines

Seville D. David Jr. is Executive Director of the National Water Resources Board (NWRB) of the Philippines and Vice President of GWP Philippines. He supervises the NWRB's various activities as the agency mandated by the Government to administer and manage the country's water resources. This includes regulation of water resources and utilities, policy and planning supported by research and development of water resources, including the application of advanced technologies, such as isotope studies. David completed his B.Sc. degree in Geology at the University of the Philippines, Diliman in 1986 and earned his Masters and Doctoral degrees in Earth Science from the University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis in France in 1990 and 1994 respectively. This was followed by a Research Fellowship grant at the Geosciences Azur in Sophia Antipolis, Valbonne, France in 1997. He was also seconded by the Philippine Government as Regional Expert of the Coordinating Committee for Geosciences Programmes in East and Southeast Asia (CCOP), an intergovernmental organization based in Bangkok, Thailand from 2000 to 2004. David has been involved in the geologic hazards assessment and groundwater resources assessment programmes which were priority government programmes on disaster risk management and climate change adaptation

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Lance Gore, Principal Water Resources Specialist, Asian Development Bank (ADB) in South Asia Region:

Lance Gore is a Principal Water Resources Specialist for the Asian Development Bank focusing on helping governments and communities the South Asia Region to address their water security and productivity issues. Originating from New Zealand, he has been working in Asia and further afield since 2001. His main focuses are on water governance, IWRM, irrigation modernization, and water resources development. He is also the Principal Portfolio Management Specialist for ADB's agricultural and natural resources division in South Asia Regional Department.



Gvantsa Sivsivadze, First Category Senior Specialist at Water Division Environment and Climate Change Department, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia

For over 7 years with the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia, Gvantsa has been involved in the policy-making processes at the national level. Currently, she assumes the position of Senior Specialist at the Water division in the Environment and Climate Change Department. She is heavily involved in the policymaking in the field of water resources management. Gvantsa is a National Focal Point of the SDG indicators 6.5.1 on integrated water resources management and 6.5.2 on transboundary cooperation. She is a member of the GWP CACENA regional council. Gvantsa is also involved in academia as an invited lecturer at the Tbilisi State University, Georgia. She teaches a course in Environmental Policy and Management under the Postgraduate programme on Public Policy and Public Administration.

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It works collaboratively with a wide variety of water-related organizations in the region to build capacity and enhance cooperation, while boosting investment at the regional level and beyond.

Now, the APWF is planning to hold the 4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit (the 4th APWS) in Kumamoto City, Japan and online in 23-24 April 2022. At the 4th APWS, high-level delegates including heads of state and government and representatives of international organizations in the Asia-Pacific region will discuss various water-related priority issues and reach better alignment of priorities and actions at different levels for a water-safe and sustainable future. (<http://apwf.org/>)

The APWF Webinar Series is organized as an important part of the preparation for the 4th APWS. It aims to provide the government officials of the 49 countries in Asia and the Pacific with an opportunity to learn and deep-dive into water and water-related issues highlighted from different perspectives. Please join the APWF Webinar!

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