

ADB-GWP CONCLAVE

ADB India Resident Mission, New Delhi
2-3 November 2009

A. Representatives of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Global Water Partnership (GWP) met on the sidelines of the World Water Week in August 2009 in Stockholm and agreed that (i) both sides review the 2006 Letter of Intent for Cooperation on Water Activities in the Asia-Pacific Region¹ setting out an indicative collaborative work plan, and (ii) design a framework for prospective collaboration. The GWP-South Asia Water Partnership offered to host a meeting (referred to hereafter as the Conclave) in New Delhi on 2-3 November 2009 to help both sides undertake the review. A list of those who participated in the Conclave is given in Annex 2.

B. This Note records the gist of discussions held at the Conclave.

1. The Conclave reviewed the work undertaken in terms of the 2006 Letter of Intent on the basis of a short, factual report prepared by ADB (attached at Annex 3). Both sides agreed that this report was an accurate depiction of the work undertaken. We concluded that the partnership had been suboptimal and both sides had failed to seize opportunities. Any future partnership would require (i) a clear indication of the process by which the partnership would be governed, i.e. monitoring and review arrangements, (ii) a clear delineation of the points of contact at country level on both sides so that joint work could be considered and programmed at local level, and (iii) regular contact at corporate management level to guide the agreed program.
2. The meeting discussed current and prospective work programs on both sides. After discussion, a framework program of cooperation was agreed (attached at Annex 4). The principal elements of this framework are:
 - An agreement to exchange lists and contact details of staff engaged in Water at country level that would facilitate the initial introduction and dialogue on possible joint work (a list of countries where this may be possible was provided by ADB). The intention is that ADB and GWP will selectively work on country water sector reviews, sector analysis, and project/program preparatory work.
 - An agreement for ADB and GWP to connect at the knowledge level through the Technical Committee of the latter – this will help in the outlining of a specific knowledge development program.
 - Joint work on (i) a proposed Asian Water Information System, and (ii) a regional IWRM capacity building initiative, (iii) a discrete IWRM capacity building program for ADB staff, (iv) the proposed ADB Water Event for 2010, (v) water operators partnerships pursued at the regional level, and (vi) a staff secondment to ADB from GWP.

C. The Conclave agreed that progress of work developed as a consequence of the country level dialogue, and work specifically indicated in the framework program of cooperation at Annex 4, would be reviewed semi-annually by both sides through a videoconference meeting.

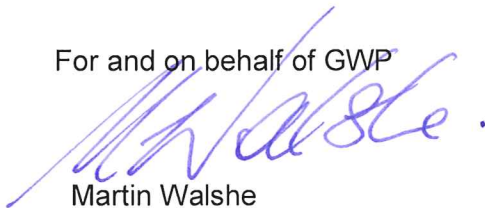
¹ A copy of the Letter of Intent dated 19 August 2006 is attached at Annex 1

An annual review meeting would be held on the sidelines of the Stockholm International Water Week.

D. It was agreed that the actions to be taken (furnishing of lists of staff and contact details, and initial contact between ADB and GWP-TAC) in light of the framework program of cooperation would be completed by 30 November 2009.

E. The Conclave wishes to record its appreciation to the ADB India Resident Mission which facilitated its discussions and extended generous courtesies. It also wishes to thank GWP-South Asia Water Partnership for offering to host the meeting in New Delhi.

For and on behalf of GWP



Martin Walshe

For and on behalf of ADB



Arjun Thapan

New Delhi, 3 November 2009



Letter of Intent for Cooperation on Water Activities in the Asia-Pacific region

This letter forms the basis of cooperation between the

Asian Development Bank

and

Global Water Partnership

A. The Cooperation Partners

1. The Asian Development Bank ("ADB") and the Global Water Partnership ("GWP") have a mutual interest in achieving effective and relevant policies and programming in international development. ADB is a broad-based development institution for the Asia and Pacific region ("the Region"), committed to reduce poverty through lending and non-lending activities to support pro-poor sustainable economic growth, good governance and inclusive social development. The Global Water Partnership is a worldwide network created in 1996 whose mission is to support countries in the sustainable management of their water resources through the adoption of an Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) approach. The GWP has four Regional Water Partnerships covering the Asia Pacific region that will participate in the collaboration with ADB: GWP-South Asia, GWP-S E Asia, GWP-China and GWP-Central Asia and the Caucasus as well as several country Water Partnerships.

2. ADB manages a Water Partnership Program, which is part of a regional technical assistance project for promoting effective water management policies and practices, financed by the Cooperation Fund for the Water Sector, a multi-donor umbrella fund administered by ADB.

B. Core Areas of Cooperation

3. ADB and GWP acknowledge that the cooperation they seek to foster will facilitate the realization of their aims for improved water governance and the expansion of service delivery.



4. Given the mutually supportive goals of ADB and GWP, the parties desire to establish a basis for collaboration in the Asia-Pacific region in the following areas:

- Implementation of the Hashimoto Action Plan. The collaboration will respond to the Compendium of Actions developed by the United Nations Secretary General's Advisory Board ("UNSGAB"), now known as the Hashimoto Action Plan which calls for breakthrough action in order to achieve the MDG targets. A key initiative is the implementation of a Water Operators Partnership (WOP) program in the region;
- Implementation of IWRM. IWRM is a long-term process to optimize the development, management and use of water resources to advance sustainable development. ADB and GWP agree to promote IWRM in the Region, in particular in the development of IWRM plans and strategies and development of river basin management in 25 basins in Asia as envisioned under ADB's WFP.
- Asia Pacific Water Forum. The Asia-Pacific Water Forum was launched by the Japan Water Forum in Mexico on the occasion of the 4th World Water Forum. The APWF is a regional network for water in the Asia-Pacific region and will serve as a venue for the identification and adoption of solutions to water issues in the region. The GWP regional water partnerships in South Asia, Southeast Asia and, Central Asia and Caucasus have been instrumental in promoting IWRM in the region and ADB and GWP will support the activities of the APWF and help to organize a Summit meeting in 2007;
- Support to ADB's Water Financing Program (WFP). In recognition of the rapidly growing water needs in the region and in response to the calls of the Camdessus Panel and the Gurria Task Force, ADB has recently launched the WFP aimed at doubling overall investments in the water sector. GWP has been a key sponsor of the global efforts to increase financing for water and will work with ADB in the implementation of the WFP through the mobilization of additional resources and the expansion of networks and partnerships that can assist with the implementation of the Program.

C. Initial Activities of Cooperation

5. The first activity the ADB and GWP intend to collaborate on is the implementation of the WOP program in the region. Among the actions identified by the Hashimoto Action Plan is the need "to help water operators improve service delivery through a structured program of cooperation amongst strong and weak operators, based on a concept of mutual support



among them, on a not-for-profit basis through the implementation of the WOP¹ program in the Asia-Pacific region. The WOP program will address management and institutional reforms to improve operations and financial viability through twinning and capacity building activities.

- Organize workshops for the introduction of WOP and facilitate the establishment of water utilities networks in South Asia and Central Asia & Caucasus. The activity will include the organization of workshops for the introduction of the WOP program to participating utilities as well as the development of institutional arrangements to implement the program. The parties will work with Southeast Asian Water Utilities Network² (SEAWUN) for the implementation of the WOP program in Southeast Asia. The activity also aims to facilitate the replication of SEAWUN in South and Central Asia & Caucasus, should this be accepted by participating utilities.
- Coordination among utilities in the region. The activity will build on on-going discussion with Singapore's Public Utilities Board (PUB), Phnom Penh's Water Supply Authority, Manila Water, as well as begin discussions with Australian and European operators to draw support for WOP. PUB and Manila Water have earlier signified their intention to participate in this endeavor. The activity will identify utilities in South and Central Asia and coordinate with professional water utilities associations in the region. The activity will also develop a strong relationship with international and local water utilities associations to assist in the implementation of the WOP;
- Liaison with other Donors and organizations. The parties will liaise with other donors and organizations to coordinate similar initiatives as well as work towards securing grant funds from other Donors in support of the WOP implementation and in relation to ADB's WFP;
- Coordination with UNSGAB. The parties will continue to closely coordinate with UNSGAB throughout the implementation process to ensure consistency with their guidelines on WOP implementation. The support of UNSGAB is likewise recognized as essential in the successful implementation of WOP. Coordination with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) on

¹ UNSGAB Compendium of Actions

²A regional network of 47 utilities from Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam supported by the ADB. SEAWUN has organized itself to meet the principal mandate of improving service delivery, operational and management efficiency and financial viability of its member utilities



the development of a database and internet interface for the operation of WOP will also be made.

6. To facilitate the development and implementation of the cooperation and its activities, ADB and GWP will jointly develop work programs and letters of agreement, as appropriate. The implementation of this Cooperation shall initially be for a period of one year commencing on the date of signature of this Letter of Intent.

7. The Parties will each contribute the amount of US Dollars 50,000 to launch this cooperation. Specific costs that will be borne by each Party will be contained in the Work Plan that will be prepared.

Signed on _____ in Stockholm, Sweden

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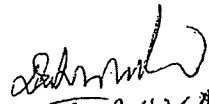
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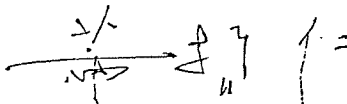
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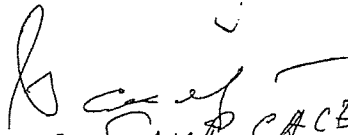
Letter of Intent for Cooperation on
Water Activities in the Asia-Pacific region
(signed on 19 August 2006)


We, the undersigned, confirm our full support for the decision of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Global Water Partnership (GWP) to establish a basis for increased cooperation on water activities in our respective regions.

We stand ready to work with ADB and GWP colleagues on the further development of work programs and in implementing agreed activities to improve water governance and expand service delivery.


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**Letter of Intent between ADB and GWP for Cooperation on Water Activities
in the Asia-Pacific Region
Status as of 31 July 2009**

Core Areas of Cooperation	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Implementation of the Hashimoto Action Plan</u>. The collaboration will respond to the Compendium of Actions developed by the United Nations Secretary General Advisory Board (UNSGAB), now known as the Hashimoto Action Plan which calls for breakthrough action in order to achieve the MDG targets. A key initiative is the implementation of a Water Operators Partnerships (WOPs) Program in the region. 	<p>In April 2007, RETA 6396: Supporting Water Operators Partnership in Asia was approved – a concrete response of ADB to the call for supporting water operators/utilities in the region.</p> <p>This RETA has 4 components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of utilities networks in South Asia, Central Asia and East Asia (and strengthening of existing network in Southeast Asia which ADB helped set up earlier under a separate initiative) • Twinning program between strong and weak utilities • Continuous improvement and benchmarking • Technical training <p>A phase 2 of this RETA is currently under preparation.</p> <p>A joint statement was signed between ADB and UNSGAB in support of this initiative.</p> <p>GWP was very helpful with the South Asia utility network and in particular at the Islamabad meeting in 2007. This included a contribution of \$50,000.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Implementation of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)</u>. IWRM is a long-term process to optimize the development, management and use of water resources to advance sustainable development. ADB and GWP to promote IWRM in the region, in particular in the development of IWRM plans and strategies and development of river basin management in 25 basins in Asia as envisioned under ADB's Water Financing Program. 	<p>The Water Financing Program has targeted 25 river basins in which to introduce IWRM. As of 30 June 2009, 24 river basins have been identified. Projects and other activities are ongoing in 24 out of the 24 identified river basins.</p> <p>ADB has contributed to Guidelines for IWRM at the River Basin Level, produced by an international task force led by UNESCO. Use of the guidelines has already started through NARBO.</p> <p>RSID has formed a basin water team, which will report by end 2009 on the interim results and lessons learned from the work in these basins.</p> <p>GWP and ADB collaborated and jointly funded</p>

	<p>the Basin Functional Water Partnership in Cambodia.</p> <p>The GWP Regional Partnership for Central Asia has been very helpful the ADB supported Chu Talas work in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyz Republic. The Central Asia Partnership was also very helpful with Asia Days at the Stockholm meetings.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Asia-Pacific Water Forum</u>. The Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF) was launched by the Japan Water Forum in Mexico on the occasion of the 4th World Water Forum. The APWF is a regional network for water in the Asia-Pacific region and serves as a venue for the identification and adoption of solutions to water issues in the region. The GWP regional water partnerships in South Asia, Southeast Asia, and Central Asia and Caucasus have been instrumental in promoting IWRM in the region and ADB and GWP will support activities of the APWF and help organize a Summit meeting in 2007. 	<p>With ADB's advice, APWF has adopted GWP's subregions (Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, Central Asia, and the Pacific) as its own subregional building blocks. GWP subregional coordinators have played a key role in all APWF activities, including those supported by ADB.</p> <p>ADB has been actively supporting the APWF particularly in establishing the regional water knowledge hubs, of which there are now 17. Please see attached list and www.apwf-knowledgehubs.net. The GWP Coordinator for Central Asia is a member of the Steering Committee of the APWF <i>KnowledgeHubs</i> initiative.</p> <p>The 2nd Asia Pacific Water Summit is planned for 2010. Meanwhile, ADB is in the process of preparing the 2nd <i>Asian Water Development Outlook</i> in cooperation with some of the APWF regional water knowledge hubs and in consultation with GWP subregional coordinators.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to ADB's Water Financing Program. In recognition of the rapidly growing water needs in the region and in response to the calls of the Camdessus Panel and Gurrin Task Force, ADB has recently launched the Water Financing Program aimed at doubling overall investments in the water sector. GWP has been a key sponsor of the global efforts to increase financing for water and will work with ADB in the implementation of WFP through the mobilization of additional resources and the expansion of networks and partnerships that can assist with the implementation of the program. 	<p>GWP held its 2006 Regional Conference on Water Financing in Manila with ADB as partner.</p>

ANNEX 4

FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME OF COOPERATION

ACTION	NEXT STEPS	Date	Person(s) Responsible	Target	Status of Action
<p>COUNTRY LEVEL COOPERATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Country strategy preparation ▪ Sector analytical work ▪ Sector investment review ▪ Specific TA & project preparation ▪ Joint programmes <p>Look at Cambodia 4-P Basin Project as good model of GWP/ADB cooperation to replicate</p> <p>Issues and thematic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Water quality & resilience ▪ Flood management ▪ Basin management approaches (eg through local government & A WPs) ▪ Transboundary water at local and provincial levels ▪ Climate change adaptation ▪ Groundwater 	<p>i. Exchange Country Office contacts</p> <p>ii. ADB to coordinate with Country Offices to facilitate dialogue with GWP Match opportunities through dialogue between in-country ADB & GWP representatives</p> <p>iii. Agree specific actions and implementation mechanisms</p> <p>iv. Establish basis for longer term cooperation through early involvement of GWP in ADB planning at country level</p> <p>v.</p>	<p>30/11/09</p> <p>30/11/09 and ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ian Makin (ADB) and Dr Minh/Djoko (GWP SEA) (Ensure synergy in actions with CBROM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cambodia (current TA coming to an end) • Indonesia • Laos • Vietnam • Philippines) • Thailand <p>Thomas Panella (ADB) and Tariq (GWP SAS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pakistan <p>Thomas Panella (ADB) and Vadim Sokolov (GWP Cacena)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uzbekistan • Other Central Asia <p>Amy Leung (ADB) and Zheng Rugang (GWP China)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China <p>TBA (To be followed up by ADB with Country Office, then</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India • Bangladesh • Nepal • Bhutan • Sri Lanka 	<p>2 country opportunities being operationalised by 30/06/10</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Water Operator Partnerships <p>Specific Regional & Country “low hanging fruit”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MRC/YRC cooperation ▪ Transboundary water in Central Asia ▪ Water Operator Partnership in Central Asia ▪ Further work in Cambodia identified ▪ Laos RBOs work identified ▪ Thailand – RBOs work identified 		<p>Next Yellow River Forum 2010</p> <p>Discuss Vadim Nov 09</p> <p>Discuss Vadim Nov 09</p>	<p>GWP China</p> <p>T Panella/Vadim Sokolov</p> <p>T Panella/Vadim Sokolov</p>	<p>MRC/YRC Dialogue Collaboration defined Spring 2010</p> <p>Collaboration defined Spring 2010</p> <p>Collaboration defined End 2010</p>	
<p>GWP TECHNICAL COMMITTEE</p> <p>a) ADB participation at individual or corporate level in activities of GWP Technical Committee</p> <p>b) Development of an Asian Water Information System, building on GWP</p>	<p>a) Detailed discussion between GWP Technical Committee Chair and ADB Regional Director</p> <p>b) ADB to provide outline requirement GWP to review and</p>	<p>Started by 30/11/09</p> <p>Spring 2010</p>	<p>Mohamed Ait Khadi (GWP)- Arjun Thapan (ADB)</p> <p>GWPO (MAK, LO, AG, MWW) & GWP Regions – Arjun Thapan (ADB)</p>	<p>ADB Participation agreed by 28/02/10</p> <p>Work plan agreed summer 2010</p>	

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<p>and other work on indicators</p>	<p>identify specific areas of competence and potential work</p>	<p>Summer 2010</p>			
INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION					
<p>a) ADB Water Event (Oct 12-14, 2010), to be preceded by SEA Water Forum (Oct 10-11). ADB Water Event will comprise 4 themes, in 12 sessions at 2hrs per session over 3 days . Three subthemes under each theme</p>	<p>a) GWP to consider and advise on whether they are willing to prepare 10 page background issues oriented and analytic paper for selected themes. Papers to be based on secondary data GWP to identify potential speakers and other possible inputs</p>	<p>End 2009</p> <p>Spring 2010</p>	<p>GWPO (MAK, LO, AG, MWW) GWP Regions</p>	<p>At least one and maximum of 2 papers by GWP</p> <p>Equitable GWP representation</p>	
<p>b) ADB will provide \$50k support for SEAWF. Plus similar amount for SAWF if it proceeds</p> <p>c) Regional customised training Programme for ADB Clients on IWRM and its implementation</p>	<p>b) GWP working at Regional level</p> <p>c) ADB to provide outline requirement. GWP to review and identify specific areas of competence and potential work</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>End 2009</p> <p>Spring 2010</p>		<p>TBA once agreement reached</p>	
<p>d) Capacity building in ADB Water Family</p> <p>a. In-house IWRM Training programme</p> <p>b. GWP Secondment</p>	<p>d) GWP to discuss with CapNet and GWP Regions and provide response</p>	<p>End 2009</p>		<p>TBA once agreement reached</p>	

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into ADB					
DOCUMENTATION TO SHARE					
ADB Sector Planning & Review procedures		30/11/09			
Climate Change “mini-Stern” Review of ADB Regions		30/11/09			
ADB Corporate Approach to Water for the next 10 years		30/11/09			
ADB Focal points in-country		30/11/09			
GWP Country Partnership contacts		30/11/09			