



**Consultative Meeting
on
Essential Elements of
National Water Policy**



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Global Water Partnership (GWP)

The Global Water Partnership (GWP) was created in 1996 in response to the Rio Earth Summit. It supports countries in the sustainable management of their water resources through its unique network of locally driven and staffed Regional and Country Water Partnerships. Following the 2002 resolution at World Summit on Sustainable Development, GWP has worked with numerous governments worldwide to develop Integrated Water Resources Management and Water Efficiency Plans.

GWP is an intergovernmental organization of 13 Regional Water Partnerships, over 80 Country Water Partnerships and more than 2,500 Partner Organizations in 161 countries. Its vision is a water secure world. GWP's mission is to support the sustainable development and management of water resources at all levels through Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM). IWRM is a process that promotes the coordinated development and management of water, land and related resources in order to maximize economic and social welfare in an equitable manner, without compromising the sustainability of vital ecosystems and the environment.

A water secure world harnesses the productive power of water and minimizes its destructive force. It is a world where every person has enough safe, affordable, clean water to lead a healthy and productive life. It is a world where communities are protected from floods, droughts, landslides, erosion, and water-borne diseases. Water security promotes environmental protection as well as social justice, and addresses the impacts of poor water management. All of these will become even greater challenges as climate variability increases.

Pakistan Water Partnership (PWP)

PWP is a think tank created to promote the concepts of Integrated Water Resources Management in Pakistan through advocacy, capacity building, providing a neutral platform to review and discuss water issue of the country and help the government in better water management under the threats of climate change and droughts/floods at all levels.

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1. Background

Pakistan Water Partnership (PWP), under the leadership of the Planning Commission of Pakistan, has been actively working on preparation of the National Water Policy of Pakistan. Other partners in this process include the Pakistan Sector Strategy Support of IFPRI, LEAD Pakistan and ADB.

After a preliminary national consultation in 2014 "Pakistan Water Summit" on 24th March 2014, the task was assigned to a Task Force lead by Sardar Muhammad Tariq as its chair with members from other partner organizations.

2. Introduction

Benefiting from the presence of a high level delegation of the UNESCO visiting Pakistan during second week of July 2015, Mr. Naseer Ahmad Gillani, Chairman, Pakistan Water Partnership (PWP)/Chief Water Planning Commission, planned to hold a consultative meeting on 8th July 2015 in the Committee Room of Planning Commission to brief the delegation and national water experts on the developments taken place on formulation of National Water Policy under the key role of PWP.

List of the UNESCO delegation members and participants of the consultative meeting is placed at annex-I.

3. Proceedings

3.1 Recitation from Holy Quran and Welcome – Mr. Naseer A Gillani

The consultative meeting commenced with the recitation from the Holy Quran by Mr. Naseer Ahmad Gillani, Joint Secretary/Chief Water, Planning Commission and Chairman, PWP. He also welcomed the UNESCO delegation and the participants of the meeting and explained the objectives of the meeting. He informed the participants that under the guidance of the Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Reform, he has launch the initiative

to formulate Pakistan's National Water Policy which has been in preliminary form and need high level of inputs by the water experts of UNESCO, IFPRI, ICIMOD and other partners working in water sector.

He also thanked collaboration and inputs of PWP, Lead Pakistan, IFPRI and other partners in this initiative.

He requested Dr. Soontak Lee, Chairman, World Water Forum to kindly educate the audience on the developments taken place in the 7th World Water Forum held in Korea during June 2015 and provide his expert advice where Pakistan National Water Policy should lead to.

3.2 7th World Water Forum – Dr. Soontak Lee

Dr. Soontak Lee gave a detailed presentation on the preparation, planning, management and conducting of the 7th World Water Forum held in Korea. He also explained how the different processes were formulated to engage all segments of the world government, UN agencies, International NGOs, civil society and stakeholders. He advised that during the proceedings of the 7th World Water Forum and earlier forums, there has been countless water policy related guidelines presented and discussed which can be scanned through by the Task Force of Pakistan Water Policy. He offered his support in providing all these guidelines and stuff presented in the water forums.

3.3 National Water Policy – Sardar M Tariq

Sardar Muhammad Tariq, Executive Director/CEO, PWP gave a very comprehensive yet very precise account of the draft of National Water Policy which had been in the fine-tuning stage at that moment. He also mentioned that as per guidance provided by the Planning Commission, the Task Force on National Water Policy has been giving due preferences to both Federal Government and Provincial Governments in planning and implementation of the National Water Policy and the Plan of Action. He also gave a comprehensive overview of the contents of the Policy. He requested all the partners to provide their inputs for inclusion in the draft of Policy at the earliest.

3.4 UNESCO chair for excellence in water – Dr. Shahbaz Khan

Dr. Shahbaz Khan, Director, UNESCO Regional Office for Asia Pacific, explained the prime objective of his visit to Pakistan highlighting importance of a UNESCO chair for excellence in water. He assured his full support in the preparation and finalization of the National Water Policy of Pakistan. He asked

that once the initial draft is ready it may be shared with him and he will arrange to get input from key water experts of UNESCO from the globe.

3.5 MOU on Cooperation between PWP and Korea Water Forum – Brig. M Aslam Khan

Brig. Muhammad Aslam Khan, Director PWP & Chairperson, Gomal-Damaan AWP informed the participants of the major achievement of signing an MOU between PWP and the Korea Water Forum which happened in response to his active participation in the 7th World Water Forum in Korea. The MOU was aimed at establishing a mutual partnership framework governing collaborative activities to meet the authorized and organizationally related goals of sharing knowledge and experiences in order to improve functions each organization; facilitating cooperation between Korean and Pakistani public and private water sector to vitalize water business and projects; and cooperating on partner organizations' international events to develop wise and effective solutions for global water issues. He also informed that PWP and KWF are now in the stage of preparing activities for mutual cooperation.

The participants and Dr. Soontak Lee highly acknowledge and appreciated this development between PWP and KWF which can be a vehicle of developmental cooperation between Pakistan and Korea. They also appreciated efforts of Brig. Aslam Khan.

The consultation concluded with vote of thanks by Mr. Naseer Ahmad Gillani, Joint Secretary, Planning Commission/Chairman PWP.

4. Photo gallery



A view of Consultative Meeting.



List of Participants

Sr. #	Name & Designation	Organization/Address
1.	Mr. Naseer Ahmad Gillani, Joint Secretary	Planning Commission, GOP, Islamabad
2.	Sardar Muhammad Tariq, ED/CEO	Pakistan Water Partnership, Islamabad
3.	Dr. Soontak Lee, Chairman	World Water Forum, Korea
4.	Dr. Shahbaz Khan, Director	UNESCO Regional Office for Asia Pacific
5.	Mr. Raza Shah, NPO	UNESCO Pakistan Office, Islamabad
6.	Dr. Asma Younas, Advisor	UNESCO Pakistan Office, Islamabad
7.	Mr. Usman Mirza, Research Associate	LEAD Pakistan, Islamabad
8.	Mr. Muhammad Azam, Director	PCRWR, Islamabad
9.	Mr. Hameed Masood, Rep.	UNDP Pakistan, Islamabad
10.	Mr. Khalid Saifullah, Program Officer	Oxfam-Novib, Islamabad
11.	Syed Ayub Qutub, Executive Director	PIEDAR, Islamabad
12.	Brig. Muhammad Aslam Khan, Chiarman	GDAWP/Director, PWP, Rawalpindi
13.	Dr. Stephen Davies, SRF & Program Leader	PSSP, IFPRI, Islamabad
14.	Mr. Omar Majeed, Research Fellow	PSSP, IFPRI, Islamabad
15.	Dr. Abdul Wahid Jasra, Country Head	ICIMOD Pakistan, Islamabad
16.	Mr. Wasim Mehmood, Rep.	Muslim Hands, Islamabad
17.	Dr. Hasan Drooj, Director Health	CDA, Islamabad
18.	Mr. Wasif Bashir Babar, Chair	Pakistan Youth Parliament for Youth
19.	Mr. M. Raza Ali Gandapur, Patron	Pakistan Youth Parliament for Youth
20.	Mr. Karamat Ali, Company Secretary	Pakistan Water Partnership, Islamabad