

3rd Asia International Water Week Kick-off Meeting Program book

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The 3rd Asia International Water Week Kick-off meeting

Concept Paper for the 3rd AIWW

Objective

The Asia International Water Week (AIWW) is a triennial water gathering to share practical solutions to solve Asian water problems. It is organized by Asia Water Council (AWC) in collaboration with the host country. Regional water problems that were discussed throughout the three years of the preparatory process of the AIWW will be raised as primary issues of the Asian water community and will be disseminated to the global water community with action plans to solve them.

The tangible plans to implement solutions will be particularly highlighted by organizing the sessions on the pertinent topics. Designing the future plans for collected action plans will be the core part of the gathering in the AIWW.

Stakeholders and preeminent experts gather at the AIWW to share their insights and experiences to support the activities of AWC and pave the way towards sustainable development in Asia. As the AIWW is held one year prior to the World Water Forum, major gathering for the preparatory process and the follow up action process will be held at the World Water Forum.

When and where will the AIWW be held?

The AIWW will be held every three years, one year prior to the World Water Forum by AWC in collaboration with the host country that will bid three years prior to the AIWW. The 1st AIWW was successfully held in Gyeongju City, Republic of Korea September 2017. The 2nd AIWW was successfully held in Bali, Indonesia in March 2022 (postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic). The 3rd AIWW is going to be held in Beijing, China in September, 2024.

How can Asia benefit from AWC and AIWW?

One of the core values of AWC is to raise primary regional water issues of concerns and findings through AWC members' 'Implementation of water solutions to Asian water problem'.

This will be fulfilled by promoting 'Asian sustainable growth' to successfully provide tangible and practical water solutions with appropriate methodologies. Accordingly, AWC is aimed to encourage common prosperity and to achieve the SDGs by solving Asian water challenges with the stakeholders including governments, MDBs, ECAs, public organizations, academia & research organizations, and international organizations as well as civil societies within the AWC platform.

In this regard, AWC will become a distinctive entity, which has never previously existed, focusing on water related issues in Asia and providing practical solutions with applicable implementation methodologies.

3rd AIWW Kick-off meeting Program

Date/Time	Contents	
7 July, Friday		
10:00 – 10:30 (30min)	Registration & Welcome Coffee	
10:30 – 10:45 (50min)	Opening Remarks	· Vice–Minister of MWR, China
	Congratulatory Remarks	· President of AWC · Minister of MPWH, Indonesia · Member of National Assembly, Korea
10:45 – 11:00 (15min)	Signing Ceremony for MoA of the 3rd AIWW	· President of AWC · Vice–President of IWHR
11:00 – 11:20 (20min)	Introduction of the AIWW & 3rd AIWW	· Executive Director of AWC · Vice–President of IWHR
11:20 – 11:35 (15min)	Introduction of the Asia Water Issue Session	
11:35 – 11:40 (5min)	(Move to each meeting room for AWI session)	
11:40 – 12:40 (60min)	Asia Water Issue Session (1)	· 6 Topic breakout sessions
12:40 – 14:00 (80min)	Lunch	
14:00 – 15:00 (60min)	Asia Water Issue Session (2)	· Integrated session
15:00 – 15:20 (20min)	Break	
15:20 – 16:40 (80min)	Water Project Business Forum Session	
16:40 – 17:20 (40min)	Asia to World Statement Session	· Executive Director of AWC · Vice–President of IWHR
17:20 – 17:30 (10min)	Closing Remarks	· Vice–President of IWHR
17:30 – 18:00 (30min)	Break	
18:00 – 20:00 (120min)	Dinner Reception	

Session Program 1

Asia Water Issue

1. Asia Water Issue Session 7 July 2023 / 1F Grand Hall, Meeting Rooms

Participants

- (Governments) Central and Local Governments from Asian Countries.
- (Industry) Water Enterprises (Engineering, Consulting and Construction firms)
- (Experts) Water Professionals from various Sectors (MDBs, academia, etc.)

2. Background

- Asia Water Council (AWC) is a global water network focused on providing tangible solutions on Asian Water Challenges and facilitating multilateral discussions among stakeholders. The AWC will coordinate with stakeholders during identification and implementation of tangible solutions. The AWC is the principal organizer and sponsor of the 1st Asia International Water Week (AIWW).
- Asia Water Issues highlight the central role of water in sustainable and resilient development. There is an emphasis on the foundational roles of knowledge, technology and data in implementing this objective – across all aspects of research, innovation, policy and practice as well as on other important topics and issues.

3. Linkages

- After the several thematic discussions, finding the practical and sustainable solutions for each water related problems respectively, a common voice was raised to demand an influential multi-lateral water organization with the power of execution for implementing solutions identified through the discussions.
- Asia Water Issues are an important agenda for AIWW and AWC. It provides practical solutions for stakeholders with diverse interests to gather and discuss water related topics and address water issues through prior analyses, trend linkage, and global capacity building.

4. Objectives

Operating the parallel sessions to seek for political/technical solutions to Asia water problems, and derive '6 Sub-themes' and '24 Topics'.

5. Program Schedule

Date/Time	Contents
7 July, Friday	
11:20 – 12:40 (80min)	Asia Water Issue Session - Discussion(1) <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Discussion by each division and derive the list of Sub-themes and Topics
11:20 – 11:35 (15min)	Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Overview on 6 sub-themes and Topics· Milestone of Asia Water Issue· Result of the pre-survey (by AWC, 2022) <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">· Venue : Auditorium· Moderating : MC (Yoonjin KIM, Director of WWC)</div>
11:35 – 12:40 (65min) Venue : Meeting Room	Discussion by each division <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Composing the members of 6 divisions and discussion<ul style="list-style-type: none">※ Moderator(Champion) : Moderate the discussion· Discussion : Derive results from each division<ul style="list-style-type: none">※ ① Sub-theme, ② Topic· Integration of discussion results by each division
12:40 – 14:00 (80min)	Lunch
14:00 – 15:00 (60min)	Presentation and general Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Discussion results by each division (Moderator)· Coordinate and review topics· Select topics for each division

Session Program 2

Water Project Business Forum

1. Objectives

As one of the Pillars of Asia International Water Week, Water Project Business Forum (WPBF) is purposed to promote development of concrete water projects, serving as a business platform between multi-stakeholders including governments, water enterprises. WPBF platform is to share various water issues and project plans of Asian countries and to introduce the relevant project experiences of the industry. This event includes introduction of water issues and projects, and will further be facilitated through G2B meetings.

2. Expected Outcomes

Upon successful organization of WPBF, the platform is expected to facilitate discussions between governments and enterprises in various aspects to identify and develop prospective projects through the AWC platform, which can be also linked with AWC Water Project, which targets to provide tangible solutions for water issues in Asia.

3. Considerations for the 3rd AIWW

Concept Theme. Harmonize with 3rd AIWW theme & Intl. Agenda(s).

Objectives.

- (More Industrial Visibility) facilitated engagement of water industry (attractions?)
- (G2B Attraction) means to connect governments (buyers) with industry (providers)
- (Make it More International) variety (engineering, consulting, construction, equipment)
- (Identify Partners) early collaboration talks with industrial entities (relevant ministries, etc.)

4. WPBF during the Kick-Off

7 July 2023 / Auditorium

Concept. Review of past WPBF and identification of interests for future organization.

Participants.

- (Governments) China (MWR), Indonesia (MPWH), Republic of Korea (MoE)
- (Industry) Water Enterprises (past & new participants)
- (Experts) Water Professionals from various Sectors (MDBs, academia, etc.)

Date/Time	Contents	Participants
7 July, Friday		
15:20 – 15:29	Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Opening Remarks Yongdeok Cho, Secretary General, Asia Water Council(AWC) · Welcoming Remarks Firdaus Ali, Policy Adviser to the Minister, Ministry of Public Works and Housing, Indonesia · Pablo
15:29 – 15:34	Introduction to WPBF 1) WPBF Overview. 2) Outcomes from 1st&2nd AIWW. 3) Future Plans for 3rd AIWW.	Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Eun Bee Kim, Cooperation Director, AWC Secretariat
15:34 – 15:49	Government Strategies (Presentations) 4) Global Business Support Strategy for Water Sector. 5) National Needs for Water Projects and Best Practices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Taeyoon Kim, Deputy Director Ministry of Environment, Republic of Korea · Tang Xinhua, Secretary-General Chinese Hydraulic Engineering Society(CHES) · Arfin ST., Head of Investment Cooperation Coordination Subdirector, Ministry of Public Works and Housing, Indonesia
15:49 – 16:37	Panel Discussion 6) Topic: facilitation of global water project and increasing private engagement in the water sector.	(MDBs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Amgad Elmahdi, Water Sector Senior Specialist, GCF · Satoshi Ishii, Chief of Water Sector Group, ADB (Virtual) · Georges Comair, Water Resources Specialist, WB (Virtual) (Developed Countries Corporation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Representatives from USOL, IS Technology, CAST · Francois Brikke, Country Lead for Indonesia, Mott MacDonald (Developing Countries Corporation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Ramoncito Fernandez, CEO, Maynilad · Yen Dewen, Chief Economist, Yellow River Engineering Consulting
16:37 – 16:40	Closing	Closing Remarks Emily Wang, Deputy Director China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research

Session Program 3

EXPO (Exhibition)

1. Operation Date & Hours

- 6 July (Thu): 9AM–12PM (3HRS) * VIP EXPO Tour to take place at 11:40AM–12:00PM
- 7 July (Fri): 10AM–3PM (5HRS)

2. Location: Songsan Global Water Education & Research Center (Main Lobby)

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3. Participants

- K-water (4 slots)
- Korean water companies (4 slots)
- Water companies from China, Indonesia & the Philippines (3 slots)
- Global Water Partnership (1 slot)



4. Provided by host (complimentary)

- Exhibition area (slot) with a table / two chairs, a standing panel (w100*h180 cm) for exhibition materials, a backdrop (w150*h220 cm) to put organization name & logo, a table banner (w18*h42 cm) for organization name & banner.
- For the production of a standing panel, backdrop and table banner.

5. Business Meeting(s)

participating organizations are encouraged to have business meeting(s) during the EXPO, using the provided “BIZ MEETING ZONE” at the EXPO area. AWC will share the contact information of the participating organizations in advance.

Session Program 4

Asia to World Statement

1. Background

In recognition that water is essential for the survival of all life and ecosystems, and plays as a cross-cutting factor to achieve Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development Goals and the global water-related targets, the 3rd Asia International Water Week seeks to revise and reform the Asia to World Statement that was previously.

The first Asia to World Statement underscored the basic concepts regarding on the importance of water and sustainability in general. Therefore, to reduce the ambiguity and elaborate sophisticated clauses in hopes of providing more insightful guidance when countries are establishing action plans, the Statement will incorporate the themes suggested below.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the Asia to World Statement are as follows:

- A.** The Statement will be divided into three divisions – ministerial, parliamentary, and Asia water expert levels – to establish clauses for suitable action plans that could take place specific to each level and initiate cross-sectoral commitments to attain shared goals.
- B.** The Statements for all levels are affirmed in accordance with 6 main themes and 24 sub-themes(TBC) of the 3rd AIWW, which were carefully chosen to address the main and timely water issues that Asia is currently going through.
- C.** Asia to World Statement aims primarily to provide an appropriate reference to fundamental values that all countries should incorporate, and outline the roadmap that Asian countries can take into the consideration when establishing action plans to enhance sustainable and resilient water management.

3. Program Schedule

Date/Time	Contents	Participants
7 July, Friday		
16:40 – 16:45	Opening & Introduction to the Progress of the Asia to World Statement	Executive Director of AWC
16:45 – 16:55	Presentation · The Statement of the 3rd AIWW	Vice President of IWHR
16:55 – 17:05	Discussion 7) Feedback from the audience (AWC members)	(Moderator) AWC/IWHR
17:05 – 17:10	Closing	Executive Director of AWC

