

Overview of the APWF and the outcomes of past APWSs



Asia-Pacific
Water Forum

Secretariat of the Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF)

1. Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF)



Regional Network that addresses water security issues comprehensively in Asia and the Pacific region

- ◆ Established in 2006 (Founding members: ADB, UNESCAP, and JWF)
- ◆ Mission:
 - To seek political commitment at the highest level in the region for water security and to promote the active exchange of information, knowledge, and skills across institutions and people in Asia and the Pacific for water security
 - Bringing water to the forefront of the development and political agenda by championing best practices, boosting investments
 - Providing countries and organizations in Asia and the Pacific with a common platform and voice to accelerate the process of effective integration and implementation for sound water cycle and resources management for quality-oriented growth through the Asia-Pacific Water Summit and other international conferences, through collaboration with various partner organizations, etc.

H.E. Ryutaro Hashimoto,
Former Prime Minister of
Japan, declared the
establishment of the APWF
(March 2006, 4th World
Water Forum (Mexico))



**APWF Launching
Ceremony**
(September 2006,
ADB HQ (Manila))

Governance Structure of the APWF



Yoshiro Mori

President

H.E. Mr. Yoshiro Mori
Former Prime Minister of Japan /
President of Japan Water Forum



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APWF Governing Council

Chair : Ms. Changhua Wu, Chair of China Redesign Hub, Office of Jeremy Rifkin

Vice Chair: Prof. Eduardo Araral, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore



Changhua Wu



Eduardo Araral

Key Member Organizations

Asian Development Bank (ADB), UNESCO, UNESCAP, FAO, UN-HABITAT, Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (EC-IFAS), Global Water Partnership (GWP) Organization, GWP China, GWP CACENA, GWP South Asia, GWP Southeast Asia, ICHARM, ICIMOD, IUCN Asia, International Water Management Institute (IWMI), International WaterCentre, Japan Sanitation Consortium, NARBO/Japan Water Agency, Korea Water Forum, Secretariat of Pacific Community, Singapore PUB, World Toilet Organization, AIT, WaterEd Australia, Water Stewardship Asia-Pacific, Water Integrity Network, Freshwater Action Partnership for South Asia, Global Water Institute UNSW, etc

Secretariat: Japan Water Forum

2. Asia-Pacific Water Summit (APWS)



■ Primary Objective of the APWS

- To create an opportunity for the heads of state and government to recognize the need for strong leadership on water at the helm of the region's nation, for regional collaboration and international cooperation, and set a course of action for sustainable development of the region.

■ Organized by APWF in collaboration with hosting country and city.

■ Four summits have been held so far...

- The 1st APWS, **Beppu, Oita, Japan, December 2007**
- The 2nd APWS, **Chiang Mai, Thailand, May 2013**
- The 3rd APWS, **Yangon, Myanmar, December 2017**
- The 4th APWS, **Kumamoto, Japan, April 2022**

2. Asia-Pacific Water Summit (APWS)



(1) The 1st APWS

– *Water Security: Leadership and Commitment*

- Organized in Japan in Dec. 2007
- 371 leaders (incl. **10 Heads of Country** & 32 Ministers) attended
- Adopted the **“Message from Beppu”**

- The first water summit which highlighted the necessity to address water-related disasters as higher priority of the global development agenda.
- Set up a target to achieve universal access to safe water and sanitation by 2025.



2. Asia-Pacific Water Summit (APWS)



(2) The 2nd APWS

– *Water Security and Water-related Disaster Challenges: Leadership and Commitment*

- held in Thailand in May 2013
- Over 300 leaders (incl. **18 Heads of Country & 16 Ministers**) attended
- Adopted the **“Chiang Mai Declaration”**

- Integrated the first quantitative and comprehensive research outcomes into the water security agenda.
- The achievement of the 2nd APWS contributed to the fact that the risk reduction of water disasters was reflected into some targets in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



2. Asia-Pacific Water Summit (APWS)



3rd Asia-Pacific Water Summit
Yangon Myanmar 2017

(3) The 3rd APWS

– *Water Security for Sustainable Development*

- held in Myanmar in Dec. 2017
 - Over 700 leaders (incl. Heads of Country & Ministerial-level delegates) attended
 - Adopted the **“Yangon Declaration: the Pathway Forward”**
- Emphasized safe and affordable drinking water and basic sanitation for all in the region by 2025, five years in advance compared to the SDGs.
- Showed the Pathways forward for sustainable development in terms of Water Cycle management, Governance and Inclusive Development, and Financing the implementation of water-related SDGs.



2. Asia-Pacific Water Summit (APWS)



4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit
Kumamoto Japan 2022

(4) The 4th APWS :

– *Water for Sustainable Development:*

Best Practices and the Next Generation

- held in Kumamoto City, Japan in April 2022
- Over 5,400 stakeholders (incl. **18 Heads of Country** and 33 ministers) from 30 countries attended ※including online participation
- Adopted the “**Kumamoto Declaration**”

- Recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic requires transformation into quality-oriented societies that are resilient, sustainable, and inclusive.
- To accelerate efforts, leaders of participating countries are determined to “improve governance”, “close the financial gap”, and “appeal to the science and technology community”.



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