



EYE ON ASIA 2013: MORE PLAYERS, SMARTER RULES, BETTER OUTCOMES

GAME OF FLOWS

A QUEST FOR WATER SECURITY IN ASIA

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The Eye on Asia Quest

Water is recognized as an impending constraint on economic activity. People's daily lives are affected by water quality and quantity concerns and those who hold stakes are seeking greater transparency and more responsive institutional arrangements. The critical challenge in water resources is to manage river basins in a way that will provide a water-secure future for all.

The Challenge: Keeping Water Flowing

Eye on Asia will explore the complexity and scale of river basin management in an interactive simulation game setting. Challenges of securing water, food, and energy in the face of climate change will be examined, including cases from mountain to coastal zones, and the interaction and trade-offs between conservation and construction, agriculture and recreation, energy and environment, and public and private enterprise.

Eye on Asia will feature two case studies on inter-sector river basin management issues, considering differing desired outcomes and objectives. Interactive discussion sessions, will enable participants to debate strategies to resolve the trade-offs that are increasingly necessary in river basin management.

The Players and Their Houses

The players will include stakeholders from Asia's water sector, including political leaders, development partners, and investors, as well as representatives of government agencies, the private sector, civil society, academia, and media. Participants from other regions participating at World Water Week are welcome to join the quest.

Participants will be invited to join teams allocated specific challenges. Participants will engage in negotiations as a way to explore and better understand the challenges faced by managers seeking to improve water security in river basins across Asia. The teams will formulate strategies achieving the desired results. The most successful team will be awarded a modest prize.

The Goal: Cooperation Is Key

Effective water cooperation is the name of the game. Players must determine how to establish cooperation to identify development options and find effective and sustainable solutions to the emerging challenges and constraints in the river basins of Asia.



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Convenor: Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Co-convenors: Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF), Global Water Partnership (GWP), International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), and World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)

Morning

- 09:00** Opening Remarks and Setting the Scene, Facilitator: Tim Cullen, ADB
- Amy Leung, ADB
 - Arun B. Shrestha, ICIMOD
 - Yolanda Kakabadse, WWF
 - Khalid Mohtadullah, GWP
- 09:35** Troubling Times in Headwaters, Hills, and Mountains, Shahriar Wahid, ICIMOD
- 10:05** Energy Security Drives Growth – Basin Wide Planning for Sustainable Hydropower, Jian-hua Meng, WWF
- 10:30** Coffee Break
- 11:00** Cities and Towns Need Water, Food, and Jobs, Lu Shen, ADB
- 11:30** Making Rivers Healthy: Restoring the Web of Life in Large River Basins, Gang Lei, WWF
- 12:00** Getting Out of the Box – Engaging with the Private Sector
- Water Stewardship in the Asian Context, Laila Petrie, WWF
 - Perspective from a Multinational Company Working on Stewardship in Asia, Felix Ockborn, H&M

Afternoon

- 14:00** Cooperation Makes It Work – Institutions for Basin Management Partnerships among Stakeholders for Better Solutions, Lifeng Li, WWF
- 14:30** Roundtable negotiations between Gorthnoram River's Upstream and Downstream Countries (includes Coffee/Tea Break)
- 16:30** Conclusion of Negotiations and Discussions of Outcomes and Lessons Learned, Moderator: Tim Cullen, ADB
- 17:00** Launch of Sanitation Financing Partnership Trust Fund
- 17:25** Announcement of Winning Team and Session Close, Facilitator: Ian W. Makin, ADB

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Lunch Side Event
How Water Secure Is Asia?
12:45–2:00 pm

Join the discussion on water security as a key development objective in the region.

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Water security in Asia is under threat from population growth, urbanization, over-abstraction of groundwater, increasingly frequent floods and droughts, uncontrolled releases of pollutants to rivers and lakes, and climate change. These events, and increased political dialogue, have brought water issues to the notice of the public.

This meeting will present the first iterations of quantitative measurements of water security. The results from the Asian Water Development Outlook (AWDO) 2013 may be considered to form the foundation for measurement of progress toward a water-secure future. The AWDO illustrates these assessments with recommendations on priority actions for increased investment and improved governance. It also provides a baseline for the analysis of trends and the impact of policies and reforms that can be monitored and reported to stakeholders. The AWDO water security framework will be presented.

Program

- 12:45** Opening Remarks, Ravi Narayanan, Asia-Pacific Water Forum
- 12:55** Asian Water Development Outlook – Water Security Assessment Framework, Ian W. Makin, ADB
- 13:10** Water Security Assessments – Key Findings AWDO 2013, Hans Woldring, ADB
- 13:25** Questions and Answers
- 13:40** Closing Remarks, Ravi Narayanan, Asia-Pacific Water Forum

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