

**Asia-Pacific Water Forum:
Regional initiative as a result of the
preparation activities towards
the 4th World Water Forum**



**November 2006
Japan Water Forum**



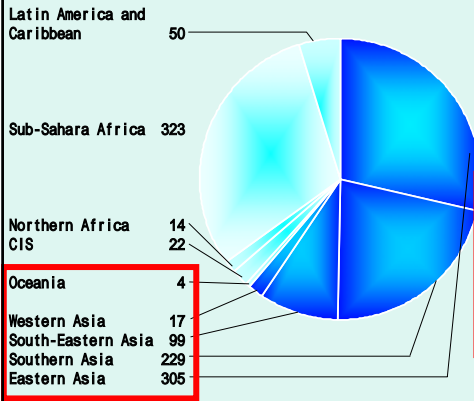
What is APWF?

**An independent, not-for-profit, non-political
network of the water stakeholders
in Asia-Pacific region**

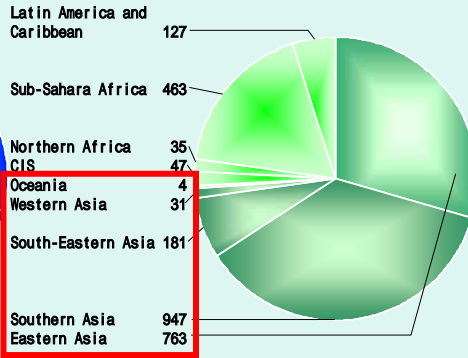
The approach of the APWF's network organization will be to **add value** to the ongoing work of organizations and initiatives in the water sector in terms of investment, optimizing implementation arrangements, achieving economies of scale, and developing unified approaches to water policies and programs.

Why do we need APWF?

Population without improved water source by region in 2004(in millions)



Population without improved sanitation by region in 2004(in millions)



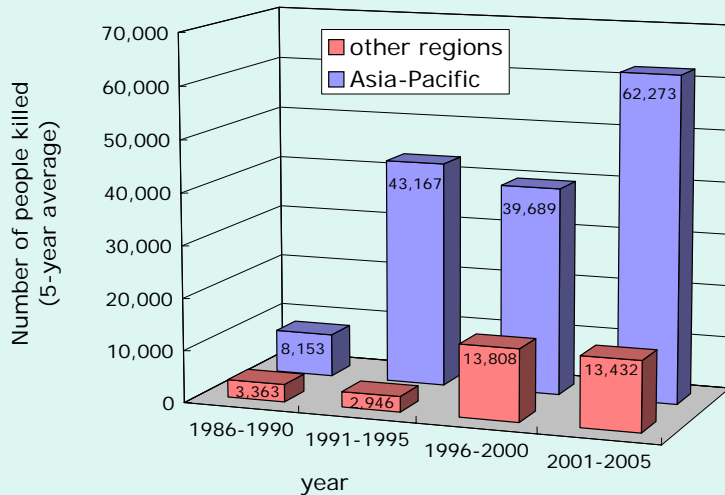
Asia & the Pacific = 655 millions
(62%)

Asia & the Pacific = 1927 millions
(74%)

source: WHO, UNICEF MEETING THE MDG DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION TARGET THE URBAN AND RURAL CHALLENGE OF THE DECADE



Number of people killed by water-related disasters



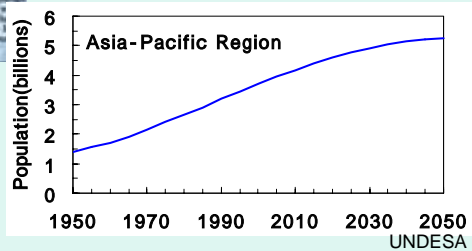
Source: EM-DAT, The OFDA/CRED International Disaster Database



Food Security in the Region

With 70% of the World's irrigated agriculture, Asia-Pacific region rely heavily on water resources to maintain food security.

Much more progress are needed in efficient use of water to address expected population growth.



Many things to be done in the region



Preparatory process in Asia and the Pacific for 4th World Water Forum



October 24, 2005 Tokyo, Japan
Asia-Pacific Regional Synthesis Meeting for the 4th World Water Forum

Discussion on the “Regional Report” and **determination of 3 priority targets in the region** to present at the World Water Forum in Mexico



Priority Target 1 in Asia - Pacific

To increase targeted investments for Water and Sanitation Infrastructure and for Human Resources Development

Priority Target 2 in Asia - Pacific

To drastically reduce the vulnerability of human populations to water-related disasters

Priority Target 3 in Asia - Pacific

To conserve and restore land-water interfaces for the improvement of water productivity



Establishment of the APWF

March 16th, 2006 (1st day)
Opening of 4th World Water Forum in Mexico



March 21, 2006 (6th day): Day of Asia-Pacific



March 20th, 2006 (5th day)
Asia-Pacific Water Ministerial Meeting



About 160 ministers and representatives of int'l organizations attended and expressed the appreciation and support to the APWF.

Launching Ceremony of the APWF



Sep. 27th, 2006
Manila, Philippines (ADB HQ)
Participants: More than 160
Organizations: More than 30



Opening remarks by Mr. Yoshiro Mori



APWF's GOAL

To contribute to sustainable water management and achievement of the MDGs in the region:

- by capitalizing on the **region's diversity** and a **rich history of experience** in dealing with **water as a fundamental part of the human existence**, and
- by **boosting investments, building capacity, and enhancing cooperation** in the water sector at the **regional level and beyond**



APWF's Priority Theme

Priority Themes	Targets
A. Water Financing <i>(Asian Development Bank)</i>	<i>To increase targeted investments for water and sanitation infrastructure and for human resources development</i>
B. Disaster Management <i>(ICHARM / WHO)</i>	<i>To drastically reduce the vulnerability of human populations to water-related disasters</i>
C. Water for Development & Ecosystems <i>(IUCN / FAO)</i>	<i>To conserve and restore land-water interfaces for the improvement of water productivity</i>



APWF's Key Result Areas (KRA)

Key Result Areas	Main Activities
1. Developing Knowledge and Lessons <i>(Singapore PUB)</i>	Building a network of water knowledge hubs Coordinating capacity development programs Providing guidance on water policies
2. Increasing Local Capacity <i>(Streams of Knowledge/ UN-Habitat)</i>	Supporting peer learning (including cities/mayors) Empowering civil society, gender and youth Fostering (sub) regional cooperation
3. Increasing Public Outreach <i>(Asian Development Bank)</i>	Developing regional water advocacy Supporting in-country water awareness programs Presenting regional awards for excellence
4. Monitoring Investments and Results <i>(UNESCAP)</i>	Monitoring public and private investments Monitoring reforms and trends Monitoring MDG achievement
5. Supporting Forum and Summit <i>(Japan Water Forum)</i>	Maintaining an interactive website Supporting the APWF Governing Council Organizing the Asia-Pacific Water Summits



Asia-Pacific Water Summit

- Once in every 2 -3 years
- Target top-level decision makers, such as heads of government
- Governing Council will report on the key findings from the APWF process to the top-level leaders at the Summit
- The Summits will create incentives for these leaders to showcase tangible water sector results

Outline of the 1st Asia-Pacific Water Summit

- Dates: December 3 and 4, 2007
- 1. Summit @Beacon Plaza in Beppu, Oita, Japan
- 2. Open Forum (various events such as exposition of Japanese water technology, poster exhibition of civil society, public symposium, thematic workshops, etc) in Oita and other places in Japan



Looking forward to your participation!



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