

6th APWF Webinar



Water Governance in Asia-Pacific: lessons learnt from the AWDO 2020

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21 January **Thu**
17:00-18:00 (Japan Time)

The Speakers:

Dr. Tom Panella, Chief-Water Sector Group, Asian Development Bank
Ms. Maria Salvetti, Policy Analyst, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Water Governance Programme.

Overview:

Despite considerable achievements in the Asia –Pacific region, 1.5 billion people in rural areas and 0.6 billion in urban areas still lack adequate water supply and sanitation. Sound water management and reliable service delivery remain vital to inclusive economic growth and well-being, especially after COVID-19. The ADB and the OECD through the Asian Water Development Outlook (AWDO) 2020 provide an overview of water governance conditions to water security. The Webinar will discuss the key governance dimensions affecting the water sector in the Region, obstacles and ways forward.

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About the Speakers:

Dr. Tom Panella, Chief-Water Sector Group, Asian Development Bank

Tom Panella is the Asian Development Bank's (ADB's) Chief of Water Sector Group and leads policy, knowledge management, and technical guidance to operations. He served as ADB Afghanistan Country Director from 2014-17 and joined ADB in 2003. He has led water operations in Central, South, and Southeast Asia including postings in Indonesia directing the water and climate change programs and Uzbekistan as head of project administration.



Ms. Maria Salvetti Policy Analyst, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Water Governance Programme.

Maria Salvetti is Policy Analyst of the Water Governance Program of the OECD. She also works as a Special Advisor at the Florence School of Regulation Water and Waste Area. Prior to the OECD, she worked as an expert for the World Bank: Danube Water Program, Mid-term review of the Portugal Water Strategy, Analysis of the water supply and sanitation services in Central Asia, Financial sustainability of the water sector in Haiti, Reform of the water subsidies in Algeria, Strategic Financial Plan to reach EU Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive in Romania, Aggregation of water and sanitation services. She also worked as a water economist for the past 18 years in several institutions.



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It works collaboratively with a wide variety of water-related organizations in the region to build capacity and enhance cooperation, while boosting investment at the regional level and beyond.

Now, the APWF is planning to hold the 4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit (the 4th APWS) in Kumamoto City, Japan in 23-24 April 2022. At the 4th APWS, high-level delegates including heads of state and government and representatives of international organizations in the Asia-Pacific region will discuss various water-related priority issues and reach better alignment of priorities and actions at different levels for a water-safe and sustainable future. (<http://apwf.org/>)

The APWF Webinar Series is organized as an important part of the preparation for the 4th APWS. It aims to provide the government officials of the 49 countries in Asia and the Pacific with an opportunity to learn and deep-dive into water and water-related issues highlighted from different perspectives. Please join the APWF Webinar!

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