

11th APWF Webinar



Groundwater: Making the Invisible Visible

Date &
Time

30th June 2021 (Wed)
4:30PM-5:30PM (Japan Time)
1:00PM-2:00PM (India Time)

Overview

This webinar will discuss the pathways toward sustainable, inclusive, and resilient groundwater management in Asia and the Pacific. It will primarily look at India's national policies and practices at community levels, considering India is the world's largest user of groundwater. Groundwater depletion in India results from water, energy, and food policies that have given rise to a nexus where growth in agriculture has been supported by unsustainable water and energy use trends. The most extensive groundwater management programs of the Indian Government show great promise on how scale and quality can co-exist in community-led programs for water. Different states in India have adopted different ways of managing this nexus. The practical cases of the community will offer the experience of embedding fundamental scale principles using technology and some emerging insights for the Asia Pacific leadership on re-imagined operating models. This webinar will then discuss how to address complex and dynamic socio-water challenges at scale, regulatory, economic instruments, and cross-sectoral coordination between the sectors, and how to enhance political will to tackle the wicked problem of water-energy-food nexus from groundwater conservation and the optimal uses.

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Speakers:



Aditi Mukherji, Principal Researcher, IWMI New Delhi

Dr Aditi Mukherji is a Principal Researcher at the International Water Management Institute. Her areas of specialization are groundwater governance, energy-irrigation nexus, climate change adaptation and community management of water resources. She is a Coordinating Lead Author (CLA) of the Water Chapter in the Working Group II of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and a member, Core Writing Team of the IPCC's AR6 Synthesis Report. Earlier, she led the Water and Air Theme at the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) in Nepal. She has a PhD from Cambridge University.



Amrtha Kasturirangan, Senior Manager, Arghyam

Ms. Amrtha Kasturi Rangan is an Environmental Scientist (M.Sc. from Anna University) and Lawyer (LLB. From Bangalore University) and is a senior manager Arghyam. She leads the Research, Advocacy, and Communications work at Arghyam.

She has worked with Arghyam since 2009 and has managed Participatory Groundwater Management grants in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, and North Eastern states as part of her work. These grants have explicitly demystified the science of groundwater management for communities to practice and have had demand management as one of the critical components.

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The APWF is an independent non-profit multi-stakeholder network launched in September 2006. The objective is to raise the priority of tackling water security issues highlighted in the development agenda in the Asia-Pacific region in order to improve people's livelihoods and the environment.

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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