

Follow-up of the International Year of Sanitation- 2008: Progress

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Post APWS- Major related activities

- **Regional Workshop on Institutional Changes Required to meet the MDG on Sanitation in November 2008 in Macao, China**
- **Publishing survey report and achievements of IYS-2008 in Asia-Pacific**
- **Inputs to the preparation of the UN Secretary-General Report to UNGA in April 2009**
- **Established linkage to UN-Water Task Force on GLASS (WHO-UNICEF) with AWDO-2010**
- **Discussion with other partners: WTO, WSP (WB), SEAWF-4, UNESCO, IUCN, etc.**



Main outcomes of UNESCAP Survey on IYS

- Most countries have created *national coordination mechanism* for sanitation (9/13)
- Most important driver for change in sanitation is civil society mobilization (13/15)
- Priorities for regional cooperation:
 1. Capacity building of governments
 2. Knowledge sharing on successful community-initiatives
 3. Assistance to raise funds for investment in sanitation
- Publication posted at www.unescap.org/esd/water



Recommendations

- **General:**
 - Emerging risks (Climate Change, Disasters) demand innovative solutions
 - Affordability, sustainability & conformity to cultural practices
- **Political:**
 - Political profile of sanitation needs to be raised to ensure the dignity of people
 - Sanitation should be included into national development plans
 - Decentralization efforts should be coupled with funds and decision-making authority



THANK YOU!

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