“Ministers for Water Security” Initiative

The 6th Governing Council Meeting of the Asia Pacific Water Forum

November 30th, 2009
PUB WaterHub, Singapore
"Ministers for Water Security" initiative are expected to demonstrate leadership to:

- raise water security issues high on the agenda of leaders in their country and in the region

- engage in dialogues and exchanges of experience on policies and solutions to increase water security
Objectives 2/2

- initiate or accelerate concrete actions that help to increase water security in their country

- help to articulate the Asia-Pacific region's voice on water issues and solutions for water security

- help the initiative to catalyze actions that help to increase water security in the region.
Who are the targets?

- Ministers who wish to take a leading role in influencing policies, investments, innovation and implementation of good water management to increase water security in their country and in the region.

- Leaders from the private sector and civil society will be invited to join the dialogues organized by the Initiative.
Who are requested to register as Friend of initiative Ministers?

All ministers!

e.g. finance, planning, health, disaster management, infrastructure, agriculture, energy, environment, water, and other water-related portfolios that can help to increase water security
Minister of finance
Minister of planning
Minister of disaster management
Minister of infrastructure
Minister of agriculture
Minister of energy
Minister of environment
Minister of water
Other Ministers

Water

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Asia-Pacific Water Summit

Their initiatives should be endorsed by head of government level
Theme: Disaster

- Minister of water
- Minister of disaster management
- Minister of infrastructure
  - Maintenance of reservoirs
- Minister of energy
  - Recovery of energy for water supply
- Minister of police
  - Emergency assistance for water supply
- Other Ministers

Ministers Meeting for Disaster
"Ministers for Water Security" initiative
International level
Help to articulate the Asia-Pacific region’s voice on water issues and solutions for water security

Regional level
- Raise water security issues high on the agenda of leaders in the region
- Engage in dialogues and exchanges of experience on policies and solutions to increase water security
- Help the initiative to catalyze actions that help to increase water security

Country level
- Raise water security issues high on the agenda of leaders in the country
- Initiate or accelerate concrete actions that help to increase water security
Concrete actions

Expected concrete actions to achieve objectives of the Initiative

➢ Identify contacts
  e.g. List of Ministry of “Minister for Water Security” Initiative

➢ Share regional outcomes
  e.g. Portfolio of regional statements at Ministerial level

➢ Deliver AP’s voice
  e.g. Political messages at APWS
**Objective**  To identify all of the ministers in respective country who are expected to join us for the "Ministers for Water Security" initiative in Asia-Pacific region

**How?**  To get cooperation from sub-regional coordinator and individual country

**Progress?**  Not yet well understood by sub-regional coordinator and respective country, so the secretariat is trying to explain and make them understand the concept of "Ministers for Water Security" initiative

*List use is limited for the Initiative

*List is expected to be updated annually
Contents of the list

- Name of Ministry
- Main function of Ministry
- Function of Ministry on water
- Name of Minister
- Contact information (Name of contact person, Position, Division, posting address, telephone, fax, e-mail)
- Main contact Ministry (liaison for sharing information) on water security
March 2009 @ 5th World Water Forum in Istanbul
"Ministers for Water Security" initiative was Announced

August 2009 @ Asia Day at the Stockholm World Water Week
Dialogue in a leaders panel on water security

June 2010 @ Singapore International Water Week
Asia-Pacific Water Ministers Forum (APWMF)

many others

Dialogue at the 2nd APWS
### Welcome and Introduction
- Mr. Ravi Narayanan

### Speech
- Mme Khempheng Pholsena, Minister to the Prime Minister's Office, Head of Water Resources and Environment Administration, Lao PDR

### Facilitated Discussion and Panel Debate
- Mme Khempheng Pholsena
- Mr. Timothy McCarthy, Chairman and CEO of Nikko Asset Management Co., Ltd.
- Mr. Ravi Narayanan
- Prof. Torkil Jønch-Clausen

### Q&A Session facilitated by Prof. Torkil Jønch-Clausen

### Summary
- Mr. Ravi Narayanan

### Closing Remarks
- Dr. Kotaro Takemura, Secretary General, APWF