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**APWF AIMS AT “THE THIRD ASIA-PACIFIC WATER SUMMIT”  
DEEPENING THE “ASIAN WATER DEVELOPMENT OUTLOOK”  
WITH THE SYNTHESIS OF THE REGIONAL SESSION  
AT THE 7<sup>TH</sup> WORLD WATER FORUM IN KOREA**

The Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF) is a unique body to help manage the global impact of water issues, in connection with natural disasters, conflicts, sustainability and development, featuring delegates from across the region coming together for a variety of session groups and discussions during 13-15 April 2015 in Korea.

The APWF has decided to start the open bidding process for host country selection for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Asia-Pacific Water Summit (APWS). This 3<sup>rd</sup> APWS will be held in 2017 to provide leaders and decision makers in the Asia-Pacific region with guidance about more adaptive and holistic “Water Security”, in a water-secure Asia-Pacific region. This will be officially announced by Mr. Yoshiro MORI, President of the APWF and Former Prime Minister of Japan, on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at the final Asia-Pacific regional session of the 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum held in the Republic of Korea.

The APWF, the coordinator of the Asia-Pacific regional process of the 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, will support 11 session groups during the 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum and synthesize their outcomes at the final session on 15<sup>th</sup> April. Throughout these sessions, the theme of “water security” that the APWF has been developing since its establishment in 2006 is expected to be redefined, deepened, and better adapted to the latest water-related issues. Also, the APWF is planning to report the outcome of the final session in the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of “Asian Water Development Outlook (AWDO)”.

“Discussions and actions in the Asia-Pacific region will continue as they have done for decades,” noted Mr. Ravi NARAYANAN, Chair of the APWF Governing Council. “In spite of our efforts to solve water problems, we are still facing water risks that are becoming more complicated and causing critical issues. Water is and will always be an essential part of human lives; that’s why a more holistic perspective and integrated strategy are required now.” he added.

In preparation for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Asia-Pacific Water Summit, an APWF Facebook page was launched. News will be updated there during the 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum.

**Final Asia-Pacific Session of 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum**

Date & Time: Wednesday, 15th April 2015, 14:40~19:00

Venue: Hotel Hyundai in Gyeongju, Gyeongju, The Republic of Korea

Organizer: Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF)

Supporting organizations: Korea Water Forum (KWF), Asian Development Bank (ADB), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), United Nations Educational, Culture and Scientific Organization (UNESCO), and International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Network of Asian River Basin Organization (NARBO), Korea Water Resources Cooperation (K-water), Global Water Partnership Organization (GWPO), GWP Regional Partnerships (GWP CACENA, GWP SAS, GWP SEA), Asia-Pacific Center for Water Security (APCWS)

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## Asian-Pacific Session groups & Final Session of 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum

As of 26 March 2015

### 13 April 2015

<b>09:00 to 10:30</b> Room No 5, 2F HICO, Gyeongju	<b>AP Session- Northeast Asia ( stand-alone session)</b> Integrated Ecosystem Management of Trans-boundary Rivers in Northeast Asia Korea Water Forum (KWF)
<b>13 :00 to 15 :00</b> Room No. 3, B1F Hyundai Hotel Gyeongju	<b>AP Session- Northeast Asia ( stand-alone session)</b> Korea-Japan-China Trilateral Forum on Water Resources Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS)
<b>14 :40 to 16 :10</b> Room No 4, 2F HICO, Gyeongju	<b>AP Session (Inter-regional session)</b> Future SMART Implementation of IWRM in Asia-Pacific - What We Have achieved and Our Outlook from Focusing on River Basin Levels Network of Asian River Basin Organization (NARBO)

### 14 April 2015

<b>09:00 to 11:00</b> Room No 6, 1F HICO, Gyeongju	<b>AP Session (Inter-regional session)</b> Successfully Managing Asia's Transitions to Achieve Food and Nutrition Security for All, and Build Vibrant Rural Communities in a Water- Secure and Prosperous Asia Pacific Region Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
<b>9 :20 to 11 :20</b> Room No 8, B1F Hyundai Hotel Gyeongju	<b>AP Session- Central Asia (Stand-alone session)</b> Development of Cooperation in the Aral Sea Basin to Mitigate Consequences of the Environmental Catastrophe Global Water Partnership Central Asia and Caucasus (GWP CACENA)
<b>14:40 to 16:35</b> Room No 3, B1F Hyundai Hotel Gyeongju	<b>AP Session (Inter-regional session)</b> Building Resilience to Water-related Disasters in the Asia-Pacific Region International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)
<b>16:30 to 18:00</b> Room No 4, B1F Hyundai Hotel Gyeongju	<b>AP Session (Inter-regional session)</b> Water and Cities - Household Water Security, sanitation, Urban Water Security, Environmental Water Security- UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

### 15 April 2015

<b>09:20 to 11:20</b> Room No 4, B1F Hyundai Hotel Gyeongju	<b>AP Session (Inter-regional session)</b> Enough safe water and Integrated sanitation for all: Where we are and what's next? –Asian Sanitation Solutions Debate: How Do We Effectively Bridge Governments and Communities to Accelerate Progress in Rural Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene in Asia Pacific? Asian Development Bank (ADB) Youth Initiative Plan International
<b>09:00 to 11:00</b> Room No 1, 2F Hyundai Hotel Gyeongju	<b>AP Session (stand-alone session)</b> Hydrological Services in Asian Under Rapidly Changing Conditions Korea Institute of Civil Engineering and Building Technology (KICT)
<b>11 :20 to 13 :20</b> Room No 7, B1F Hyundai Hotel Gyeongju	<b>AP Session (inter-regional session)</b> Water and Energy Efficiency for Green Growth / Water and Green Growth in the Asia-Pacific UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) Korea Water Resources Corporation (K-water)
<b>14 :40 to 19 :00</b> Room No 5, B1F Hyundai Hotel Gyeongju	<b>Asia-Pacific Regional Synthesis &amp; Commitment Session</b> <b>Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF)</b>

#### About APWF

The Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF) is an independent, not-for-profit network of the water stakeholders in the Asia-Pacific region. The APWF was created in 2006 to encourage more collaborative efforts on water resources management and to accelerate the process of effective integration of water resources management into the socio-economic development process of the Asia-Pacific region. Its main objective is to contribute to sustainable water management in order to improve the life and livelihoods of our regional people without access to safe water and sanitation. The APWF has a matrix structure centered on three Priority Themes and five cross-functional Key Results Areas (KRAs). These objectives are advocated with the support of high profile institutions from the region that have committed themselves to cooperate with the APWF; by identifying strategies and initiating solutions to achieve progress. The Secretariat of the APWF has been provided by the Japan Water Forum.

#### About 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum

The World Water Forum is a water conference that takes place every three years. The event is the biggest meeting in the world in which all water-related stakeholders can gather around the same table to discuss ways to solve and raise awareness on global water-related issues. This year, the 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum will take place in Daegu and Gyeongju of the Republic of Korea from April 12 to 17, 2015. This forum's fundamental principle will be the value of 'Implementation', which will be structured under four processes: Thematic, Political, Regional and Science & Technology. This latter is a process added by Korea to highlight the key roles of Science & Technology in solving issues surrounding water. These processes are divided into four regions: Asia-Pacific, Africa, The Americas, Europe, and three cross-regions: the Arab states, the Mediterranean and Economically Water Insecure (EWI) areas. This allows countries of the same region to share their specific water concerns and discuss means of implementation to improve water management in their respective communities.

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