

APWS – CEO’s Mandate for Action in Water

Chair Summary

Under the aegis of the United Nations Global Compact, the APWS CEO Panel /Round Table provided a platform for 16 CEOs and other leaders from the Region and international community to discuss the Regional Water Scenario with focus on challenges and opportunities and to communicate clearly their commitment to address critical water issues at the strategic, policy and operational levels. Case studies including the creation of corporate supported networks to help improve the effectiveness of small water operators in poor regions, the development and dissemination of membrane technology to improve the cost effective delivery of quality water as well as reducing desalination energy requirements and the use of system loss reduction savings to significantly and sustainably increase potable water access were presented. The discussion outlined the tendency toward increased emphasis on “Public Private People” partnerships as well as a greater and more profound commitment to multi-stakeholder involvement in tackling challenges.

The concrete proposals tabled at the Round Table included: the implementation of a water knowledge bank in Singapore, a multi-stakeholder training and development resource in China, a comprehensive study on “Asia Pacific Water and Business Challenges and Best Practices” and exploration of increased engagement with the United Nations Global Compact CEO Water Mandate by business in the Region.
