

3rd Asia Pacific Water Summit Parallel Session N. 9



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Working Together: Multi Stakeholder Partnerships (MSPs) for Regional Cooperation

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Water is about people and institutions. The way they interact will determine decisions and investments that influence development and impact on the environment.



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The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – together with the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, provide a renewed framework for development cooperation. MSPs are recognized as crucial to leverage the inter-linkages between the Sustainable Development Goals to enhance their effectiveness and impact.

The Asia Pacific region has been experiencing impacts of climate change such as frequent floods, cyclones, droughts, water scarcity, landslides, and other disasters. Regional cooperation through river basin management and economic integration mechanisms is increasingly being sought.

These issues can be addressed through multi stakeholder partnerships and effective cooperation at the local to national and international level and by consolidating, analysing and sharing of knowledge on

climate, disasters, economic development, networking and building partnerships.

The objective of the session is to share successful examples of MSPs and their impacts on regional cooperation in the Asia Pacific region to address common challenges.

The session will also highlight good examples of transboundary data/knowledge sharing, transboundary river water sharing, flood event information sharing, and regional networks established for regional cooperation where policy makers, experts, planners, and practitioners can exchange ideas.

Outcomes of the session are to contribute to better understanding of MSPs and their added value in the Asia-Pacific context; to recommend mainstreaming such approaches and strategies in national plans and policies; and to make concrete recommendations for the World Water Forum 8 political process.

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Chair: U Cho Cho, Chair of Advisory Group of National Water Resources Committee, Myanmar

Moderators: Dr. Yumiko Yasuda, GWP and Dr Aditi Mukherji, ICIMOD

9:00 Opening Words from the Chair

9:10 Key Note 1 from **Dr David Molden, ICIMOD**

9:20 Key Note 2 from **Mr. Francois Brikké, GWP**

9:30 Introduction to the Panel by the Moderators

9:35 Transboundary 1: The case of Bhramaputra with **Dr Sucharita Sen, Saci Waters**

Transboundary 2: The case of Mekong River with **Dr Watt Botkosal,**

Moderated discussion around key messages on MSP related to Transboundary Water

10:05 Regional Scope 1: The case of the APWF with **Dr Ravi Narayanan, APWF**

Regional Scope 2: The case of the One Belt One Road Initiative with **Ms Yilin Ma, GWP China**

Moderated discussion around key messages on MSP with Regional Scope

10:35 Civil Society 1: The case of NWRC with **Dr U Hla Baw, MES**

Civil Society 2: The case of Myanmar MSP with **Dr Zaw Lwin Tun, MWP**

Moderated discussion around key messages on MSP fostered by Civil Society

10:55 Conclusion by the Chair

11:00 End of the Session