

## ESCAP Updates on Activities on SDG 6: Accelerating progress towards SDG 6 in the Asia-Pacific region and engaging in UN-Water Regional Discussion Groups

Date &  
Time

**11th November 2021 (Thu)**  
**1:00PM-2:00PM (Japan Time)**  
**11:00AM-12:00PM (Bangkok Time)**

### Overview

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the Asia Pacific Water Forum jointly organize a webinar on 11 November 2021 to present ongoing ESCAP activities related to SDG 6.

ESCAP will convey the key messages from a recent policy brief developed by UNESCAP on SDG 6 progress and issues in the context of COVID-19 pandemic and containing a set a policy recommendations.

A new e-learning course launched earlier this year will be presented, focusing on water, the ocean and the Sustainable Development Goals. The course is designed to share the latest knowledge and best practices on the preservation of oceans and water resources.

Finally, speakers will introduce the UN-Water Regional Discussion Groups supporting the mid-term review of the UN Decade of Action on Water and provide information on opportunities to engage in the process.

### Registration:

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## About the Speakers:



**Curt Garrigan**, Chief of the Sustainable Urban Development Section, UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP)

Mr. Curt Garrigan is Chief of the Sustainable Urban Development Section for UN-ESCAP. In this role, he contributes to ESCAP's efforts to promote sustainable urban solutions in cities throughout the region. Mr. Garrigan spent seven years with UN Environment in Paris, France as Coordinator of the Sustainable Buildings and Climate Initiative and as Cities and Buildings Programme Manager. Prior to joining the UN system, Mr. Garrigan served more than 22 years in operational and management roles for the City of Nashville, Tennessee USA, including Deputy Mayor, Parks Director, and Infrastructure and Planning Coordinator for the city's post-Flood Recovery Team.

Mr. Garrigan holds a Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree from Temple University in Philadelphia, and a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Environmental Diplomacy from the University of Geneva.



**Solène Le Doze**, Environmental Affairs Officer, Environment and Development Division UNESCAP

Holding a degree in Agronomy and an MSc in Environment and Natural Resources Economics, Solène has 17 years of experience in managing environmental programmes and supporting policy processes.

Following field and governmental experience, she joined the United Nations in 2009, at UNEP headquarters then with UNDP.

She joined ESCAP in September 2017 as an Environmental Affairs Officer, where she manages a portfolio on natural resource management and sustainable development across Asia and the Pacific. In particular, she is the focal point for UN-Water.

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# The Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF)

## About the APWF

The APWF is an independent non-profit multi-stakeholder network launched in September 2006. The objective is to raise the priority of tackling water security issues highlighted in the development agenda in the Asia-Pacific region in order to improve people's livelihoods and the environment.

It works collaboratively with a wide variety of water-related organizations in the region to build capacity and enhance cooperation, while boosting investment at the regional level and beyond.

Now, the APWF is planning to hold the 4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit (the 4th APWS) in Kumamoto City, Japan in 23-24 April 2022. At the 4<sup>th</sup> APWS, high-level delegates including heads of state and government and representatives of international organizations in the Asia-Pacific region will discuss various water-related priority issues and reach better alignment of priorities and actions at different levels for a water-safe and sustainable future. (<http://apwf.org/>)

The APWF Webinar Series is organized as an important part of the preparation for the 4th APWS. It aims to provide the government officials of the 49 countries in Asia and the Pacific with an opportunity to learn and deep-dive into water and water-related issues highlighted from different perspectives. Please join the APWF Webinar!

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