



## AWDO 2020 and Financing Water Security and the SDGs in Asia and the Pacific

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Time

2020

**22 December** **Tue**  
**15:00-16:00** (Japan Time)

### Speakers:

**Dr. Tom Panella, Chief-Water Sector Group, Asian Development Bank, and Dr. Xavier Leflaive Team Leader, Resilience, Adaptation and Water, Environment Directorate, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)**

### Overview:

The Asian Development Bank and Asia Pacific Water Forum released AWDO 2020 on 18 December 2020. AWDO 2020 provides a comprehensive national analysis of water security across Asia and the Pacific based on the five key dimensions of: 1- Rural Water Security, 2 - Economic Water Security, 3 - Urban Water Security, 4 - Environmental Water Security, and 5 – Water-Related Disaster Water Security. The Webinar will provide an overview of the findings and recommendations of the AWDO 2020 report as well as present the report “Financing water security for sustainable growth in the Asia – Pacific region” that was prepared by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) as a basis for the chapter on finance along with OECD’s chapter on governance that are new additions to AWDO 2020. The Webinar will also raise the issue of financing the water SDGs in Asia and the Pacific for discussion with the audience.

### Registration:

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# 5th APWF Webinar

## About the Speakers:

### **Dr. Thomas Panella, Chief-Water Sector Group, Asian Development Bank**

Thomas Panella is the Asian Development Bank's (ADB's) Chief of Water Sector Group and leads policy, knowledge management, and technical guidance to operations. He served as ADB Afghanistan Country Director from 2014-17 and joined ADB in 2003. He has led water operations in Central, South, and Southeast Asia including postings in Indonesia directing the water and climate change programs and Uzbekistan as head of project administration. He worked at the World Bank from 2000 to 2002 as a Water Resources Management Specialist. He is a member of the AGWA Strategic Advisory Council, GWP Technical Committee, and Advisor to the HELP. He has a PhD and MPP in Public Policy and MSc from the Energy and Resources Group from the University of California, Berkeley and a BA from Michigan State University.



### **Dr. Xavier Leflaive Team Leader, Resilience, Adaptation and Water, Environment Directorate, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)**

Xavier Leflaive leads the Team that works on Resilience, Adaptation to climate change and Water in the OECD Environment Directorate. Team's work focuses on sharing best international practices for the design, implementation and financing of policies that contribute to managing water for sustainable development and to enhancing resilience and adaptation to a changing climate. On-going projects cover nature-based solutions, coastal zone management, climate resilient infrastructure, financing water and water quality (contaminants of emerging concern; water & health). Xavier joined the OECD in 2004, and spearheaded work on environmental finance, environment-related innovation, and water. He coordinated the Recommendation of the OECD Council on water, which captures OECD policy guidance on the management of water resources, water supply and sanitation services, and water-related risks. He has facilitated policy reforms in Brazil, Ireland, Korea, Mexico, the Netherlands, the Caucasus and Central Asia. He holds a PhD in Social and Political Sciences from the University of Cambridge, UK. He teaches international relations and water regulation & financing at Sciences Po in Paris.



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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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