



## **About the Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF)**

The APWF is an independent non-profit multi-stakeholder network, launched in September 2006, upon request of the region's ministers at the 4<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum. The mission of the APWF is to seek political commitment at the highest level in the region to the cause of water security and to promote the active exchange of information, knowledge and skills across institutions and people in Asia and the Pacific in the pursuance of water security as an indispensable part of the development process.

For this purpose, The APWF put great emphasis on bringing water to the forefront of the development and political agenda by championing best practices, boosting investments, building capacity and enhancing cooperation throughout the region. The APWF has then provided countries and organizations in Asia and the Pacific with a common platform and voice to accelerate the process of effective integration of water resources management into the socio-economic development process. The APWF has also established a well-coordinated network of its member organizations that is founded upon their willingness to meet the needs of decision-makers, policy-makers, and practitioners and identify solutions toward water security for sustainable development.

As such, APWF has organized three Asia-Pacific Water Summits (APWS), respectively in December 2007, May 2013, and December 2017, by bringing together heads of state and government and representatives of international organizations in the Asia-Pacific region and showcasing leadership in decision-making, excellence in practice and innovation leading to political declarations in the form of specific commitments related to water security. Now, the APWF is planning to hold the 4<sup>th</sup> APWS in Kumamoto City, Japan in 23-24 April 2022. At the 4<sup>th</sup> APWS, the high-level delegates 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/>)

Since its creation, the APWF has aimed to deliver the concrete results of the APWS to make substantial impacts on the leaders in the region, as well as other stakeholders across the world, making use of the opportunities of regional and global initiatives and the conferences.

APWF inclusively coordinated network activities. The process is open to any interested member, who wishes to participate in the APWF network toward water security for sustainable development in our region by collaborating with other members in friendly and cooperative manners and by making use of their expertise and experience. The APWF has developed and implemented the collaborative activities thanks to the solidarity of its member

organizations and their willingness to voluntarily cooperate and collaborate. This is important to enable the Asia-Pacific region to accelerate the integration of water resource management into its socio-economic development. The width of the expert knowledge, experience, and lessons of the members are capitalized upon to address a range of water issues derived from the diversity of Asia and the Pacific and to make it water secure.

## **Governance Structure of the APWF**



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