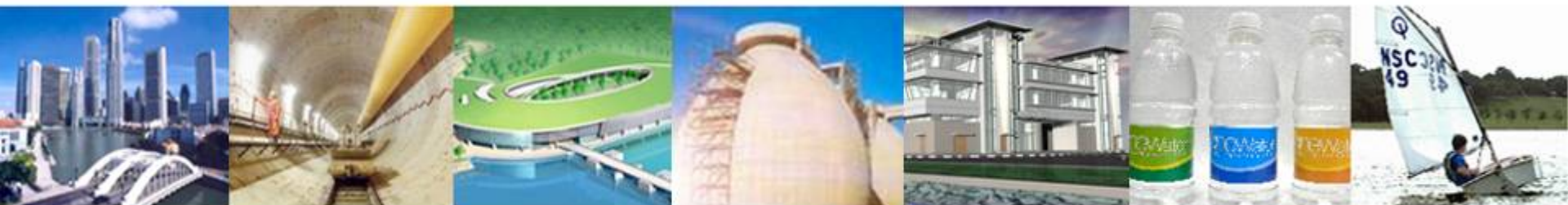




Asia-Pacific Water Forum

Key Result Area 1: DEVELOPING KNOWLEDGE & LESSONS



BACKGROUND ON KRA 1

Lead Organizations:

PUB Singapore and UNESCO

Supported by:

Asian Development Bank and UNESCO-IHE

Objective:

- a) Improve coordination on capacity development programmes
- b) Provide better guidance on water policy issues

through

- Sharing of experiences
- Building up of a network of water knowledge hubs
- Strengthening existing networks

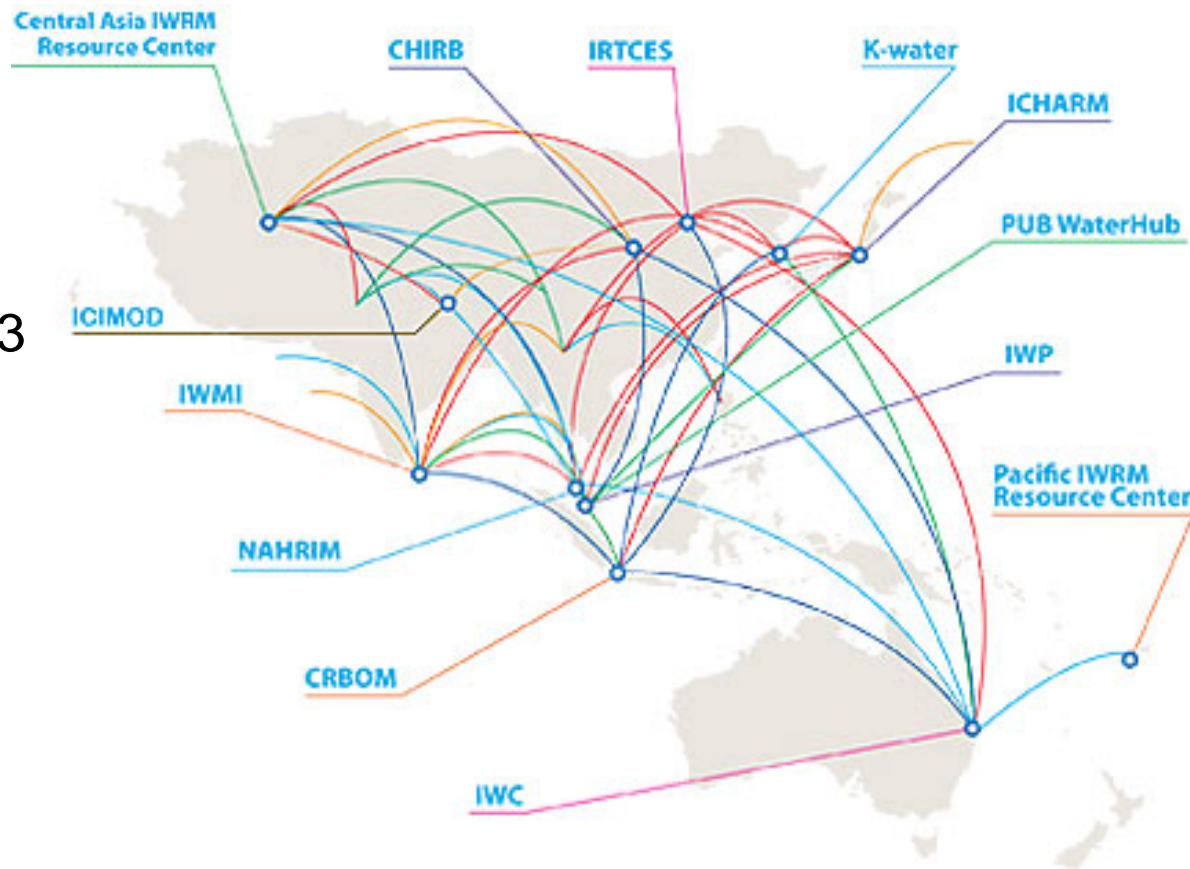
Concrete Initiative:

- Establish network of centres of excellence: 'Asia-Pacific Knowledge Hubs'
- APWF KnowledgeHubs was launched on 26 June 2008 at PUB's WaterHub during inaugural Singapore International Water Week.

PROGRESS ON KRA 1

Priority Water Topics

- ADB has identified 20 priority water topics Asia-Pacific region needs urgently.
- To-date, Asia-Pacific Knowledge Hubs cover 13 of these topics
- 4 candidate Knowledge Hubs



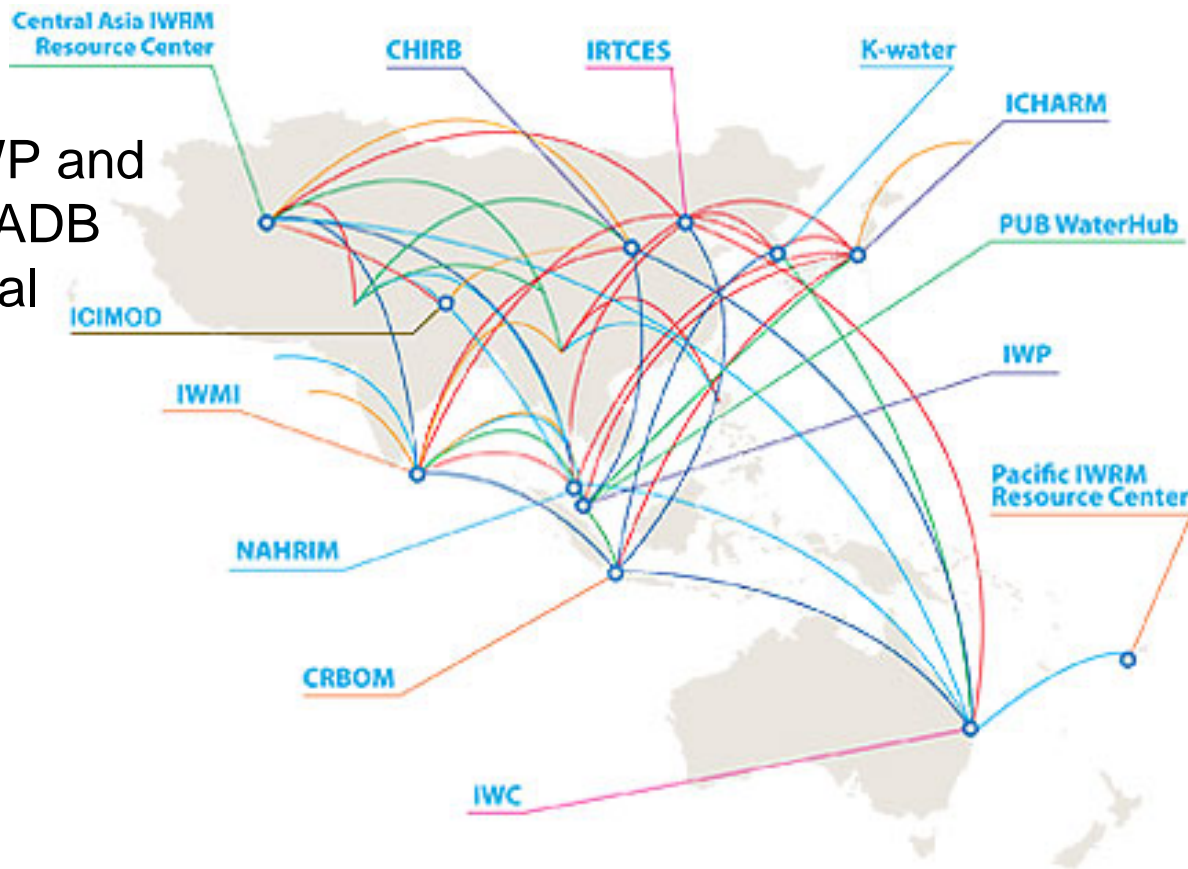
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Workshops

- Regional launch workshops by IWMI, NAHRIM and CBROM
- AWDO workshops was conducted in LKYSPP IWP and Waterhub. Facilitated by ADB and participated by several knowledgehubs

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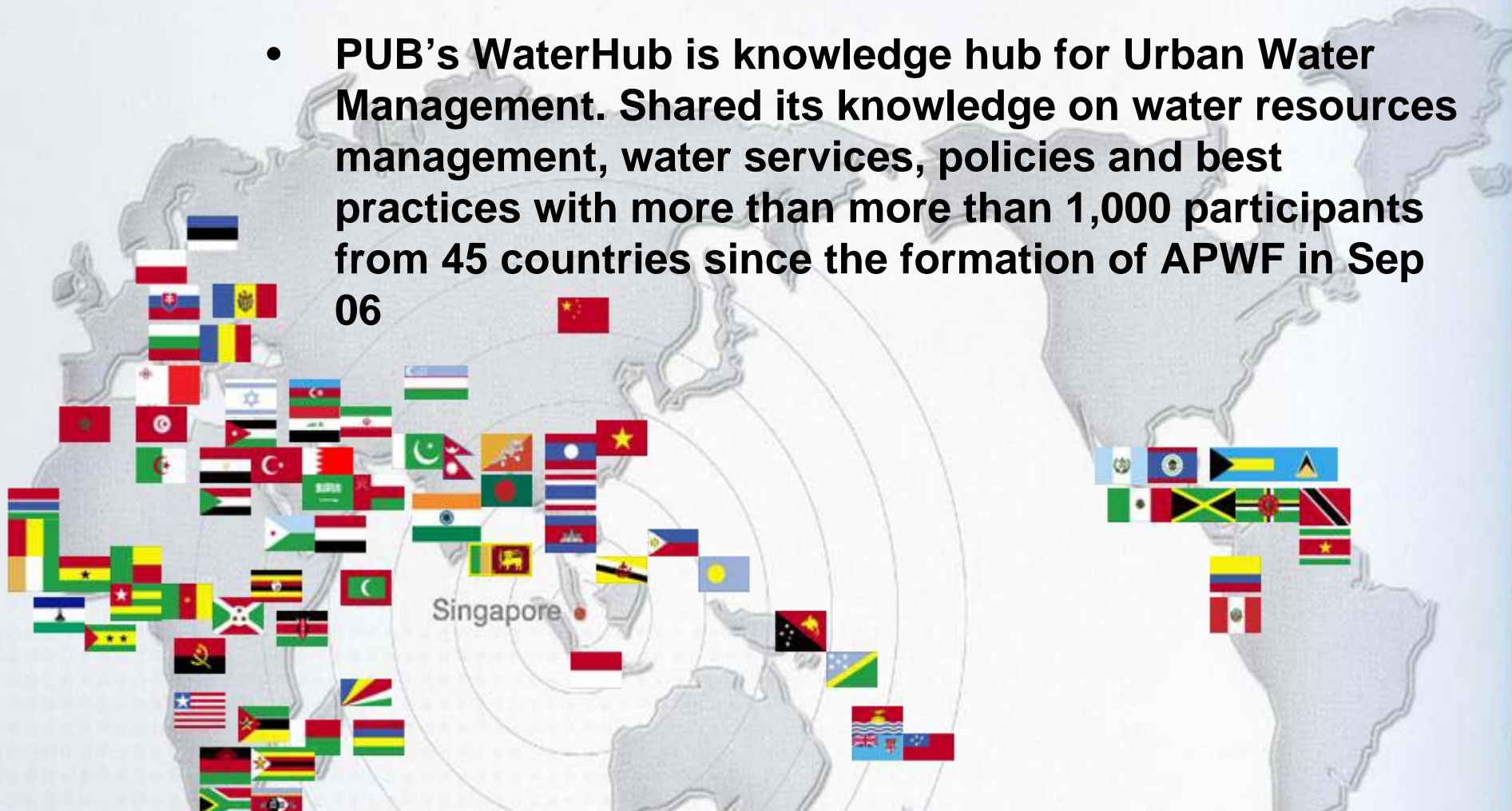
- UNESCO-IHE supported website (www.apwf-knowledgehubs.net)



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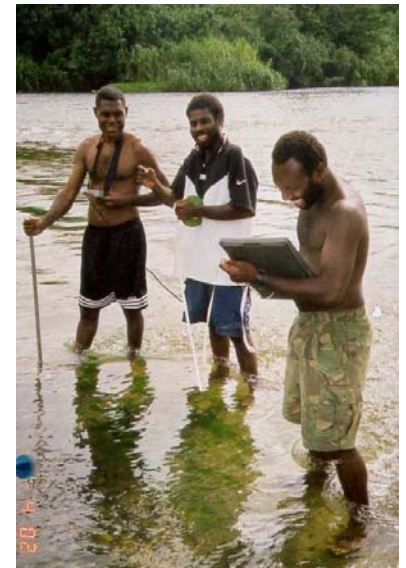
Singapore Contribution

- PUB's WaterHub is knowledge hub for Urban Water Management. Shared its knowledge on water resources management, water services, policies and best practices with more than more than 1,000 participants from 45 countries since the formation of APWF in Sep 06



FUTURE PLANS FOR KRA 1

- Establishing **secretariat services** to support the work of the hubs collectively through a term of experts to be mobilized by ADB.
- Identifying **new knowledge hubs** for other priority water topics (not yet adopted). For instance:
 - Water supply for rural areas and small towns
 - Water and energy
 - Watershed Management



CONCLUSION

- APWF *KnowledgeHubs* is becoming an effective long-term platform for achieving KRA 1 objectives.
- Our appreciation to ADB and UNESCO for their strong support.
- PUB Singapore and WaterHub look forward to working with ADB, UNESCO and APWF to strengthen KRA 1 in the future.
- Welcome APWF *KnowledgeHubs* members to hold their meeting during Singapore International Water Week 2009.



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