

“Ministers for Water Security” Initiative



**The 7th Governing Council Meeting
of the Asia Pacific Water Forum**

Asia-Pacific Water Forum

**July 2, 2010
PUB WaterHub, Singapore**



Calendar

- December 2007 @ 1st Asia-Pacific Water Summit
Concrete Initiative
- March 2009 @ 5th World Water Forum in Istanbul
"Ministers for Water Security" initiative was Announced
<1st dialogue>
- August 2009 @ Eye on Asia at the Stockholm World Water Week
Dialogue in a leaders panel on water security
<2nd dialogue>
- June 2010 @ Singapore International Water Week
Asia-Pacific Water Ministers Forum (APWMF)
<3rd dialogue>
- September 2010 @ Eye on Asia at the Stockholm World Water Week
Dialogue in a leaders panel on water security
<4th dialogue>
- October 2010 @ 8th Ministers' Forum on Infrastructure Development
<5th dialogue>
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- Dialogue at the 2nd APWS



Activities and Experience of ESCAP

- ❑ After the launching of the "Ministers for Water Security" initiative at the 5th World Water Forum, Istanbul March 2009, ESCAP organized a Regional Meeting to Study Possibilities for the Establishment of the Council of Ministers on Water Security of Asia-Pacific, 11-13 Nov 2010
- ❑ Two countries, which participated in the ESCAP Regional Meeting, requested that definition of water security must be acceptable to all countries
- ❑ Several UN agencies call for efforts to arrive at commonly acceptable definition of water security. ESCAP in cooperation with other UN agencies is preparing a detailed background paper for consideration
- ❑ It is proposed that definition on "water security" be worked out for APWF