



Asia-Pacific
Water Forum

KnowledgeHubs

A presentation to the APWF Governing
Council

Recent Developments

- Launch of IWC Hub, Nov 2009
- Launch of TERI Hub, Feb 2010
- 1st KnowledgeHubs Learning Week, Apr 2010
- JSC Sanitation Knowledge Hub Seminar, Jun 2010
- 1st KnowledgeHubs Steering Committee Meeting, Jul 2010

1st KnowledgeHubs Learning Week

💧 Objectives

1. Discuss the essential and guidelines of running knowledge networks
2. Analyze the factors influencing knowledge networking;
3. Demonstrate tools to improve the networking capacities of the Regional Water Knowledge Hubs
4. Formulate 2010 action plans, focusing on communication strategies, to improve the presence of the Regional water Knowledge Hubs
5. Generate a strategic plan for the program

1st KnowledgeHubs Learning Week

◆ Results

- There were 27 participants from 15 of the 17 Knowledge Hubs
- The Learning Week was well received and much appreciated by the participants
- Participants identified several potential activities for collaboration
- Those who have not done their Launch, learned from the experience of IWC – that the Launch can serve as a valuable marketing tool
- There is a strong need to step up communications (website, newsletters, etc.) to address the severe lack of awareness by potential clients (governments, donor and financing agencies, etc.)
- Immediate concrete outputs are necessary if the member institutions are to continue supporting the program
- While the participants recognized that the program is a valuable tool to help address the water concerns in Asia and the Pacific, the lack of a sustainable source of funding may jeopardize the future of the APWF KnowledgeHubs

1st KnowledgeHubs Steering Committee Meeting 1 July 2010

- Chaired by Vadim Sokolov of the Central Asia IWRM Resource Center
- 17 Participants
- Discussed outputs of the Learning Week addressing issues related to funding, awareness and the role of the Secretariat
- Discussed initiatives to address gaps in priority areas (i.e. Water Supply for Rural Areas and Small Towns, Water & Energy, Watershed Management, Coastal Zone Management)
- Reviewed Work Plans of Knowledge Hubs

Developing Hub Activities

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- Development of communication tools by various Hubs (i.e. website development, newsletters, etc.)
- Database compilation of experts
- Joint collaborations with other Hubs on publications and projects
- Various international seminars, workshops and conferences

Upcoming Hub Activities 2010

- Launch of Knowledge Hub for Water Management in the Mountains (4 July 2010)
- IGES Planning Meeting on Knowledge Hub on Groundwater (12-13 July 2010)
- Second Meeting of the Regional project Steering committee for the Global Environment Facility in Palau by SOPAC (19th - 23rd July 2010)
- 10th International Symposia on River Sedimentation (ISRS) by IRCTES, (Sep 2010)
- 13th International River Symposium by IWC (Oct 2010)