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FAO Progress Report

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Re-inventing Irrigation and Agricultural Water Governance in the Asia Pacific to meet the Millennium Development Goals

**A regional programme to support action at all levels
through knowledge sharing, capacity building and
implementation**

**Launched at the 1st Asia Pacific Water Summit, Beppu,
Japan**



Objective

- To support feasible pathways to revitalize irrigation and agricultural water management and re-think agricultural water governance to ensure sustained food security and poverty alleviation in the river basins of the Asia Pacific region



Specific Actions

- **Development of a number of representative basin and function level centers of excellence and reference** - 7 river basin centers across Asia and Pacific to be initially supported
- **Creation of a knowledge hub for a knowledge network on irrigation and groundwater governance** – established through centers of excellence and international/regional partner knowledge centers
- **Development and promotion of adoption of regional guidelines** for monitoring, investment and results of policy reforms
- **Mobilization of the professional community in the region for analysis, advocacy, dissemination and promotion of national initiatives** through national platforms and professional networks



Over the next two years...

- promotion, overall development, management and steering of the initiative;
- detailed development and formulation of the initiative and its components into operational documents that can be submitted to donors as needed;
- mobilization and development of partnerships with regional and international partners;
- detailed formulation and development and mobilization of national and local partners and local resources for river basins and their functional agencies that will be centres of excellence and reference for implementation;
- mobilization of financial resources to support the implementation of the initiative and its components.



Progress...

- A three-year 'Water Allocation in Agriculture' project is underway, supporting activities in four basins (Muda, Cau, Bang Pakong, Yellow River)
- The project will establish communities of practice to mobilize resources and river basin dialogues have been initiated.
- A two-year project on capacity building and modernization of irrigation systems in Thailand, Malaysia, China and Vietnam became operational in April 2010.



Progress

- Partnership has been established with the Australia-China Water Resources Research Council in order to establish Shanxi Province as a Centre of Excellence.
- IWMI and FAO have collaborated to produce indicators, case studies and analysis for the 2010 Asia Water Development Outlook
- FAO is collaborating with UNESCO to produce an 'Agricultural Water Management' volume of the UNESCO / NARBO IWRM Guidelines series.