

5th Board Meeting

Asia National Assembly Water Consultative Board



23 May 2023
Phnom Penh, Cambodia



5th AAWC Board Meeting



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23 May 2023, 14:00pm (Cambodian Time)

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Agenda 1. Opening Remarks

Purpose:

1. To deliver the Opening Remarks to the AAWC Board Members



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Agenda 2. Record of Attendance and Proxies

Purpose:

1. To confirm the quorum of the 5th Board Meeting

Background:

2. Information on this item will be collected during the opening stage of the 5th Board Meeting

Recommendation:

3. It is recommended that Board Members of the AAWC:
 - a. **Note** the Record of Attendance and Proxies for the 5th Board Meeting



Asia National Assembly **W**ater **C**onsultative Board

Agenda 3. Replacement of Board Members

Purpose:

1. To propose the replacement of Board Members
2. Replacement of Board Members

Country	Former Board Member	New Board Member
Republic of Korea	Gwangon Park	Joohwan Lee
Kazakhstan	Adambayev Syrym	Yerlan Barlybyev
Kyrgyzstan	Janybek Sultanovich	Azizbek atakozuevich Tursunbayev

Background:

3. According to the Article 5 of the Constitution, Board Members should recommend a replacement if they lose their position as an incumbent lawmaker in their country. The replacement is regarded as a Board Member.

Recommendation:

4. It is recommended that the Board Members of the AAWC:
 - a. **Note** the replacement of Board Members for:
Republic of Korea, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan

Attachments:

No.	Title
1	Membership application forms



Attachment 1: Membership application forms

- H.E. Joo-hwan Lee, Republic of Korea

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM		
(PICTURE)	FULL NAME	Lee, Joo Hwan
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NAME OF PARLIAMENT / POSITION		THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
YOUR FIELD(S) OF EXPERTISE AND ACTIVITIES		
Jan. 2022 – Present Member, Special Committee on Supporting Busan's Bid for World Expo 2030, National Assembly (NA)		
Feb. 2022 – Present Member, Special Committee on Climate Crisis, NA		
Jun. 2022 – Present Member, Special Committee on Environment and Labor, NA		
May 2020 – Present Member, 21 st National Assembly (Yeonje-gu District, Busan)		
<i>I read and understand the AAWC Constitution and I accept Membership into the Asia National Assembly Water Consultative Board</i>		
☒ I agree ☐ I disagree		
Signature		Date 11/05/2023

- H.E. Yerlan Barlybayev, Kazakhstan



ASIA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WATER CONSULTATIVE BOARD

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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YOUR FIELD(S) OF EXPERTISE AND ACTIVITIES: Committee on Ecology and Environmental Management		

*I read and understand the AAWC Constitution and
I accept Membership into the Asia National Assembly Water Consultative Board*

☒ I agree ☐ I disagree

Signature  Date 25/04/2023



- Azizbek atakozuevich Tursunbayev, Kyrgyzstan

		ASIA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WATER CONSULTATIVE BOARD	
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM			
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YOUR FIELD(S) OF EXPERTISE AND ACTIVITIES			
<i>I read and understand the AAWC Constitution and I accept Membership into the Asia National Assembly Water Consultative Board</i>			
		☒ I agree	☐ I disagree
Signature			Date 03/05/2023

Agenda 4. Provisional Agenda

Purpose:

1. To approve the Provisional Agenda of the 5th Board Meeting which is to be held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 23 May 2023, 14:00 pm.

Recommendation:

2. It is recommended that the Board Members of the AAWC:
 - a. **Approve** the Provisional Agenda of the 5th Board Meeting

Attachments:

No.	Title
1	Provisional Agenda



Attachment 1: Provisional Agenda

23 May 2023

14:00 Opening (Cambodian Time)

No	ITEM	PRESENTED BY	TYPE
1.	Opening Remarks		
2.	Record of Attendance and Proxies	Secretary General	Information
3.	Replacement of Board Members	Secretary General	Information
4.	Provisional Agenda	President	Decision
5.	Minutes of the 4th Board Meeting	President	Decision
6.	New Membership	President	Decision
7.	Finances	Treasurer	Decision
8.	Country Activity Report	Secretary General	Information
9.	Water Welfare Program	Secretary General	Information
10.	Policy Research	Secretary General	Information
11.	10th World Water Forum	Secretary General	Information
12.	Phnom Penh Statement	Secretary General	Information
13.	6th Board Meeting	President	Decision
14.	Any Other Business		

16:00 Closing (Cambodian Time)

Agenda 5. Minutes of the 4th Board Meeting

Purpose:

1. To approve the Minutes of the 4th Board Meeting held in Labuan Bajo, Indonesia, on the 15th of March 2022.

Background:

2. According to Article 10 of the Constitution, the Secretary General should submit the Minutes of the Board Meeting to its Board Members.

Recommendation:

3. It is recommended that Board Members of the AAWC:
 - a. **Approve** the Minutes of the 4th Board Meeting

Attachment:

No.	Title
1	Minutes of the 4 th Board Meeting



Attachment 1: Minutes of the 4th Board Meeting

Minutes of the 4th AAWC Board Meeting

- **Date:** 15 March 2022 (Tue) 09:00-10:30 (Labuan Bajo/UTC+8)
- **Participants:** See Appendix 1.
- **Contents:**

Agenda 1. Opening remarks

- President Jae-ill Byun delivered his opening speech. The President thanked and welcomed all participants who joined the meeting online and physically onsite in Labuan Bajo, including AAWC member parliamentarians, Excellency Han, Minister of Environment of the Republic of Korea as well as AWC President. During the speech, he emphasized the role of AAWC in setting the fundamentals for policies to resolve water issues in each country by legislative actions. Also, he expressed it is essential to realize our vision by setting up Water Welfare Program and carrying out Asia to World Statement declared at the opening of the 2nd AIWW.

Agenda 2. Record of Attendance and Proxies

- Secretary General Seung-jae Ha reported that out of 23 registered members, 17 including 5 proxies were present to the meeting. With majority of the registered members, the quorum was successfully established, and the President officially opened the 4th AAWC Board Meeting.

Agenda 3. Replacement of Board Members

- Referring to the Article 5 of the AAWC Constitution, Secretary General Ha reported the replacement of Board Members.

LIST OF BOARD REPLACEMENTS

No.	Country	Affiliation	Former Board Member	New Board Member
1	Kyrgyzstan	Supreme Council	Hon. Dastanbok Dzhumabekov	Hon. Dzhamilia Isaeva
2	Kyrgyzstan	Supreme Council	Hon. Salaidin Aidarov	Hon. Zhanybek Kydykbaev
3	Kazakhstan	House of Representatives	Hon. Ali Bektaev	Hon. Turganov Dyussenbay Nurbaevich
4	Kazakhstan	House of Representatives	Hon. Alimjan Kurtaev	Hon. Adambayev Syrym Zhumataevich
5	Cambodia	National Assembly	Hon. Khut Chandara	Hon. Yara Suos

- The President thanked the former members for their grace support and dedication they showed through their services as Board members of the AAWC. Also, he greeted the replaced members from each country asking their active engagement in its activities and further suggested that Hon. Yara Suos becomes a Vice President following the position of Hon. Khut Chandara, the former member from Cambodia.
- Hon. Yara Suos from Cambodia extended his appreciation to become a Board Member and Vice-President of AAWC on behalf of the National Assembly of Cambodia. He mentioned millions of people remain struggling with a lack of access to clean water, and additionally the global pandemic has accelerated the impact of climate change, population growth, urbanization, environment degradation, etc.

As parliamentarians, he suggested to share our concerns regarding water crisis and make every effort possible to address them. In Cambodia, the 11th Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership was virtually held to promote international cooperation and connectivity under the theme of “Strengthening Parliamentary Partnership and for Peace and Sustainable Development in the era of Covid-19 and Beyond”, and Water-Energy-Food Nexus was one of the three main topics. Through AAWC platform, he expects a close collaboration for efficiency and inclusive development of water resources for sustainable



development, poverty alleviation, food-energy-water security through smart technologies transfer and knowledge sharing for our continent and the others as well.

Agenda 4. Provisional Agenda

Decision 1

The Board **approved** the provisional agenda for the 4th AAWC Board Meeting.

- The President presented the provisional agenda of the 4th AAWC Board Meeting comprised of 14 items.
- AAWC Board Members approved the provisional agenda of the meeting.

15 March 2022

09:00 Opening (Labuan Bajo/UTC+8)

No	ITEM	PRESENTED BY	TYPE
1.	Opening Remarks		
2.	Record of Attendance and Proxies	Secretary General	Information
3.	Replacement of Board Members	Secretary General	Information
4.	Provisional Agenda	President	Decision
5.	Minutes of the 3 rd Board Meeting	President	Decision
6.	New Membership	President	Decision
7.	Honorary President	Treasurer	Information
8.	Finances	Treasurer	Decision
9.	Activity Report	President	Information
10.	Call to Action: Asia to World Statement II	President	Information
11.	Water Welfare Program	Treasurer	Information
12.	Policy Research	President	Information
13.	5 th Board Meeting	President	Information
14.	Any Other Business		

10:30 Closing (Labuan Bajo/UTC+8)

Agenda 5. Minutes of the 3rd Board Meeting

Decision 2

The Board **approved** the Minutes of the 3rd AAWC Board Meeting.

- The President shared the Minutes of the 3rd AAWC Board Meeting to the Board, which was held on the 12 May 2021, 16:00(KST/UTC+9), in Pyeongchang, the Republic of Korea.
 - AAWC Board Members approved the Minutes of the 3rd Board Meeting.

Agenda 6. New Membership

Decision 3

The Board **approved** 3 new Board Members of the AAWC.

- President Byun announced that 1 parliamentarian from Sri Lanka and 2 parliamentarians from Nepal expressed their wishes to join the AAWC as new Board Members.
 - **Nepal:** Hon. Amresh Singh, House of Representative of Nepal
 - Hon. Amresh Singh from Nepal delivered his pleasure to be part of AAWC as a new member. As a member of AAWC, he said he will be committed to mitigating the water-related issues, in particular, drinking water and hygienic which are the major concerns in Nepal, especially in rural areas. He mentioned lack of education in the areas is a major challenge to address such issues.

Agenda 7. Honorary President Appointment

- Secretary General Ha informed Board members of its plan for Honorary President appointment at the next Board meeting in 2023. It was noted that Dr. Seung-yong Joo, the AAWC inaugural President and the former Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea, will be appointed as an Honorary President at the 5th AAWC Board meeting in 2023, to continue his commitment to enhance legislative assistance and political cooperation for the safety and prosperity of all Asians with clean and sufficient water.

Agenda 8. Finances

Decision 5

The Board **approved** the Financial Plan for 2022

- Secretary General Ha briefly reported on this year's budget of 800 million won, which was secured from the Korean government, and outlined the Financial Plan for 2022. This year's budget, 300 million Korean won more than the previous year, could be secured through President and Treasurer's endless efforts and such effort will be continued to secure the budget in the coming years. In addition, it was suggested that member countries are needed to pay membership fee to continue to promote water-related projects and develop its solidarity. This will be further discussed at the next Board meeting.

Financial Plan for 2022

Expenses	Provisional Budget (KRW'm)	Revenues	Provisional Budget (KRW'm)
Meeting Organization	250	Subsidies	800
Convention Services (4 th Board Meeting)	200	Government Subsidy (ME)	800
Meeting Organization & Attendance	20		
Other Charges	30		
Travel & Accommodations	50		
Travel	15		
Accommodation	5		
Technical Consultants	400		
Consultants (Water Projects)	190		
Water Welfare Program	200		
Other	10		
Policy Research	100		
Research Service (Policy Research on Policy & Legislative Approaches for	50		

Resolving Asia Water Issues)			
Personnel Expense	50		
Total Expenses	800	Total Revenue	800

Agenda 9. Activity Report

- Secretary General Ha reported that the Secretariat has participated in several activities including international conferences since the 3rd Board meeting. President Byun attended the seminar on “Water Management Policy in the Era of Carbon Neutrality” and delivered the message saying that we need to seek ways to reduce carbon emissions from water circulation systems in response to accelerating climate change, or to absorb greenhouse gases or generate eco-friendly energy from water-related facilities to help overcome global warming. Also, in February, President Byun, Treasurer Lim and AAWC Board members participated in the virtual seminar to discuss and plan its 2nd AIWW Participation and the 9th World Water Forum.
- Hon. Surendra Pandey from Nepal informed of several meetings he participated as part of Natural Resources Committee of the House of Representatives of Nepal. The Committee mainly discussed water-related issues and the impact of climate change on water resources, including plantation and harvesting of the farmers and melting glaciers, the main source of rivers of Nepal. He also mentioned one project called ‘President Chure’ (Shiwalik Hill) protection project to give permission to dig out the sand, boulders, stones, etc. Accordingly, legislation and law enforcement would be needed to regulate such activities
- Hon. Boriy Alikhanov from Uzbekistan reported his recent activities on the issues regarding water resources and environment. He emphasized the role of advanced technologies and innovation in responding to the climate change impact on water resources and environment. As one of the countries most affected by climate change, the economic, ecological and political value of water is central to the Uzbekistan’s actions to deal with such adverse impact. In particular, Aral Sea threatens the livelihood and health of the local population as well as significantly affects economic activities. Therefore, it is



essential to promote collective actions to solve the water issues in the Aral Sea area for the economic and social development in the region, and he believes that AAWC will play the role as a platform to implement such joint activities for a more effective use of water resources.

- Hon. Kyaw Thiha from Myanmar thanked the President for the invitation to the meeting and this opportunity to deliver his speech. He explained the current situation in Myanmar under the military coup starting from 2021 saying that its President and other state councilors have been all detained and democratic government officials were arrested or escaped. He wishes to actively join and participate AAWC water projects when its democratic government takes power back.

Agenda 10. Call to Action: Asia to World Statement

- President Byun introduced the concept of Asia to World Statement which was adopted at the first day of the 2nd AIWW. Also, he explained the expected outcomes of this Statement which includes raising global awareness on water issues in Asia, sharing best practices and concrete action plans and bringing added values to the water sector. In this regard, he requested Vice President to share his ideas and suggestion accordingly.
- Hon. Surendra Pandey recommended to co-create action plans with concrete commitments across Asia and world by having international conferences and forums to enhance mutual cooperation among AAWC members and other parliamentarians in the region.

Agenda 11. Water Welfare Program

- Secretary General Ha introduced the proposal of the pilot project developed in close collaboration with the AWC under this program last year. Along with the budget of 200 million Korean won secured for the implementation of this program this year, he announced its plan for developing the PCPs for Cambodia and Kyrgyzstan to be shared with all Board members for their approval once it is prepared.

Agenda 12. Policy Research

- Secretary General Ha announced it plan for conducting a research on improving climate-related policy environment including existing policy, legislation, strategy and planning instruments for the water sector to response to the impact of climate change. He requested our Board members’ valuable opinions and suggestions regarding its scope and direction of on this research.
- Hon. Amresh Singh claimed that investments targeted toward rural areas is essential for inclusive and sustainable outcomes regarding sustainable development as the poor in the rural areas is at high risk to the impact of climate change. In particular, improved access to hygienically safe drinking water and sanitation in the areas for poor peoples in rural areas is a priority.

Agenda 13. 5th AAWC Board Meeting

Decision 8

The Board **approved** decision regarding the date and venue of the 5th Board Meeting.

- President Byun proposed to host the 5th AAWC Board meeting in the following countries; Cambodia; Kyrgyzstan; Thailand; depending on the selection result of Water Welfare Program. Furthermore, he suggested all relevant cost associated with physical participation including airfare and accommodation will be covered by the AAWC Secretariat and the host country will prepare the venue and dinner for participants.

Agenda 14. Any Other Business

- (There was no additional opinion to be raised)

Closing

- President. Byun concluded the 4th AAWC Board Meeting by delivering his closing remarks. First of all, he thanked all participants both online and on-site in Indonesia including newly joined members from Sri Lanka and Nepal. He requested continued support and cooperation to enhance partnership and cooperation among the members to play its role as a major platform for water policies in Asia.



Appendix 1. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

A. AAWC Bureau

1. Hon. Jae-ill Byun
(President)
2. Hon. Surendra Prasad Pandey
(Vice President)
3. Mr. Seung-jae Ha
(Secretary General)

D. Alternative

14. Dr. Han-Jeoung-ae
(Minister of MoE, Korea)
15. Dr. Sohn Ok-joo
(Assistant Minister of MoE, Korea)
16. Mr. Park Pyeong-rok
(Executive Vice President, K-water)

B. AAWC Board Members

4. Hon. Amrita Thapa
(Nepal)
5. Hon. Ameresh Singh
(Nepal)
6. Hon. Hongkham Souvannabong
(Laos)
7. Hon. Boriy Alikhanov
(Uzbekistan)
8. Hon. Kyaw Thiha
(Myanmar)
9. Hon. Anthony Peter Crisologo
(Philippines)
10. Hon. Zhanybek Kydykbaev
(Kyrgystan)

C. AWC Bureau

11. Dr. Firdaus Ali
(Vice President)
12. Mr. Vadim Sokolov
(Board Member)
13. Dr. Yong-deok Cho
(Secretary General)

Agenda 6. New Membership

Purpose:

1. To present and approve new members to the AAWC

Background:

2. According to the Article 12 of the Constitution, the Board decides matters outlined in the following subparagraphs: (2) Approval of new memberships
3. Currently, AAWC is composed of 25 members from 11 countries

Recommendation:

4. It is recommended that Board Members of the AAWC:
 - a. **Approve** new Members of the AAWC:
 - **H.E. Muhammad Bakhtiar Wan Chik**, Malaysia
 - **H.E. Zahir Bin Hassan**, Malaysia

Attachments:

No.	Title
1	Membership application forms



Attachment 1: Membership application forms

- H.E. Muhammad Bakhtiar Wan Chik, Malaysia



ASIA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WATER CONSULTATIVE BOARD

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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NAME OF PARLIAMENT / POSITION		P053 Balik Pulau/Member of Parliament
YOUR FIELD(S) OF EXPERTISE AND ACTIVITIES		
BOARD MEMBER OF PBA HOLDINGS (2021-2022) - PENANG WATER AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN OF MYCREATIVE VENTURES GROUP		
<i>I read and understand the AAWC Constitution and I accept Membership into the Asia National Assembly Water Consultative Board</i>		
☒ I agree ☐ I disagree		
Signature		
Date	9 May 2023 DD/MM/YYYY	

- H.E. Zahir Bin Hassan, Malaysia



ASIA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WATER CONSULTATIVE BOARD

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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NAME OF PARLIAMENT / POSITION		P116 WANGSA MAJU/ MEMBER OF PARLIMENT

YOUR FIELD(S) OF EXPERTISE AND ACTIVITIES

A Development Management specialist with vast experience in the full cycle of the engineering, construction and property development industry in Malaysia, UAE, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. The list includes Infrastructure(Water, Roads, Power, Sewerage) Development, Water Treatment Plants, Portable Water Production and Distribution, Master Planning and Township Development.

*I read and understand the AAWC Constitution and
I accept Membership into the Asia National Assembly Water Consultative Board*

☒ I agree ☐ I disagree



Signature _____ Date 08/05/2023



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Agenda 7. Finances

Purpose:

1. To approve the Financial Report of 2022 and Financial Plan for 2023

Background:

2. According to Article 12 of the Constitution, the Board decides matters outlined in the following subparagraphs: (7) Approval of finance plans.
3. The Financial Report of 2022 and Financial Plan for 2023 are presented in the attachment.

Recommendation:

4. It is recommended that the Board of the AAWC:
 - a. **Approve** the Financial Report of 2022 and Financial Plan for 2023

Attachment:

No.	Title
1	Financial Report of 2022
2	Financial Plan for 2023



Attachment 1: Financial Report of 2022

(1 million KRW = 1,000 USD)

Expenses	Provisional Budget (KRW'm)	Revenues	Provisional Budget (KRW'm)
Meeting Organization	250	Subsidies	800
Convention Services (4 th Board Meeting)	200	Government Subsidy (ME)	800
Meeting Organization & Attendance	20		
Other Charges	30		
Travel & Accommodations	50		
Travel	15		
Accommodation	5		
Technical Consultants	400		
Consultants (Water Projects)	190		
Water Welfare Program	200		
Other	10		
Policy Research	100		
Research Service (Policy Research on Policy & Legislative Approaches for Resolving Asia Water Issues)	50		
Personnel Expense	50		
Total Expenses	800	Total Revenue	800

Attachment 2: Financial Plan of 2023

(1 million KRW = 1,000 USD)

Expenses	Provisional Budget (KRW'm)	Revenues	Provisional Budget (KRW'm)
Meeting Organization	250	Subsidies	800
Convention Services (5 th Board Meeting)	200	Government Subsidy (ME)	800
Meeting Organization & Attendance	20		
Other Charges	30		
Travel & Accommodations	50		
Travel	15		
Accommodation	5		
Technical Consultants	350		
Consultants (Water Projects)	150		
Water Welfare Program	200		
Policy Research	100		
Research Service (Policy Research on Policy & Legislative Approaches for Resolving Asia Water Issues)	100		
Personnel Expense	50		
1 personnel	50		
Total Expenses	800	Total Revenue	800



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Agenda 8. Country Activity Report

Purpose:

1. To present AAWC activities from September 2020 to March 2021

Background:

2. Since the 4th AAWC Board Meeting in March 2022, Board Members have organised or participated in various water-related legislative activities in their countries
3. Activity Reports have been submitted by:
 - 1) Republic of Korea, 2) Cambodia, 3) Lao PDR, 4) Kazakhstan, 5) Krgyzstan,
 - 6) Malaysia

Recommendation:

4. It is recommended that Board Members of the AAWC:
 - a. **Note** the activities undertaken by AAWC Board Members

Attachments:

No.	Title
1	Republic of Korea
2	Cambodia
3	Lao PDR
4	Kazakhstan
5	Kyrgyzstan
6	Malaysia

Attachment 1: Activity Report of the Republic of Korea

Activity Title/Date

Annual Parliamentary Hearing of the 77th UN General Assembly / 14 February 2023

H.E. Joohwan Lee as part of Delegation of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea participated in the Annual Parliamentary Hearing of the 77th UN General Assembly in February 2023. The hearing under the theme of *Water for People and Planet: Stop the waste and change the*



game, invest in the future highlighted the critical role that parliaments play in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the universally agreed upon blueprint for a better and more sustainable future. H.E. Joohwan Lee made remarks focusing on inclusiveness and public benefit of water policy during the section 6 titled *Toward a more inclusive water policy: Leaving no one behind*.

Activity Title/Date

2023 Water Korea / 21 March 2023

To mark World Water Day, H.E. Jae-ill Byun participated in 2023 Water Korea, the largest industrial exhibition of the water sector in the Republic of Korea. About 170 companies participated in the fair to share the current status and vision of the domestic water industry with people from the public sector, academia, etc. He stated that the important role of water as an essential resource cannot be overemphasized enough in the agrarian society and in the high-tech industry like ultrapure water.



Attachment 2: Activity Report of Cambodia

Activity Title / Date	Parliamentary Session conducted at the National Assembly to review the draft of the Law on Clean Water Management
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A parliamentary session was conducted at the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia to review the draft of the Law on Clean Water Management on 8th February 2023. At the conclusion of the session, the Law was adopted. It is to note that “Water” is one of the top four priority sectors as articulated in the Rectangular Strategy-IV of the 6th Mandate of Legislature. The Senate also approved the Law at a session conducted on 20th February 2023.



Attachment 3: Activity Report of Lao PDR

Activity Title / Date	Amendment to the Law on Water and Water Resources / 6-7 July 2022
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The Southeast Asian members of the Mekong River Commission (Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam with China and Myanmar as Dialogue Partners) issued a landmark declaration at the 4th MRC Summit on the 5th of April, 2023, reiterating the region's commitment to cooperate and safeguard a beleaguered river that's the lifblood for some 70 million of their citizens.



The Vientiane Declaration is significant for several reasons. First, it states that while development opportunities exist to benefit from large water infrastructure projects, including hydropower, there is urgency to address the “growing risks and trade-offs” — especially, “adverse impacts, including transboundary impacts.” These are further exacerbated by climate change-fueled floods and drought. In response, the Declaration calls for the MRC, its partners and other stakeholders in this region to further “intensify cooperation” and seek “innovative solutions.”

Activity Title / Date	The 4 th Mekong River Commission Summit / 2-5 April 2023
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The Lao National Assembly, at the 3rd Ordinary Session, adopted an amendment to the Law on Water and Water Resources. The amendment aims to promote sustainable and equitable management of water resources in Laos, protecting the rights of all stakeholders. The legislation will ensure better coordination of water management across sectors and regions, guaranteeing the



efficient use and allocation of water resources for economic and social development. This amendment marks an important step towards ensuring that the management of water resources is consistent with global best practices and standards.

Four articles were amended:

Article 36: Objectives of using water sources

Article 36/1: Extension of water corridors

Article 36/2: State agencies that have the right to agree on the expansion of water corridors

Article 67: General Prohibition



Prof. Dr. Hongkham Souvannavong delivered speech at National Assembly

Attachment 4: Activity Report of Kazakhstan

Activity Title	Development of a new Water Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan (The draft was approved on November 25, 2022).
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The main problems of the industry requiring legislative solutions were formulated in the Concepts of the draft of the new Water Code and in the accompanying draft law.

The draft Concepts were considered and approved at the meeting of the Interdepartmental Commission on Legislative Activity on November 25, 2022

The main focus of the new legislation will be the protection of water resources from depletion and pollution in order to ensure the country's water resource potential. Accordingly, the draft laws were developed taking into consideration the following principles:

1. Transition to the principle of preserving the country's water resource potential.
2. Consolidation of actions of all subjects of water relations.
3. State planning that takes into consideration water resources.
4. Coordinating role of the authorized body in water resource management.
5. Improvement of the informational support in water resource management.
6. Water cost should be appropriate to its value.



Discussion on the Water Code Concept of the Republic of Kazakhstan (02.09.2022)

Attachment 5: Activity Report of Kyrgyzstan

Activity Title / Date	Water Code of the Kyrgyz Republic
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It should be noted that the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic is developing draft laws "Water Code of the Kyrgyz Republic" and "On drinking water supply and sanitation".

To date, the executors of the draft Water Code of the Kyrgyz Republic are the Ministry of Agriculture of the Kyrgyz Republic, as well as the draft law "On Drinking water supply and Sanitation" is the State Agency for Architecture, Construction and Housing and Communal Services under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic.

It should be noted that at the beginning of 2023, the draft law "On drinking water supply and sanitation" was submitted to the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic. However, after the comments of the Committee on Agrarian Policy, Water Resources, Ecology and Regional Development, the State Agency for Architecture, Construction and Housing and Communal Services under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic withdrew this bill for revision.

Thus, after the finalized versions of the draft laws on water legislation by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic will consider the relevant issues.

Attachment 6: Activity Report of Malaysia

Activity Title / Date

Current Water-Related Legislative / 23 MAY 2023

SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE IN THE WATER INDUSTRY 2006

WSI Act (Act 655) and NWSC (Act 654) approved by Parliament and the King

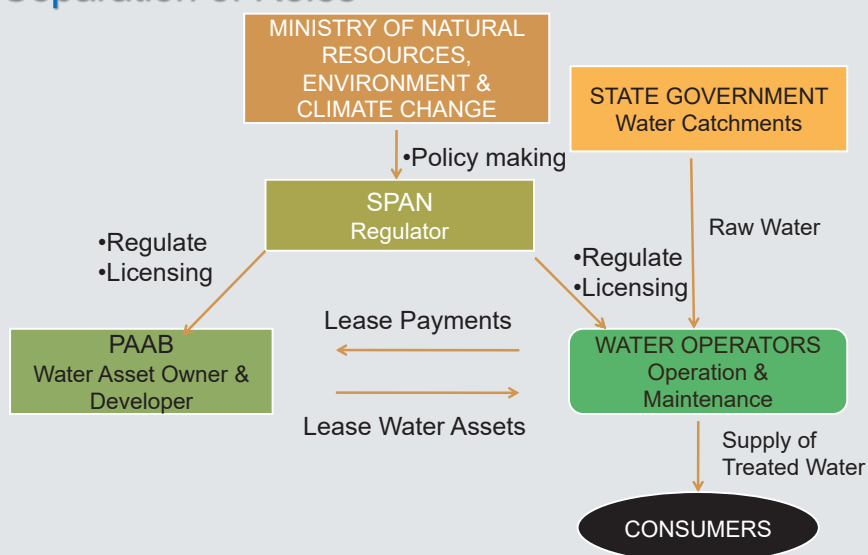
NWSC (SPAN) and WAMCO were established

WSI Act : WATER SERVICES INDUSTRY ACT

NWSC : NATIONAL WATER SERVICES COMMISSION (SPAN)

WAMCO : WATER ASSET MANAGEMENT COMPANY (PAAB)

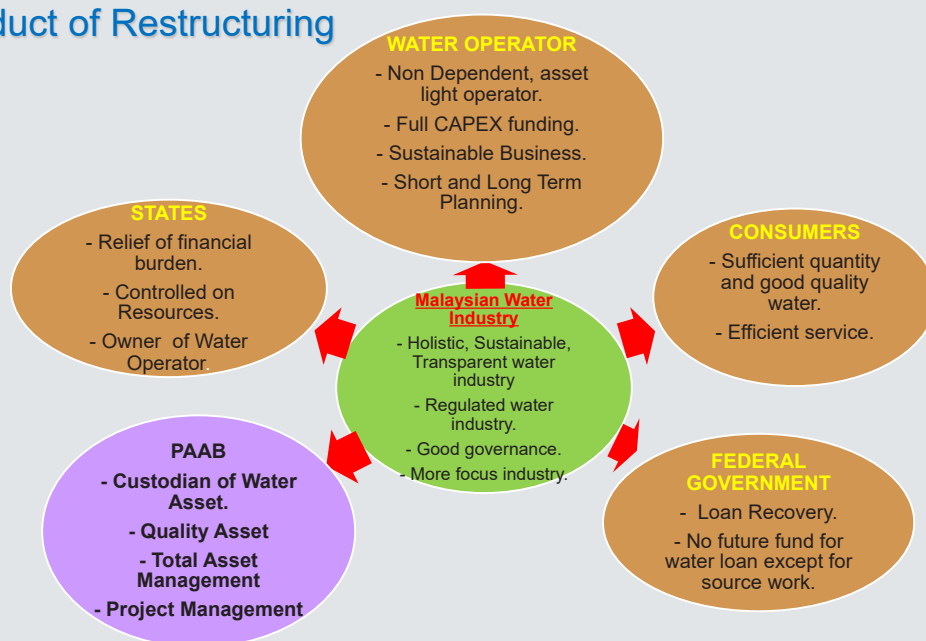
Separation of Roles



Roles of Major Stakeholders

Body	Area of Responsibility	Description
Federal Government	Policy matters	Development of a holistic water policy for the country by setting policy directions.
State Government	Water basin matters	Manage existing water basins with the view of protecting the quality of raw water and identifying new water basins when required.
National Water Resources Council	Governance matters	Ensures coordination with the various State Government in the management of the water basins.
SPAN	Regulatory matters	Regulate the whole water industry based on the policy directions set out by the Federal Government.
PAAB	Development of Water Assets	Construct, refurbish, improve, upgrade, maintain and repair water infrastructure systems.
Water Operators	Operation of Water Asset	Treat and supply treated water to Consumers.

Product of Restructuring





Asia National Assembly **W**ater **C**onsultative Board

Agenda 9. Water Welfare Program

Purpose:

1. To share the result of 2022 Water Welfare Program and the plan for 2023 Water Welfare Program

Background:

2. Since approval for the implementation of 2022 AAWC Water Welfare Program at the 4th AAWC Board Meeting in March 2022, the pilot project has been completed successfully.
3. The project included a groundwater investigation and well development pilot project to supply drinking water to the project area located in Kong Pisey District, Kampong Speu Province, Cambodia, and also a training program for capacity building on Integrated Water Resources Management for Cambodian Officials.
4. Thanks to the continued efforts of Treasurer Lim, we could secure the budget of 200 million Korean Won for 2023 Water Welfare program. This year, in collaboration with GCF and KDB, we are in the process of developing a new program called *Transformational Water Asset Program*.

Recommendation:

5. It is recommended that Board Members of the AAWC:
 - a. **Note** the result of the 2022 Water Welfare Program and the plan for 2023 Water Welfare Program

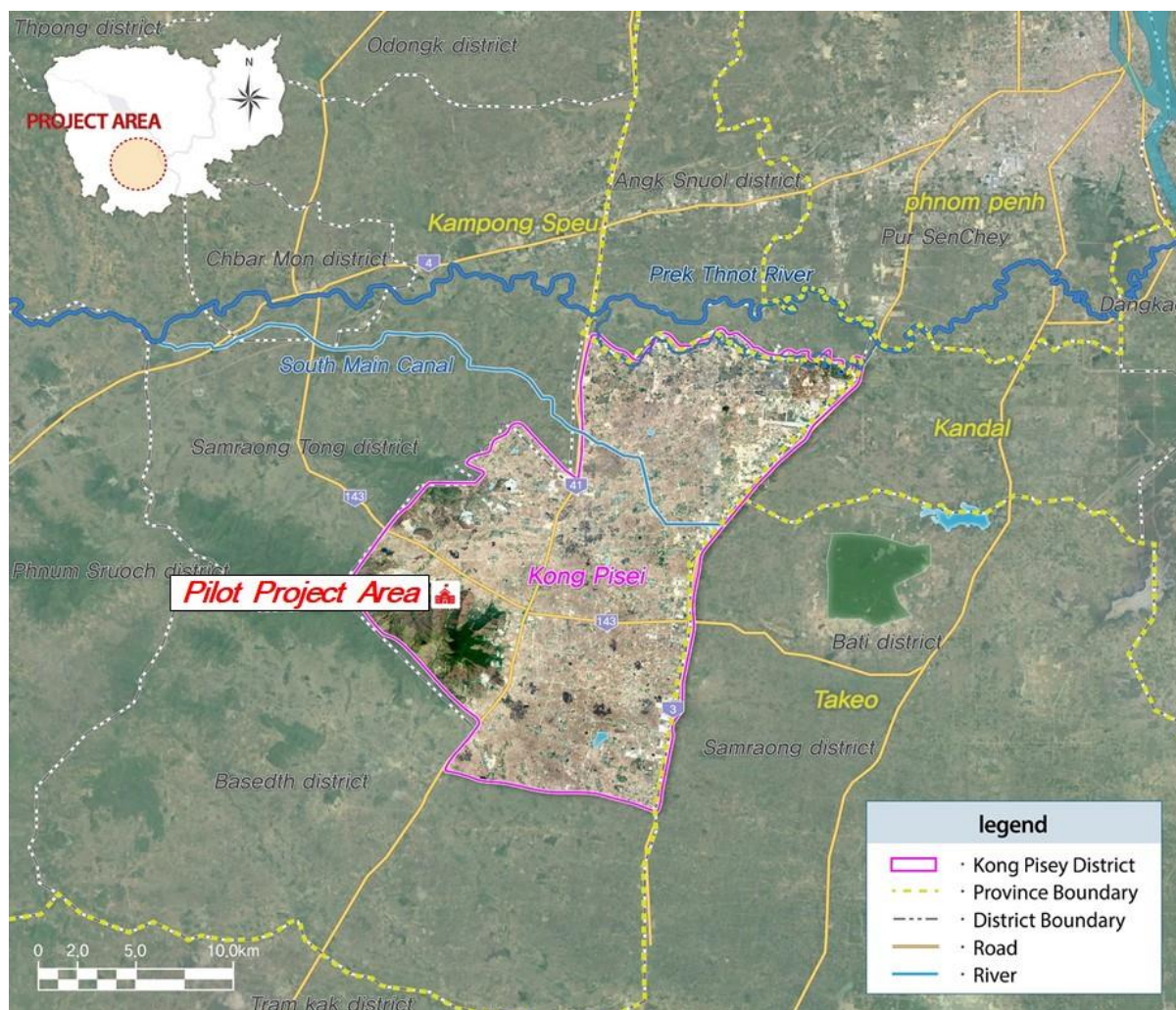
Attachments:

No.	Title
1	2022 Water Welfare Program
2	Introduction of Transformational Water Asset Program

Attachment 1: 2022 Water Welfare Program

- General Information

This project is a groundwater investigation and well development pilot project to supply drinking water to the project area located in Kong Pisey District, Kampong Speu Province, Cambodia. The aquifer condition was evaluated through filed investigations such as drilling investigation, geophysical survey, aquifer test, water quality analysis, etc., and after selecting points where the aquifer is probable to lie beneath, wells and water filtration systems were installed.



<Figure 1> Location Map of Pilot Project Area

- Scope of Work

The scope of work, schedule, and the equipment for site investigation are as follows.

<Table 1> Scope of Groundwater Investigation and Development

Scope	Unit	Quantity	Remarks
1. Geological Reconnaissance	L.S.	1	Investigation of rock type and discontinuity around the project area
2. Existing Well and Potential Pollutant Survey	L.S.	1	- Existing well investigation - Location and use - Specifications (depth, diameter, well yield, etc.) - Subsidiary facilities (well cover, electrical facility, etc.) - Field water quality testing: temperature, pH, Electric conductivity (EC), and Total dissolve solid (TDS) - Field potential pollutant survey
3. Electrical Resistivity Survey (Vertical Electrical Sounding)	Points	8	- Aquifer detection (grid layout, depth 150m) - Identification of the subsurface stratigraphy and geological structures - Utilized as data for the selection of well locations
4. Drilling	Hole	1	Identification of subsurface stratigraphy (depth 100m)
5. Well Development	Hole	4	- Well drilling (depth 120m) - Installation of a submersible pump (2HP)
6. Aquifer (Pumping) Test	Nos.	4	- Step drawdown test: measurement of optimal well yield (well) - Constant-rate & recovery test: estimation of aquifer constants (well) - Field water quality testing: temperature, pH, EC, and TDS
7. Water Quality Analysis	Nos.	12	- Raw water (2 times): 22 parameters (1st), 17 parameters (2nd) - Purified water (1 time): 17 parameters *By Cambodian Drinking Water Quality Standards (2004)
8. Water Supply Pipe Work	L.S.	1	Connection of well, tank, and water filtration system

9. Water Filtration System	Sets	7	• 6-stage system (reverse osmosis filter + ultraviolet ray filter) • Hot & cold water dispensers (3 sets)
10. Analysis and Reporting	L.S.	1	

<Table 2> Schedule of Groundwater Investigation and Development

Scope	Period
1. Geological Reconnaissance	2022. 10. 06. ~ 2022. 10. 08.
2. Existing Well and Potential Pollutant Survey	2022. 10. 09. ~ 2022. 10. 11.
3. Electrical Resistivity Survey	2022. 10. 06. ~ 2022. 10. 07.
4. Drilling	2022. 10. 06. ~ 2022. 10. 18.
5. Well Development	2022. 10. 15. ~ 2022. 11. 01.
6. Aquifer Test	2022. 11. 02. ~ 2022. 11. 13.
7. Water Quality Analysis	2022. 11. 14. ~ 2022. 11. 22. (Raw water) 2022. 12. 14. ~ 2022. 12. 22. (Purified water) 2022. 12. 21. ~ 2022. 12. 29. (Raw water)
8. Water Supply Pipe Work	2022. 11. 14. ~ 2022. 12. 17.
9. Water Filtration System	2022. 11. 14. ~ 2022. 12. 17.
10. Analysis and Reporting	2022. 11. 23. ~ 2022. 12. 30.

• **Training Consultation**

- Course Title : Capacity Building Program on Integrated Water Resources Management for Cambodian Officials
- Duration : 4 December (Sun) 2022 ~ 9 December (Fri) 2022, 6 days
- Participants : 8 officials from the governmental and political institutes
- Training Institute : K-water Academy, Republic of Korea
- Results of the Course

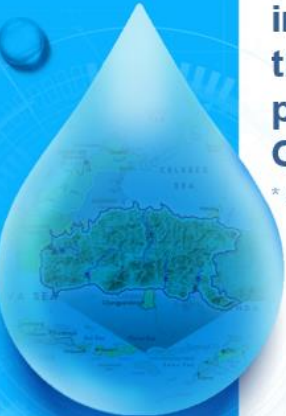
Module	Type	Lecture/Field Visit	Result
Module 1 Korea's Water Resources Policy and Management	Lecture	- Water Resources Management Policy in Korea - Dam construction and Operation - Urban Planning & Economical Feasibility Analysis - Korea's Water Supply Policy & Lessons - Water Treatment Process	- Implications of Korea's economic development, water resources management and waterworks policies, - improved understanding of development and management of large-scale water resources and waterworks projects based on the economic feasibility analysis
	Field Visit	- Daecheong Multi-Purpose Dam - Cheongju Water Treatment Plant	
Module 2 Water Resources Management to Cope with Climate Change	Lecture	- Climate Change and Water Resource Management - Korea's IWRM - Digital Twin Platform Establishment for Water Resources Management - Water Loss Management	Understanding the impact of climate change on water resource management and learning the latest climate change response cases in the field of water management, such as Korea's integrated water resource management and water leakage management using digital technology
	Field Visit	- IWRM Center - Groundwater/Drought education Center - Water Distribution Network Education Center	



Attachment 2: Introduction of Transformational Water Asset Program



Transformational Water Asset Program



Transformational Water Asset Program

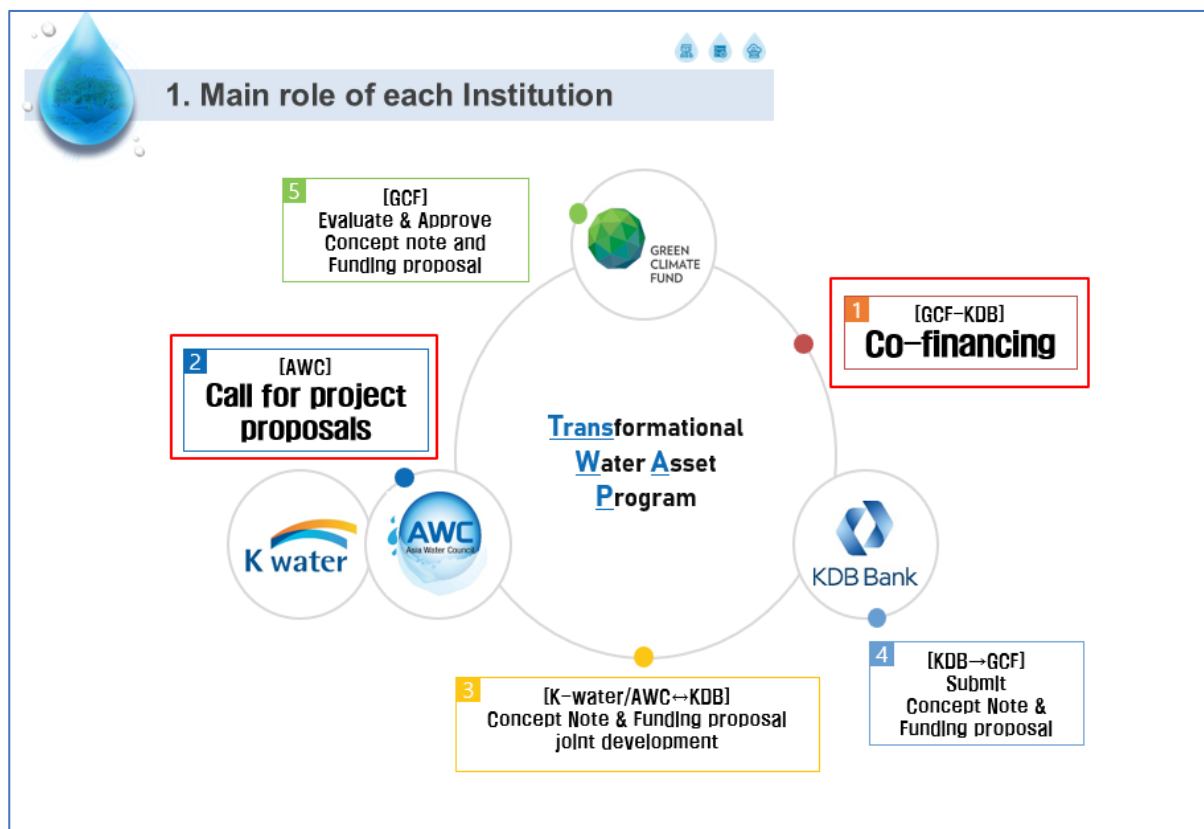
Promotion of water welfare improvement in Asian countries through the development of investment programs in the water sector utilizing GCF funds

* GCF(Green Climate Fund) : International organization established to support climate change response efforts.



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1. Main role of each Institutions
2. Background
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5. Main role of AAWC
6. Planned schedule



2. Background

- **2019y ~ 2022y** : In close cooperation with GCF on Climate-Water agenda
 Signing MOU('19.12) and dispatching K-water personnel participating in climate response-related seminars hosted by AWC
 - **2023y** : GCF proposed collaboration through Trans-WAP* utilizing GCF's own funds (GCF→AWC)
 * Trans-WAP : Transformational Water Asset program
- : GCF hopes to collaborate with AWC/K-water to support climate adaptation and mitigation in developing countries and proposes the Trans-WAP that GCF is currently developing.
- * GCF aims to expand programs in water-related sectors with relatively low investment.
- ** The size for the program funding is **approximately USD 225 million. (75million per project)**

2. Program procedure





4. Scope of Projects

1 Establishment of a river planning Master Plan + River development project

- **(Establishment of a river planning master plan)** surveying, analyzing, and evaluating the current status of rivers, and establishing master plan for securing water resources, and sewage treatment.
- **(Embarkment installation)** a project to protect the city from floods
- **(Installation of park facilities)** a project to improve the surrounding living environment by installing facilities such as waterfront parks, walking paths, and bike lanes
- **(Installation of waterfront roads)** a project to connect inter-regional transportation routes



Embarkment walking path



Embarkment waterfront park



Waterside rest area(facility)



4. Scope of Projects

2 Urban old reservoir modernization and waterfront park development project

- **(Modernization of old reservoirs)** a project to renovate embankments into environmentally friendly facilities through modernization
- **(Development of waterfront parks)** a project to improve the environmental function of the reservoir surroundings by creating forests(with reducing carbon emissions), installing walking paths, and resting areas
- **(Installation of solar energy)** a project that responds to climate change by supplying electricity using renewable energy to reduce carbon emissions



Waterside park



Waterside forest



Water solar power generation



5. Main role of AAWC



1. Request for project proposals
2. Request for cooperation from NDAs

* NDA : National Designated Authority



6. Planned Schedule

- 2023. 4~6 : Discussion with governments of member countries to discover project items
- 2023. 6~7 : Development of Concept Note with KDB and contracted consultant
- 2023. 8~9 : Submission of Concept Note and response to the results of GCF Board Meeting
(Approval of Concept Note)
- 2023. Second half : Discussion with GCF on the cost of preparing funding proposal and
application for GCF's funding support program
- 2024~2025 : Implementation of consultant procurement and funding proposal development

Agenda 10. Policy Research

Purpose:

1. To share the result of 2022 Policy research and the plan for 2023 Policy Research

Background:

2. Last year, AAWC conducted its policy research on improving water-related policy environment including existing policy, legislation, strategy and planning instruments with the aim of climate change adaptation in the water sector in Cambodia. The Secretariat shared the final report with all members through email.
3. 2023 Policy Research targeted at Nepal is going to be implemented from June this year. For its successful completion, Board members' insights and consultation as incumbent parliamentarians would be essential.

Recommendation:

4. It is recommended that the Board Members of the AAWC:
 - a. **Note** the result of the 2022 Policy Research and the plan for 2023 Policy Research

Attachments:

No.	Title
1	Framework of Policy Research

Attachment 1: Framework of Policy Research

Framework of AAWC Policy Research

1. Research Title

Policy Research by Comparison • Analysis of Water-Related Legal Cases for Resolving Asian Water Issues

2. Research period

About 6 months

3. Research purpose

In order to resolve Asian water problems, we compare and analyse legal cases in Asian countries and Korea to present suggestions and alternatives applicable to host countries based on advanced legal cases.

4. Research contents

- Investigate water-related legislation and cases in Korea
- Investigate water-related legislation and cases in host countries
- Compare and analyse objectives and needs of the national legal system depending on the status of national development, water management, water industry, etc.
- Suggest advanced legal cases and alternatives that can be presented to host countries

5. Tentative Schedule

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| - Call for Application | ~ April |
| - Selection and approval | ~ May |
| - Project Implementation | ~ June |
| - Final Result | ~ December |

Agenda 11. 10th World Water Forum

Purpose:

1. To share information on the 10th World Water Forum which will be held in 18-24 May 2024 in Bali, Indonesia

Background:

2. World Water Forum, the largest international event on water, is organized every three year between World Water Council and a host country. In May 2024, the 10th World Water Forum under the theme of Water for Shared Prosperity is taking place in Bali, Indonesia.
3. AAWC Board Members are invited to engage and play a major role in the parliamentary process of the Forum as an inter-parliamentary network representing Asia.

Recommendation:

4. It is recommended that the Board Members of the AAWC:
 - b. **Note** the information for its participation in the 10th World Water Forum

Attachments:

No.	Title
1	Introduction of the 10 th World Water Forum

Attachment 1: Introduction of the 10th World Water Forum

THE 10TH WORLD WATER FORUM

The 10th World Water Forum will take place in Bali, Indonesia from 18 to 24 May 2024. With the theme **"Water for Shared Prosperity"**, the 10th World Water Forum provides a unique platform where the water community and key decision makers can collaborate and make long term progress on global water challenges.

By participating in the 10th World Water Forum you will contribute to responding to the challenges of water and sanitation of our time.

Forum Overview

Title

10th World Water Forum

Theme

Water for Shared Prosperity

Date

May 18 – 24th, 2024

Venue

Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center
(BNDCC)
Bali, Indonesia

Scale

More than 17000 participants from all regions and activities, including politics, multilateral institutions, academia, civil society and the private sector among others from all of the world.

Hosted by

The Republic of Indonesia
and World Water Council (WWC)

Program

- Official Sessions
- High Level Panels
- Ordinary Thematic Session
- Special Sessions
- Side Events
- Youth Space Program
- Expo & Fair
- Technical Field Trip

Note:

Visit the official website,
www.worldwaterforum.org
for detail and update of the Program

THEME

WATER FOR SHARED PROSPERITY

Although it seems ordinary, water is a very important element for human life, in a matter of fact it is needed for every living being, all living organisms require water for their survival. Water is used in many ways by the people, drinking, cooking, washing, leisure, and even studying. Therefore, water availability is a crucial aspect in human life, enough in quantity, in good quality and delivered timely. People facing different challenges regarding water, some got too little, some has too many, some has too dirty, and some has it in incorrect times.



THEME



WATER FOR HUMANS AND NATURE



WATER SECURITY AND PROSPERITY



DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT



COOPERATION AND HYDRO DIPLOMACY



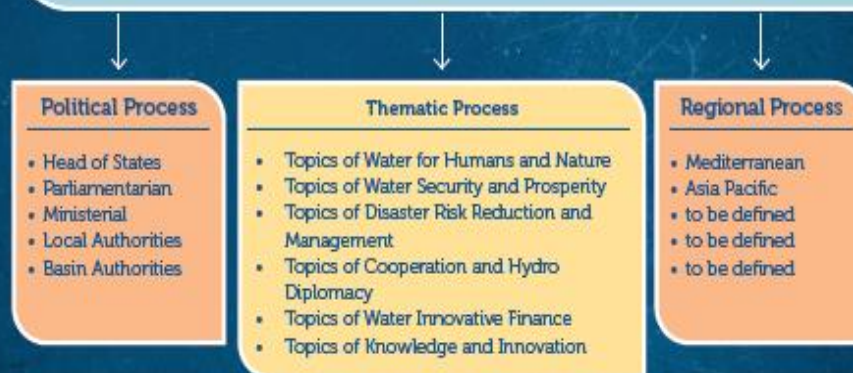
WATER INNOVATIVE FINANCE



KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION

FORUM PROCESSES: OBJECTIVES AND MODALITIES

Process Framework Main Theme : Water for Shared Prosperity



Political Process

Government, parliamentarians, Ministers, local authorities, and basin authorities develop political agendas to discuss and find solutions.

Thematic Process

All global multi-stakeholders develop and facilitate the implementation of action plans mobilizing various organizations and experts to have concrete and practical solutions to imminent water issues identified during the process associated with each theme and topic.

Regional Process

In different regions and sub-regions, develop and facilitate the action to resolve regional primary water issues and find customized solutions to the local water situation. In this process, better understanding of the regional water context and cooperative structure for common solutions is expected.



POLITICAL PROCESSES

"Until the water is a political priority".

Policy-makers and political leaders are key to water solutions and are also responsible for setting up policies and regulations. Political decisions create enabling conditions for advanced and sustainable water management. They are in charge of taking action at local level, whereas water resources and services everywhere are a public responsibility.

The objective of the Political Processes is to facilitate a better understanding of water in the center of every sector and different dimensions of political decisions for humans and nature, including outside of water sector. In addition, the political process catalyzes interaction between all levels of decision-making actors on the importance of water issues.

Segments and Expected Outcomes

Head of States

The head of state process.

As heads of state play a pivotal role in raising awareness of water-related issues, providing political support, forging partnerships, and influencing national and international policy. Their involvement can help to drive action and ensure that water-related challenges are addressed comprehensively and effectively.

Ministerial Process

As the heads of a main government body, sharing knowledge and experiences, advocating for national priorities, networking and partnership building, influencing policy, and committing to action are expected by joining in the Forum process. These outcomes can help to build capacity, foster collaboration, and promote effective water governance at the national and international levels.

Parliamentarian Process

The expected outcomes of the parliamentary process include sharing best practices and

experiences in policy-making, advocating for national priorities, networking, and partnership building. These outcomes can help to build capacity, foster collaboration, and promote effective water governance in policy-making at the national and international levels.

Local Authority Process

The local authority process is to advocate for local water priorities, network and build partnerships, and make influence policies associated with the local water context. These outcomes can help to build the capacity to understand local issues and the condition of water and promote water governance at the local level.

Basin Authority Process

The basin segment includes sharing best practices and experiences, advocating for basin-specific needs, networking and partnership building, influencing policy, and committing to action mainly based on the basin view. These outcomes can help to build capacity, nurture collaboration, and stimulate effective water governance at the basin level.

THEMATIC PROCESS

The thematic process is to share best practices and experiences, advocate for themes and specified topics, develop cooperative methods and partnerships on particular thematic solutions, influence the policy-making process, and commit to action with customized solutions to local and global water challenges.

Six Themes

Water Security and Prosperity, Water for Humans and Nature, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, Cooperation and Hydro-diplomacy, Water Innovative Finance, Knowledge and Innovation

Water Security and Prosperity is one of the most critical our world has been facing for decades and water insecurity is becoming a growing threat in a world that is rapidly changing due to the impacts of population growth, unsustainable development, raising inequality and climate change, and the ensuing increasing competition over water resources.

Water for Humans and Nature refers that water is a critical resource for all life on Earth, both for humans and nature. We depend on healthy, functioning ecosystems for our water security. They provide us with a plethora of goods, services, and well-being. The degradation or destruction of freshwater ecosystems inevitably leads to acute problems affecting aquatic biodiversity and our livelihoods and health.

Disaster Risk Reduction and Management: As extreme weather events – floods, droughts, heat waves, storms, etc. – due to the changing climate – are becoming increasingly frequent and destructive, and most are linked to the hydrological cycle, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management is a crucial topic to be discussed at the 10th World Water Forum. Moreover, Indonesia, the host country of the next Forum, is frequently struck by water-related disasters, particularly flooded cyclones, and prioritizes this issue.

Cooperation and Hydro-diplomacy

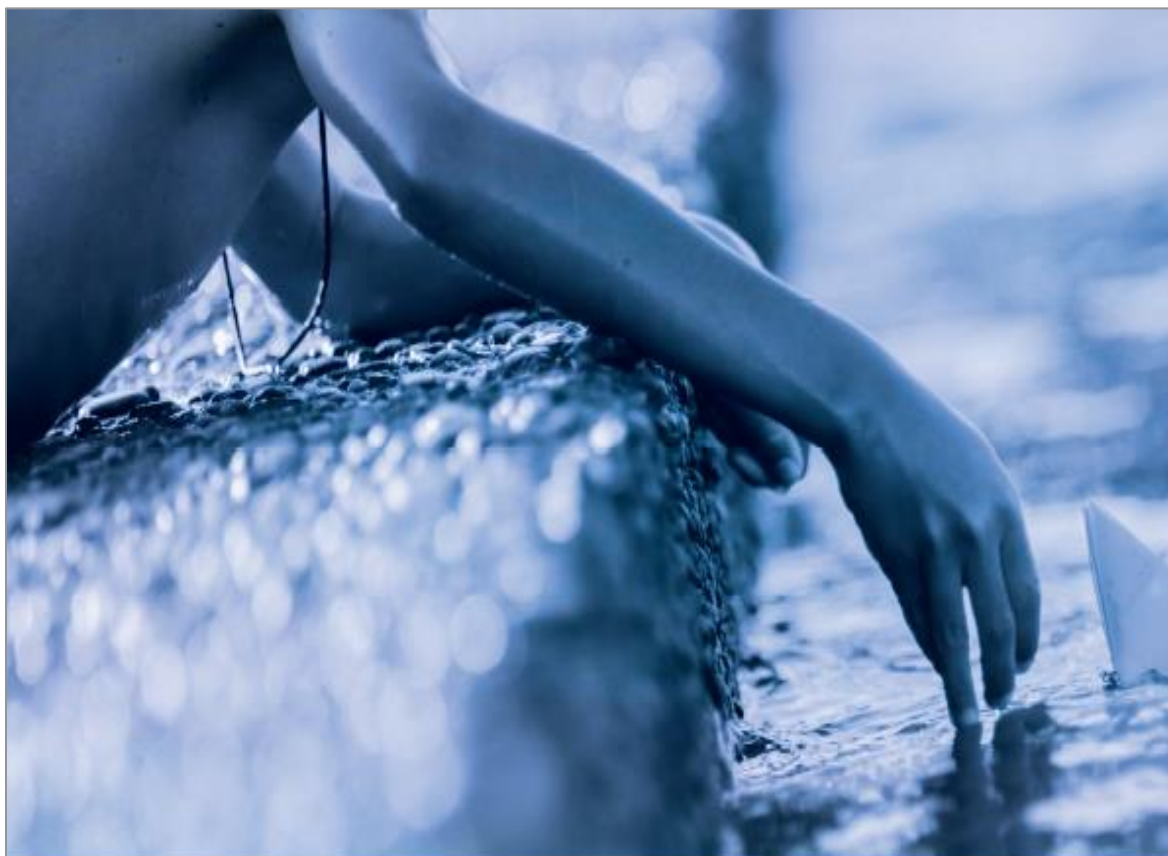
Good water cooperation amongst global actors as well as sound governance within the water community and beyond are vital to overcome the growing competition over water resources, improve mutual understanding and identify acceptable trade-offs between all water users, including other sectors. Hydro-diplomacy and international negotiations, notably based on legal instruments, are a good means to foster peace mediation and conflict prevention.

Water Innovative Finance

The lack of funding for water is another crucial issue to address, as millions of people throughout the world still suffer from insufficient access to clean water and sanitation, from unreliable or unavailable water supply, and increased exposure to water-borne diseases and water-related disasters induced by climate change. Rapid urbanization creates additional challenges for water supply and sanitation in very densely populated areas, meanwhile leaving rural and natural areas behind.

Knowledge and Innovation

Scientific progress and technological innovation are rapidly advancing in the water sector, with new tools, instruments and methodologies available. This wealth of knowledge, as well as traditional and indigenous know-how, needs to be shared, taught, made broadly available and scaled up to help address the growing water challenges the world community is facing.



Common Challenges and Enablers

Challenges:

- **Main drivers:** unsustainable economic development, population growth, climate change, growing social inequality, biodiversity loss, globally spread diseases...
- **Geopolitical context:** increasingly multipolar world and unstable international relations, global power shifts, state rivalry over access to natural resources (incl. water, energy, metals, food, crops), weakness of international public institutions, unsustainable international trade and unsuitable international economic policies...
- **Governance issues**
- **Economic/financial aspects**

Enablers:

- **Governance/political, Socio-economic, Environmental, Technological/R&D/Innovation, Knowledge/Education:**

Expected Outcomes

The thematic process identifies critical challenges and opportunities related to a specific thematic area and explores practical and applicable solutions and best practices. The six themes drive Forum participants of the World water community towards a more sound, sustainable, healthier, peaceful prosperity and resilience of our planet. Six themes, during the Forum process, will be identified with more specific topics where the most imminent issues are included and where solutions with actions are needed. The thematic process will be expected to have results of tangible methodologies with practical strategies to make plans executed and implement solutions.



REGIONAL PROCESS

Dialogues and plans to implement solutions may only be responsive when those are rooted in local realities. The 10th World Water Forum will therefore attempt to reinforce regional processes which will articulate thematic and political issues from local perspectives and regional views. This will result in more customized political commitment for action and local level and practical solutions from thematic areas. The regional process also is to understand different regional experiences and knowledge in water management. To do this wide range of multi-stakeholders from particular regions and sub-regions will be required and invited to draw localized solutions that could be realized in the regional context.

Expected Outcomes

Identifying and addressing regional water challenges: through a process of prioritizing regional water challenges and developing local strategies to address them.

Finding better solutions for local and regional water issues by exchange of knowledge and experience in local cases, perspectives, and best practices for enhanced water security and sustainable water use.

Collaboration and Partnership Building by establishing new partnerships and collaborations to tackle local water-related challenges.

Raising awareness on the importance of local and regional water and the need to manage it with political commitment and customized solutions with advanced technology and innovation as well as well-developed policy.

EXPO AND FAIR

EXPO

A major international exhibition will highlight the know-how, technologies and major innovations concerning water, sanitation and the environment. This will be an opportunity to connect users, researchers, scientists and suppliers of products and services. Considering new challenges, the world of water must rely resolutely on technological innovations to better meet people's expectations. Labelled projects, relevant actions carried out in the field, innovative initiatives and technologies will be the subject of an exhibition in a dedicated area called Response pathway.

The 10th World Water Forum is estimated to be attended by tens of thousands participants consisting of panellists and visitors. From a global perspective, the 10th World Water Forum is the only event that promotes institutional, political, technical, academic and commercial interests related to the Forum's theme. Participants of the 10th World Water Forum will be given exclusive access to the Expo. This venue is devoted to state and corporate stands that aim to sell products or services to companies, governments (central and regional), and universities.

FAIR

The Fair of the 10th World Water Forum is an area with open access and free for public. Interested institutions can showcase their products, services, and solutions to companies, consumers, governments, communities, and universities. From social perspective, the Fair can be viewed as an event to present to the public regarding solutions and actions that have been to ensure water quality and sustainable use.

More information about Expo and Fair of the 10th World Water Forum will be available at

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Asia National Assembly Water Consultative Board

Agenda 12. Phnom Penh Statement

Purpose:

1. To finalise the draft Phnom Penh Statement which will be announced at the High-Level Roundtable

Background:

2. In March 2019, on the occasion of the Preliminary meeting of the Asia National Assembly Water Consultative Board, the *Manila Statement 2019* was announced to pursue its establishment to enhance collaboration on legislation and policy for resolving water-related issues in Asia.
3. Following to this, in September 2019, the *Seoul Statement* was jointly declared to translate commitments into national laws, policies, plans and actions to appreciate water at the core of achieving SDGs.
4. At the High-Level Roundtable following this Board Meeting, the Phnom Penh Statement will be declared with the expected effects of raising awareness about Asian water issues, sharing best practices and concrete action plans and creating added value to the water sector.

Recommendation:

5. It is recommended that the Board Members of the AAWC:
 - a. **Approve** the draft Phnom Penh Statement to be announced at the High-Level Roundtable

Attachments:

No.	Title
1	Draft Phnom Penh Statement

Attachment 1: Draft Phnom Penh Statement



PHNOM PENH STATEMENT(DRAFT)

We, the members of the legislative institutions of Asia, and of Asia National Assembly Water Consultative Board (hereinafter referred to as “AAWC”) and the global water leaders, assembled in Phnom Penh on 23 May 2023 for the 5th AAWC Board Meeting and the High-Level Roundtable,

Recalling the Manila Statement of AAWC on 15 March 2019, in which the lawmakers of Asia jointly determined for the establishment of AAWC to enhance cooperation on legislation and policy for addressing water issues in Asia,

Recalling the Seoul Statement of AAWC on 3 September 2019, with the declaration of AAWC’s political will to translate commitments into national laws, policies, plans and actions to appreciate water at the core of achieving SDGs, promote cooperative programs to enhance inter-parliamentary collaboration for streamlining water laws in terms of effective water management, with close cooperation with Asia Water Council in identifying and implementing suitable countermeasures for addressing water issues of Asia,

Reiterating UN GA Resolution A/RES/71/222 ‘International Decade of Action “Water for Sustainable Development” 2018-2028’ on 21 December 2016, to proclaim that further efforts to achieve the sustainable development of water resources are needed, and therefore emphasized the greater need for countries to take active commitments on relevant issues,

Recognizing the synergies between the 2030 Agenda, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the Paris Agreement adopted by United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda, A/RES/71/256, adopted by UN GA on 23 December 2016, to address worthwhile discussions in respect to sustainable human settlements for all,

Reaffirming the outcomes of the UN 2023 Water Conference, which was held on 22-24 March 2023 in New York, inter alia, with a voluntary commitments and pledges from UN Member States and stakeholders under the Water Action Decade to pave the way towards a water secure future through achievement of tangible results,

Recalling the results and the Ministerial Declaration of the 7th World Water Forum, held on 12-17 April 2015 in Daegu, Republic of Korea, which emphasized that water is the main issue for tackling climate change, and underscored the importance of international cooperation and partnership between all countries, and also Dakar Declaration of the 9th World Water Forum, held on 21-26 March 2022 in Dakar, Senegal, which called for particular attention to water issues in bilateral and multilateral cooperation, making dialogue, coordination and cooperation in the true spirit of hydro-diplomacy,

Appreciating the 2nd Asia International Water Week, held on 14-16 March 2022 in Labuan Bajo, Indonesia, which emphasized to promote inter-parliamentary cooperation to ensure efficient use of resources to achieve SDGs and water security and to foster legislative, budgetary and oversight role of lawmakers in designing and implementing water-related policy and legislation for future generation,

Emphasizing the need for action to address the global water crisis together with climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution, which will not be simply tackled with a business-as-usual approach to global water resources management,

Acknowledging the urgent role of legislatures in supporting the successful delivery of tangible solutions to the water-related issues of the world, and necessity to actively engage in the international water dialogues,

Declare hereby with our will:

1. **To Accelerate** collaborative dialogues and actions towards enhancement of access to safe and clean drinking water in Asia, in line with the objectives defined under SDG6;
2. **To Promote** that water, food and energy form a nexus for sustainable development and management of water resources, and the need for joint actions on water scarcity & security in Asia, looking closely into the nexus



approach;

3. **To Mainstream** that water as the primary medium of the climate crisis and it is urgent for Asia to address climate adaptation and mitigation in the water sector, focusing on the aspect of water resilience and carbon neutrality;
4. **To Cooperate** in the spirit of peace and security to increase the value of international cooperation and cross-border partnership to enhance water welfare, sustainable water management, climate-related water actions and water human rights in Asia;
5. **To Facilitate** the inter-parliamentary cooperation as a core mandate of AAWC in fostering knowledge-share, development of collaborative programs and legislative partnerships among the AAWC members;
6. **To Engage** with the international water dialogues **of the UN organizations related to water** and the key water-related cooperation platforms including Asia Water Council to find a synergy to address water issues of Asia and catalyze our will, and also encourage the association with the private sector.

With this declared statement, we confirm our **recognition of water as a tool for peace and prosperity, and our commitment to closely collaborate with the international partners to enhance AAWC's inter-parliamentary partnership for water welfare in Asia and for the successful achievement of SDGs.**

Signed on 23 May 2023 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on the occasion of the 5th AAWC Board Meeting and the High-Level Roundtable

Agenda 13. 6th Board Meeting

Purpose:

6. To propose the venue and date of the 6th Board meeting in 2024

Background:

7. According to the Article 10 of the Constitution, the Board meets at least once a year. The date and venue of the Board Meeting shall be decided at the previous Board Meeting.
8. Date: One of the following days, 18-24 May 2024 (TBC)
Venue: At the 10th World Water Forum, Bali, Indonesia

Recommendation:

9. It is recommended that the Board Members of the AAWC:
 - b. **Approve** the date and venue for the 6th Board Meeting held on the occasion of the 10th World Water Forum in May 2024 in Bali, Indonesia



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Agenda 14. Any Other Business

Purpose:

1. To invite the Board Members to discuss any other business matters that might be brought to its attention



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