

Asian Dialogue on Water and Sanitation Draft Agenda

Outline of the Dialogue

Date: May 31st, 2007

Venue: Taihu Basin Authority, Shanghai, China

Organizer: United Nations Secretary General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB)

Co-hosts: Asian Development Bank and Government of People's Republic of China

Participants: Country representatives in Asia, Regional bodies in Asia, and International organizations and donors

Conference language: English (Simultaneous translation of English/Chinese will be provided);

Objectives of the Dialogue:

- ✓ To discuss major challenges and solutions on water and sanitation in Asia:
- ✓ To identify priority actions of Hashimoto Action Plan vital to achieve MDG on water and sanitation in Asia; and
- ✓ To discuss concrete ways, with focus on regional collaboration, to implement the priority actions of Hashimoto Action Plan in Asia

Output of the Dialogue

Joint Statement will be announced at the end of the day as consummation of discussion and shared understanding of the participants in the Dialogue

The Dialogue Agenda

1. Opening

Welcome remarks by the Organizer and Co-hosts (9:00-9:30)

Remarks by H.R.H. Willem-Alexander, the Prince of Orange, Chair of United Nations Secretary General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB)

Remarks by H.E. Mr. Chen Lei, Minister of Water Resources, The People's Republic of China

Remarks by Ms Ursula Schaefer-Preuss, Vice President, Asian Development Bank

2. Challenges and solutions on water and sanitation in Asia (9:30- 11:30)

2.1 Hashimoto Action Plan- Your Action in Asia-(9:30- 9:40)

Presentation by Mr. Kenzo Hiroki, Head of UNSGAB Secretariat

2.2 Overview of Water and Sanitation in Asia: (9:40-9:50)

Presentation by Mr. Kallidaikurichi Easwaran Seetharam, Principal Water and Urban Development Specialist, Asian Development Bank

2.3 Challenges and solutions in China (Co-chaired by Mr. Wang Shucheng, Member of UNSGAB and former Minister of Water Resources, The People's Republic of China) (9:50-11:20)

i. Flood Control and Ecosystem Protection in Taihu Basin – Operation of Engineering System

Ye Jianchun, Director General of Taihu Basin Authority, Ministry of Water Resources of China

ii. Care for Lives, Ensure Safe Drinking Water

Short video on China's Water and Sanitation

iii. Drinking Water Safety in China – Goals and Actions

Li Daixin, Director General of the Department of Irrigation, Drainage and Rural Water Supply, Ministry of Water Resources of China

iv. Rural Environmental Sanitation in China – Achievements and Perspective

Bai Huqun, Deputy Director General of the Bureau of Disease Prevention and Control, Ministry of Health of China

v. Mother's Water Cellars in China

Qin Guoying, Secretary General of China Women's Development Foundation

vi. Ensuring the Sustained Operation of Drinking Water Projects

Li Yuzhan, Head of the Water Users' Association of Stone Buddha Village, Huaxian County, Henan Province

- Q & A

- Wrap up

Coffee break (11:20- 11:30)

3. Prioritizing and implementing Hashimoto Action Plan in Asia

3.1 International Year of Sanitation (11:30-13:00)

- Remarks by H.E. Prof. Saif-ud-Din Soz, Union Cabinet Minister for Water Resources, India

- Remarks by Prof. Dao Xuan Hoc, Vice-Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Vietnam

- Open discussion

Lunch break (13:00-14:00)

- 3.2 Water Operators Partnerships, Financing, and Strengthening resources (14:00- 15:00)
- Remarks by H.E. Mr. Liaquat Ali Jatoi, Minister of Ministry of Water & Power, Pakistan
 - Remarks by H.E. Mr. Manuel M. BONOAN, Secretary, Department of Public Works and Highways, Philippines
 - Open discussion

Coffee Break (15:00-15:15)

- 3.3 Water and Disaster, and IWRM (15:15-16:30)
- Remarks by H.E. Mr. Chen Lei, Minister of Water Resources, The People's Republic of China
 - Remarks by Mr. Syed Mohammad Zobaer, Secretary of Ministry of Water Resources, Bangladesh
 - Remarks by Mr. Michio Tanahashi, Director-General, Water Resources Department, Land and Water Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, Japan
 - Remarks by Mr. Jin-Bong Kwon, Director-General of Water Resources Bureau, Ministry of Construction and Transportation, Korea
 - Remarks by Mr. Tan Yok Gin, Director of Policy & Planning, PUB, Singapore
 - Remarks by Mr. Mahmasaid Isoev, Chief of Design & Construction Unit, Ministry of Land Reclamation and Water Resources, Tajikistan
 - Open discussion

Break (Secretariat to draft Joint Statement) (16:30-17:00)

4. Wrap-up (17:00-18:00)
- Towards Asia Pacific Water Summit
 - Discussion on Joint Statement
 - Closing Remarks by Chair