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The Water Environment Partnership in Asia (WEPA) is an initiative proposed by the Japanese Ministry of the Environment. It aims to strengthen water environmental governance and capacity building in Asia. For further information, please visit the WEPA website (<http://wepa-db.net/en/index.html>).

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1. 1st Capacity Building Workshop for the WEPA Action Program in Cambodia

On 4 March 2022, the 1st Capacity Building Workshop for the WEPA Action Program in Cambodia was held with 59 participants, who either joined the real-time workshop in Phnom Penh or attended on-line via Zoom. The workshop aimed to provide capacity building for provincial level agencies on inventory analysis of pollution sources and loads by sharing experiences from WEPA countries. There was also a presentation on the progress made by the WEPA Action Program for water environment management and discussions focused on the outline for a guidebook for provincial staff on “How to identify pollution sources and estimate pollution loads in order to formulate the Comprehensive Water Quality Management Plan for Tonle Sap Lake (TSL)”.

The WEPA Action Program in Cambodia will continue to be promoted to complete the guidebook. The WEPA secretariat will provide assistance in this regard.

2. 9th World Water Forum (WWF9)

The 9th World Water Forum (WWF9) ended on 25 March 2022, in Diamniadio, Senegal, with a declaration called “Blue Deal”, aimed at guaranteeing access to water and sanitation for all, ensuring adequate financing and inclusive governance, and strengthening cooperation.



9th WORLD WATER FORUM | DAKAR 2022

The WEPA Secretariat participated in setting up an Action Group on Water Quality Improvement (1.B. Improve water quality and waste management) and jointly moderated Thematic Session 1.B.2 entitled “Implementing water quality protection through sound governance, using an inclusive multi-stakeholder approach and knowledge-based policymaking”.

➤ More information can be found on the website <https://www.worldwaterforum.org/en>

3. 17th WEPA Annual Meeting

The 17th WEPA Annual Meeting will be held on 22 April 2022, in conjunction with the 4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit (APWS) which will be held on 23 and 24 April 2022 in Kumamoto City, Japan. The meeting will be held as a hybrid event, combining on-site attendance with virtual participation via Zoom.



The Annual Meeting will aim to discuss the report and plan of overall WEPA activities. In addition, we plan to organize sessions to discuss current issues on domestic wastewater management, sequentially from the last Annual Meeting. The sessions aim to share the challenges of domestic wastewater management in some WEPA countries, in response to the comments raised at the last Annual Meeting.

The agenda and other details of the meeting will be announced in due course.

4. 4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit (4th APWS)

The 4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit (4th APWS) will be held in Kumamoto City, Japan, on 23 and 24 April 2022. The APWS has invited high-level delegates including heads of states and representatives from international organizations in the Asia-Pacific region to discuss various water-related issues.



4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit
Kumamoto Japan 2022

WEPA will participate in the parallel thematic session Theme 4, entitled “Toward the realization of appropriate wastewater management to contribute to sustainable development”. This parallel thematic session will focus on wastewater management in order to contribute to sustainable development and move towards achieving the SDGs by 2030, taking into account climate change and the recent transition in the situation of the world, and more specifically Asia, due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. The main objective is to provide an opportunity for the governments of Asian countries to collaborate on different aspects (budgets, legal systems, technical standards, etc.) and determine mutual support measures that should be taken based on regional characteristics.

➤ More information, see the website <https://apwf.org/summit/kumamoto-2022/>

5. Call for your contribution to the WEPA News! (Please send us any updated information)

We are seeking a cooperative agenda with partners. To ensure smooth progress, we welcome information on any new developments on water environmental governance in your country. If you have any related information, please send it to the Secretariat by email <WEPA-secretariat@iges.or.jp>.

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WEPA NEWS aims to disseminate the updated information on WEPA activities. It also aims to exchange information among those who are interested in WEPA, including the focal persons in partner countries, experts with advice on WEPA activities, and participants of past WEPA-related meetings.

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