

ADB's Follow-up Actions to the 3rd World Water Forum

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Themes



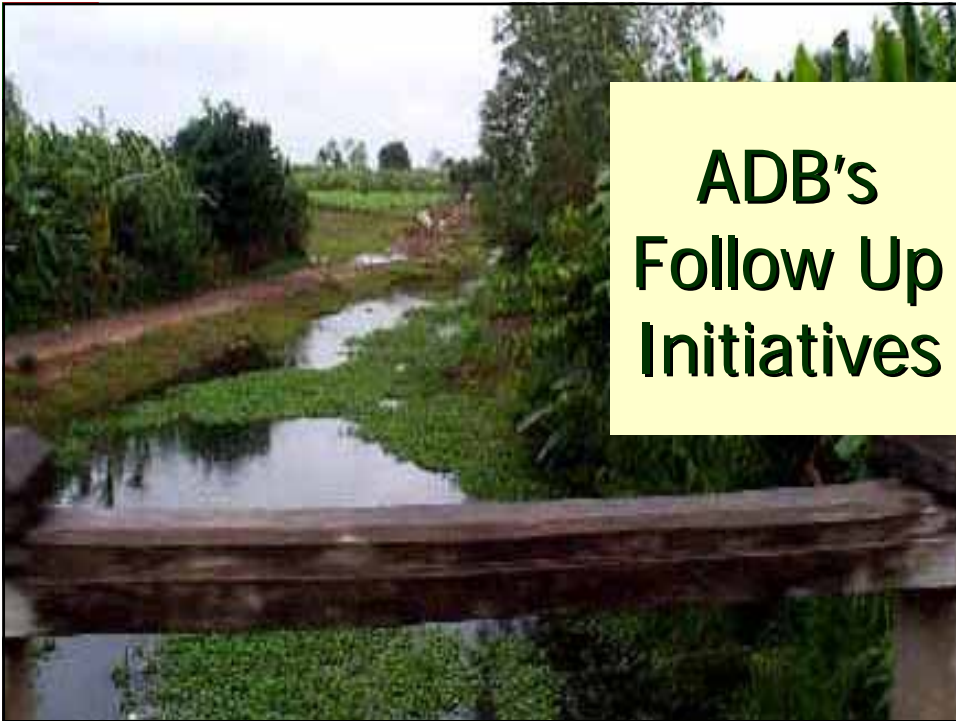
- Water and Poverty
- Water and Cities
- Water in Small Island Countries
- Shared Water Resources Management in Central Asia
- Poverty and Floods

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Water and Poverty Agreements

- Adopt new thinking on pro-poor water management that emphasizes importance of partnerships
- Target the poor
- Link to wider development processes
- Tap into and build from the needs and potentials of the poor

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Water for Asian Cities Program



- Promotes pro-poor investment in Asian Cities
- 3 areas for collaboration
 - Capacity building
 - Project preparation
 - Investment
- Envisages \$10 M grants from ADB and UN-Habitat for first 2 phases, and \$500 M in ADB investments over the next 5 years

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Water for Asian Cities Program



- Review in September 2003 noted initial progress in preparation of a water supply and sanitation project in India
- Opportunities for more collaboration currently being explored, including in India, PRC, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Central Asian republics

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Water for the Poor- Partnerships for Action



- Formerly Rural Water and Poverty Action Initiative
- Aims to catalyze and improve the quality of investments in water security for the rural poor
- Approach is country-focused partnerships with DMCs, building on their existing policies, strategies, plans and projects

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Water for the Poor- Partnerships for Action: Partnership with Viet Nam

- Letter of Intent was signed on 21 March 2003
- Will pursue improving the water security of the poor in rural areas, through
 - Better access to water for health and livelihoods
 - Pro-poor water governance
 - Reduction of vulnerabilities
 - Development of sustainable natural resource base



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Water for the Poor- Partnerships for Action: Partnership with Viet Nam



Current activities include

- National-level Water and Poverty Assessment- provides overview of water and poverty trends and relationships in Viet Nam
- National Dialogue on Water and Poverty- to build a knowledge base and establish consensus on the approaches and actions needed for pro-poor water management and poverty-focused IWRM
- Formulation of Central Region Water Resources Project with NGO input

Gender in Water Partnership

- Aims to mainstream gender considerations in ADB's water sector activities in the DMCs
- ADB and Gender Water Alliance signed a letter of intent at the Forum in March 2003 and the letter of agreement in November 2003



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Gender in Water Partnership



- Areas for collaboration
 - Operations review
 - Advisory services
 - Pilots and/or demonstration activities
 - Training
 - Joint publications
- Partnership will also explore the establishment of a Gender Panel

Network of Asian River Basin Organization

- Promotes integrated water resources management (IWRM) in the region and builds the capacity of river basin organizations (RBOs) to implement IWRM
- Partnership among ADB, ADB institute and Japan Water Agency
- Inception meeting held in November 2003; 1st general meeting scheduled in February 2004



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Network of Asian River Basin Organization

Areas for collaboration

- Advocacy and awareness raising on IWRM
- Sharing of information, good practices and lessons learned among RBOs
- Improved water governance of water resources
- Capacity building of RBOs



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ADB's Response to the Report of the World Panel on Water Infrastructure Financing



- ADB established an interdepartmental working group to respond to the Panel recommendations
- Response was approved by ADB President Tadao Chino in January 2004 and will be discussed during Water Week

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ADB's Response to the Report of the World Panel on Water Infrastructure Financing



ADB generally supports the Panel recommendations, and will pursue a range of actions to further promote financing for water services and water resources management

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Other Follow-Up Initiatives



For Water in Small Island Countries

Supports preparations for national water strategies, sector policies, institutional arrangements, etc to promote sub-regional cooperation on water management among small island countries

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Other Follow-Up Initiatives



For Shared Water Resources Management in Central Asian –

Helps in developing the strategy for assistance to central Asian DMCs

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Other Follow-Up Initiatives



For Poverty and Floods- Supports further work on climate change adaptation and mitigation

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ADB Water Awareness Program

- **Water Voices Documentary Series** series of video documentaries featuring stories of people finding solutions to important water-related problems in the Asia and Pacific region; will be launched tomorrow
- **Water for All Publication Series** include activity reports, compilation of case studies, papers and articles focusing on various water development issues.
- **Water Website**
<http://www.adb.org/water>



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ADB Water Awareness Program



- **Water for All e-newsletter**
monthly e-newsletter featuring stories on successful water initiatives in ADB DMCs
- **Media Activities**
news releases and water articles, regional and national media workshops to build capacity among journalists in DMCs.

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Continued dialogue with NGOs

ADB – NGO Dialogue on Water

26 January, 2:00 – 4:00 PM

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