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COOPERATION FUND FOR THE WATER SECTOR SIX-MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

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I. BACKGROUND

1. The Cooperation Fund for the Water Sector (the Fund) is a multi-donor umbrella facility established on 10 December 2001 to help the Asian Development Bank (ADB) promote effective water management policies and practices at the regional, sub-regional, and country levels; and thereby catalyze the implementation of ADB's water policy in the Asia and Pacific region.
2. The Fund finances activities under six programs: (i) Advocacy and Communications; (ii) Knowledge Base and Capacity Building; (iii) Pilot and Demonstration Activities; (iv) Water Partnerships; (v) Regional Events and Initiatives; and (vi) Coordination, Monitoring and Evaluation. The activities are designed to add value to the water projects carried out by ADB's regional departments and increase the synergy in ADB's water sector operations.
3. This report sets out:
 - (i) Highlights for the 6-month period July –December 2006;
 - (ii) Comparative key outputs summary;
 - (iii) Financial status of the Fund;
 - (iv) Outlook for the next 6 months January – June 2007; and
4. Appendices (1 to 7) contain details of the various programs and activities within each category.

II. HIGHLIGHTS

5. The major highlights for this period were:
 - (i) **A Water Financing Conference was held at which participating countries flagged their potential to accelerate investments.** This event held late September, brought together decision makers from five major countries. Their discussions centered on investment barriers, possible strategies and investment opportunities to deliver on the Water Financing Program (WFP) quantified outcomes;
 - (ii) **Asia Pacific Water Forum was launched in September in conjunction with the Water Financing Conference.** The forum is intended to provide a regional network to increase public awareness on water, develop and share knowledge and monitor progress. It also plans to provide a platform for Governments to advance their water agenda and visibly demonstrate water's importance across the region;
 - (iii) **The Water Financing Partnership Facility (WFPF) was developed and approved by ADB – a successor to the CFWS with a target of obtaining \$100 million for use in direct project assistance and in backing that up with knowledge products and services.** Although the Fund was not directly involved in the setting up of the WFPF, once funds flow into it there is expected to be reliance on expertise already in place from Fund resources to get activities underway.
 - (iv) **Water Community of Practice (CoP) was successfully sustained with six get together including one featuring Ek Sonn Chan, General Director of**

Cambodia's Phnom Penh Water Supply Authority, a water champion in Asia. This activity boosts the technical capacity of ADB's water professionals, keeping them abreast of new developments and project information as well as providing a forum for building team relationships across the organization. It is backed up with a Catchment News series that enables those unable to attend the sessions to still benefit from the knowledge exchange;

- (v) **Additional knowledge products** were produced. Of particular note is a guide on *Smarter Sanitation* which brings together a lot of practical tips, design tools and advocacy materials suitable for use by frontline municipal authorities. Full scale distribution of this product is slated for early 2007. Furthermore, our water website performance continues to climb. Site redesign has made it easier for different users to have their own pathway to essential materials. Hits reached a new high of 240,000 in the month of November. Another integral part of communicating knowledge is the *Water for All e-newsletter*. Three editions were issued to over 40,000 subscribers during the reporting period;
- (vi) **Pilot and demonstration activities (PDAs)** increased as the availability of the facility was more widely communicated. Twenty two new proposals were received, of which 6 became active, 12 are going through revision before final decisions are made and 4 were rejected. At end-December, over the life of the program, 18 PDAs were completed and 9 are currently being implemented. Post evaluations are set for 2007;
- (vii) **Partnership capacity development** was advanced through a number of workshops and related benchmarking programs. In particular, the Network of Asian River Basin Organizations (NARBO) held 3 benchmarking workshops at which 15 river basin organizations staff were certified as benchmarking reviewers. Subsequently, 2 peer reviews were conducted as well as several knowledge events centered on water rights and integrated water resources management. The South East Asian Water Utilities Network (SEAWUN) targeted efficiency improvement through comprehensive asset management for the fifty-one representatives attending the October Manila event.
- (viii) **ADB was represented at Stockholm Water Week in August** at which Professor Asit Biswas, 2006 Stockholm Water Prize Laureate, commented favorably on ADB and its water policy. While at Stockholm, the opportunity was taken to brief donors on the WFPF and to consolidate partnership arrangements with Global Water Partnership (GWP). One of the joint ADB GWP initiatives is to set up WOP (Water Operators Partnership program) in Asia;
- (ix) **A kick off WOP workshop held in Delhi.** This December workshop explained the WOP concept to utility representatives and discussed the possibility and benefits of establishing a SEAWUN equivalent for South Asia - a South Asian Utilities Network (SAWUN). Sufficient interest was shown to justify moving to the next stage of mobilizing a network and securing additional funding. Follow up actions are scheduled for early 2007;
- (x) **Phase 5 RETA on Promoting Effective Water Management Policies and Practices was approved in July to use the final tranche of US\$3 million of the Fund's contributions.** Its focus of activities and outputs favor ADB operations more than regional beneficiaries, a strategy in line with MFA views. A variation of the RETA will be made in early 2007 to provide for additional activities that can now proceed based on extra funds becoming available;

- (xi) **Though all the funds have been allocated for specific purposes, the Fund has still to contract for certain activities and also to expend committed funds.** A total of US\$21.5 million has been received of which US\$20.3 million has been allocated. Of this, US\$2 million was allocated to direct operations (effectively topping up operations department's selected technical assistance grants to gain incremental benefits), a further US\$400,000 was for promoting sound environmental management in the aftermath of tsunami disaster in Maldives and the balance of \$17.9 million went, via five RETA tranches to finance Water Policy implementation through the programs approved under the Fund. Actual commitments are 79% of the \$17.9 million set aside for Water Policy programs. It is expected that unexpended funds will be spent going out to December 2008 to correspond with activity durations. The Fund was set up for a five year period ending December 2006 but this has been extended to December 2008 to accommodate the range of activities it has financed.

6. More detailed comments on activities is described in the appendices.

III. COMPARATIVE KEY OUTPUTS SUMMARY

7. This period outputs compared to the previous six months is set out below:

Category	Outputs Indicator	Units	This Period	Last Period
Promotion and Public Awareness Category	Media Network attendance	Persons	0	36
	Media workshops	Number	0	1
	Size of media network	Members	448	448
	Broadcaster agreements in place	Number	21	21
	Distribution of multimedia	Number	182 (CD) 687 (DVD)	628 (CD) 1,344 (DVD)
Knowledge Base and Capacity Building	Inventory of publications	Number	16 volumes	16 volumes
	Distribution of publications	Number	1,891	1,009
	Studies completed	Number	0	1
	Website hits	Monthly Ave	204,865	200,639
	E-newsletter distribution	Number	40,227 (3 issues)	53,488 (4 issues)
	Community of Practice (CoP)	Number	6	4
Water Partnerships	Apex Bodies events	Number	0	2
	NARBO events	Number	4	2
	SEAWUN events	Number	1	0
	Gender and Water events	Number	0	0
	Water for Asian Cities events	Number	0	1
Regional Events and Initiatives	Events supported	Number	5	2
	Dissemination to ADB Staff	Bluebags	via CoP	0
Pilot and Demonstration Activities	Completed	Number	3	15
	Being implemented	Number	9	7
	Finalizing contracts to start	Number	1	5
	Withdrawn	Number	2	3
	Feedback events for ADB	Number	1	2

^a: 'None' this period refers to final outputs rather than degree of activity.

8. The quoted outputs tend to be quantitative than qualitative. Qualitative indicators are applied selectively (for example, satisfaction surveys on public awareness products, events and Community of Practice). The indicators being used for promotion and awareness may indicate little change as that program is being refocused more to operational support. Nevertheless, eight of our multimedia products were aired on Living Asia channel on 21 occasions. Much of the effort on knowledge base and capacity development centered on the WFP conference and

APWF launch which are not included in the output table. Work also took place on knowledge products that will be reported as finalised and distributed in the first half 2007.

9. Outcomes are measured when actual projects and programs are completed.

IV. FINANCIAL STATUS

10. The overall status of the Fund financials is set out overleaf with amounts expressed in US\$ thousands.

Category	Allocated Amount	Dollar change in committed and reserved since last period	Percent of total allocation as at December 2006	Cumulative % committed and reserved to December 2006
Promotion & Public Awareness Category	2,864	11	16%	19%
Knowledge Base and Capacity Building	5,259	238	29%	25%
Water Partnerships	3,486	233	19%	20%
Regional Events & Initiatives	2,141	53	12%	14%
Pilot & Demonstration activities	2,267	141	13%	9%
Project Coordination, Monitoring and Evaluation	1,883	165	11%	12%
Total*	17,900	841	100%	100%

*Total is for five RETAs covering the six categories.

11. The major commitments and reserved funds occurring during this period were due to:

- (i) Promotion – \$11,000 relating to distribution of multimedia knowledge products;
- (ii) Knowledge Base – \$238,000 mainly related to producing a utilities databook and engaging consultants for producing knowledge products and services and sustaining the water website;
- (iii) Partnerships – \$237,000 refers to ongoing support to NARBO and SEAWUN's activity program and initiation of agreed partnership activities with GWP for WOPS;
- (iv) Events – \$53,000 refers to participation on various conferences relating to irrigation and dams;

- (v) Pilot and Demonstration activities - \$141,000 relates to three new PDAs involving PRC, Papua New Guinea and Indonesia;
- (vi) Coordination – \$165,000 relates to engagement of results manager and water operations support coordinator.

In respect to the direct support commitment of \$2.4 million, (referred to in paragraph 5), not all those funds have been expended as yet as some Technical Assistance projects have not yet commenced. By December 2006, there were 6 projects with full release of funds (\$609,600), a further 10 projects already approved involving \$1,060,000 that have not had fund releases as yet and 2 new projects (amounting to \$150,000) that are awaiting approval. This still leaves \$180,400 available to commit. Although when first approved as a facility in March 2005, it was fully committed to operational projects, there have been both cancellations and substitutions so consequently there remains this \$180,400 still available.

12. Detailed analyses of costs are available, if required.

V. OUTLOOK FOR NEXT SIX MONTHS

13. The outlook firstly comments upon (i) issues that need to be addressed followed by (ii) major activities that the Fund will be engaged in.

14. The major issues facing the Fund are:

- (i) Need to sustain efforts to support the implementation of the Water Financing Program through the effective deployment of the latest \$3 million tranche, including the processing of a major variation to make use of additional funds available of \$1.2 million stemming from foreign exchange gains;
- (ii) Resolving the smooth transition of activities and programs financed currently by the Fund to the new Water Financing Partnership Facility (targeted at \$100 million) as the current Fund winds down and the new one takes off;
- (iii) Attracting and supporting more pilot and demonstration activities within the funding and time window available;
- (iv) Aligning Fund activities with other funded activities in water (such as technical assistance projects relating to IWRM - \$1 million (funded by the Dutch Government), WOPS - \$2 million and APWF - \$1 million (both funded by Japan Social Fund) so as to gain synergy while maintaining focus;
- (v) Assisting in the realization of the management decisions taken on the recommendations made in the water policy implementation review;

15. The major activities expected in the near future are:

- (i) Water Financing Program
 - (a) The holding of Viet Nam Conference in March 2007 aimed at identifying investment projects that contribute to the WFP desired outcomes;
 - (b) The mobilization of utilities to form SAWUN and get the WOPS program underway – the launch event is scheduled for April in Pakistan;

- (c) Following up on opportunities to help targeted countries boost their investment program – countries involved are Indonesia and PRC;
- (ii) Knowledge Base and Capacity Development
 - (a) Release of Sanitation product and Water Review as well as a number of other knowledge products that can help Operations in their investment and capacity development work;
 - (b) Targeting selected agencies to assist them with longer term capacity development;
 - (c) Mobilizing a pool of experts that can provide rapid response to Operations needs for additional help in project design and implementation;
- (iii) Partnerships
 - (a) Review past performance and develop ongoing plans for NARBO and SEAWUN;
 - (b) Implement new agreements with UN Habitat and meet obligations under APWF;
- (iv) Events
 - (a) Contribute to key events such as WB Water Week in February/March and the Stockholm Water Week in August 2007;
- (v) Monitoring and Evaluation
 - (a) Finalize the major variation to accommodate the additional \$1.2 million now available to the RETA;
 - (b) Complete interim evaluations of direct support to Operations (\$2 million commitment) and the effectiveness of the partnership component of the Fund;
- (vi) Direct Operations Support
 - (a) Provide additional financing to gain valuable incremental outputs from already approved Operations technical projects. Such projects include the Safeguards Policy Update which is concerned with revisiting and revising ADB approach to safeguards for infrastructure projects including water. A contribution of \$100,000 is anticipated tied to specific water related outputs. Direct Operations support can also include on demand Pilot and Demonstration projects of which there are a number to be screened for funding in early 2007.

16. Attached are the following appendixes:

Appendix 1: Promotion and Public Awareness Category

Appendix 2: Knowledge Base and Capacity Building

Appendix 3: Pilot and Demonstration Activities

Appendix 4: Water Partnerships

Appendix 5: Regional Events and Initiatives

Appendix 6: Program Coordination, Monitoring, and Evaluation

Appendix 7: Direct Support to Operations – List of Projects Supported

PROMOTION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS CATEGORY

1. During this half of the year, the focus of this category has been to refine the advocacy and communications strategy and to distribute existing products. In the context of strategy, the intention is to increase the communications support directed towards Operations at a country and project level to about 70% of available funds and reserve the balance for regional wide initiatives. Operations support will include assisting with communication plans and implementation for specific projects and assistance to Resident Missions (RM) to have water communication plans and strategies in place. A workshop was held for RM communication officers to increase their competencies in communications planning and especially their knowledge of water policy, issues and operations. This was well attended and has given rise to ongoing dialogue on how to boost in country capacity for water communications.
2. Distribution activities continued both in print and in multimedia. Print activities occurs through journalists who attended ADB media water workshops, submitting and having published various articles concerning water. One medium they use is IPS – Inter Press Service which is supported by ADB, which provides a means of getting journalist articles more widely published. For multimedia, Living Channel Asia reported that eight of ADB documentaries had been aired as follows:

Documentary	Frequency	Period
Breaking Barriers	5	Jan-Nov 2006
Waibulabula: Living Waters	3	Jan-Nov 2006
Walking for Water	4	Jan-Nov 2006
The Connection	4	Jan-Nov 2006
Upstream and Downstream	3	Jan-Nov 2006
Hidden Paradise	2	Jan-Nov 2006
Water Tomorrow	3	Jan-Nov 2006
Saving Cambodia's Great Lake	2	July- Nov 2006

3. A new documentary – China Water Challenge was released and several documentaries were made available in multiple languages (Saving Cambodia's Great Lake, China Water Challenge).

KNOWLEDGE BASE AND CAPACITY BUILDING

- 1. ADB Water for All website.** Continuous updating and expansion of ADB's Water for All website (<http://www.adb.org/water>) has brought in more website visitors. The website recorded an all-time high of 240,451 hits in November 2006. The increase in the volume of materials produced and posted on the website is largely due to ADB's move of making water a core area of its operations. New web pages on ADB's new Water Financing Program 2006-2010, which seeks to increase water investments in Asia to well over \$2 billion annually, have become widely popular among the new materials on the website to users. Information on the website has also been reorganized for easy access to various sectors with varying interests in water, such as government, ADB staff, civil society, the private sector, media, and researchers. The new Water Knowledge Database helps users search for and request copies of ADB's water knowledge products.
- 2. ADB Water for All News E-newsletter.** The monthly electronic newsletter *Water for All* continues to feature water champions, stories on successful water initiatives in ADB's developing member countries, and articles on water actions on the ground. Three issues of the e-newsletter focused on three exigent themes: water utilities and water resources regulation, dams and development, and non-revenue water. The issue on non-revenue water featured Ramon Magsaysay awardee and Water Champion Ek Sonn Chan, the General Director of Cambodia's Phnom Penh Water Supply Authority, who transformed the city's decrepit and war-torn water supply system into a model public sector water utility and reduced the utilities' non-revenue water from 72% to 8% in just over a decade. Today, *Water for All* news reaches 13,409 monthly.
- 3. Small-Piped Water Network.** There are 4 pilot projects, 2 in the Philippines and 1 each for Viet Nam and India. As of end 2006, one of the pilots in the PHIL (under Manila Water Company) has been completed and is now operational and the other one under Maynilad Water Services, Inc. (Maynilad) is in the process of memorandum of agreement (MOA) finalization. Maynilad is still building the transmission line facilities for the water source in their pilot area (90% completed). Both the India and Viet Nam pilots have been approved by their respective governments and are also in the MOA finalization stage. Construction in these 3 pilot projects will start February 2007.

PILOT AND DEMONSTRATION ACTIVITIES

1. The Pilot and Demonstration Activities (PDA) program supports the introduction and validation of innovative and highly replicable development approaches that add value to ADB's water operations. Selection of PDA proposals follows the normal procedure as stipulated in PDA Guidelines on Selection of Proposals.
2. A total of 29 PDAs have been approved by the PDA Advisory Panel (successor to the PDA Subcommittee under the Water Sector Committee) to date – 18 are completed, 9 are under implementation, 1 was withdrawn, and 1 has yet to start. For more information on PDA projects, please visit <http://adb.org/water/pda>.
3. As a result of continuous marketing of PDAs within ADB and a more pro-active involvement in reviewing and finalizing proposals, 22 proposals were received in the second semester of the year – 6 are under active consideration, 12 are being developed further/ revised and 4 have been rejected.
4. In early September, a roundtable meeting was held with selected Operations staff. Highlights of the meeting are: (i) source of ideas for PDAs should be kept fairly open – continue to allow outside clients to submit proposals/ideas, while strengthening linkage with ADB clients both through the Water COP forums and directly with Operations staff, particularly on providing support to priority issues relating to the implementation of the Water Financing Framework; (ii) Keep criteria fairly open, given the R&D nature of PDAs; (iii) maintain the funding limit of \$50k per project but provide scope for flexibility where justified; (iv) publicize more the outcomes of the PDAs; (v) acknowledge that some PDAs may fail, being experimental in nature; (vi) be open to testing 'off the top' ideas but within limits of 'ADB policies'.
5. The program continues to introduce improvements in review and processing of the proposals – reasonable response times are in place, procedure in securing government consent has been streamlined, a standard letter of agreement is being implemented, and an Operations Manual has been prepared. Efforts are underway to incorporate PDA discussions in the water COP streams.
6. The status of PDA processing as of December 2006 is as follows:

Table 1. Status of Processing of PDAs as of 31 December 2006	
PDA Process Stage	Number
Evaluated, being revised by proponent	18
Evaluated/revised by proponent but not proceeded with	2
Reviewed by PDA Advisory Panel	2
Approved by PDA Advisory Panel	1
Letter of Agreement executed	2
Awaiting government approval	0
LOA signed but not yet implemented	1
PDAs being implemented according to original schedule	5
PDAs being implemented according to revised (extended) schedule	4
PDAs completed during this period	3
PDAs completed todate, awaiting post evaluation	4

WATER PARTNERSHIPS

1. **Network of Asian River Basin Organizations (NARBO).** ADB continued to support NARBO activities to further IWRM work in the region. The following activities were supported: **(i) Self-Assessment Training on Performance Benchmarking and Peer Review Process of Perum Jasa Tirta 2 (PJT2) of INO, 28 July;** **(ii) Self-Assessment Training on Performance Benchmarking and Peer Review Process of Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka (MASL), 2 October;** **(iii) Peer Reviewer Orientation and Certification, 31 October – 1 November;** **(iv) Peer Review of PJT2, 2-3 November;** **(v) Peer Review of MASL, 12-15 December.** These activities resulted to 15 senior management staff from 8 RBOs certified as RBO peer reviewers; and the successful peer review of PJT2 and MASL. ADB also supported two other NARBO activities for the period: **(i) NARBO 3rd Thematic Workshop on Water Rights and Water Allocation, Bangkok, 27 November – 1 December** which reviewed the issues and causes of water rights and water allocation, and identified plans for improvement; and **(ii) 4th Training on IWRM, 6-10 November** which clarified the hydraulic civilization and current water management of Sri Lanka, including lessons learned from the recent tsunami.

2. **South East Asian Water Utilities Network (SEAWUN).** The ADB signed a third Letter of Agreement (LOA) with SEAWUN on October 5, 2006. Among the activities covered under this LOA are: (i) membership development; (ii) members needs assessment survey; (iii) management meetings (Board and Executive Committee); and, (iv) promotion visits. At the end of 2006, SEAWUN has added 27 new members from Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, and the Philippines. Membership fees for these members were supported by ADB. SEAWUN also had its Board Meeting at the ADB Headquarters in Manila on 6 October 2006. A new set of officers were elected during the Board Meeting with Malaysia's Lee Koon Yew, General Director of Federal Water Supply Department, Ministry of Water and Communications, elected as SEAWUN President. ADB also collaborated with the World Bank Institute (WBI) and SEAWUN on a Workshop on Comprehensive Asset Management in Water Supply and Sanitation held at the ADB Headquarters from 2-6 October 2006. The workshop was intended to improve knowledge and skills for participants in asset management, share and exchange experiences among regional water utilities. It was participated in by 40 water utility managers and senior staff from Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam as well as representatives from SEA water associations, water departments and other support agencies.

SEAWUN also participated in ADB's workshop in New Delhi, India to introduce the South Asia Water Utilities Network (SAWUN) and the Water Operators Partnership Program. SEAWUN will serve as the model for the creation of SAWUN.

Under the 2nd LOA, ADB continues to support Phase 2 of the Benchmarking Program with a Roundtable Workshop and Benchmarking Coordinators Meeting held in Hanoi, Viet Nam on 27-28 July 2006. The workshop was participated in by 14 member utilities. To date, survey results from 25 utilities have been received. The benchmarking activity and the publication of a data book is expected to be completed by end of April 2007.

REGIONAL EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

1. Mostly on demand by ADB's operations departments, ADB supported the participation to and/or organization of regional events during the reporting period. ADB's participation to these events helped to catalyze the implementation of ADB's water policy, increased synergy in ADB's water operations, facilitated networking and exchange of ideas, and raised ADB's profile. The following events were supported/organized:

A. Regional events organized by ADB

- (i) **ADB Water Financing Program 2006-2010 Donors' Meeting, 21 August 2006, Stockholm, Sweden.** Held the 2006 World Water Week, ADB and development partners discussed how the new WFP can help governments achieve their targeted water outcomes, as well as increase the returns of donor investments in the sector and encouraged multilateral and bilateral partners to participate in the WFP program. The rest of the meeting was devoted to discussions on how the WFP can increase the outputs and impacts of donors investments, and what the donors can gain from participating in the WFP and the new Water Financing Partnership Facility.
- (ii) **Doubling Water Financing and Results — Conference on ADB's Water Financing Program 2006-2010, 26-28 September 2006, ADB Headquarters.** Participants from five of the six WFP target countries—India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Philippines, and Viet Nam—attended the conference. Delegates included experts on urban, rural and basin subsectors, and finance and planning ministry officials. The Conference involved short plenary style sessions to discuss barriers and solutions across countries, followed by breakout sessions to discuss country-specific barriers, solutions, and action plans. To ensure meaningful country dialogues, the ADP Operations Departments, headed by their respective country directors, led the breakout sessions with their DMC counterparts.
- (iii) **Workshop on Comprehensive Asset Management in Water Supply and Sanitation, 2-6 October 2006, ADB Headquarters.** The World Bank Institute (WBI) in collaboration with the Southeast Asian Utilities Network (SEAWUN) and ADB developed this workshop to discuss how comprehensive asset management can increase productivity and improve efficiency of water utilities in Southeast Asia. Fifty-one representatives from SEAWUN member utilities and countries, government officials, and donor agencies participated in the workshop.
- (iv) **ADB-GWP Operators Partnership Program: Workshop on Strengthening Water Utilities in South Asia, 8-9 December 2006, New Delhi, India.** Fifteen utilities from Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan, including a representative from the Indian Water Works Association, attended the workshop with observers from Central Asia and the People's Republic of China as well as representatives from UN-HABITAT, International Water Association (IWA), regional offices of GWP from South Asia, Southeast Asia, and Central Asia. The participants unanimously endorsed the creation of the South Asian Water Utilities Network (SAWUN) as a key means for information exchange and technology transfer among utilities, and improving overall performance of utilities including financial viability through various capacity building programs.

B. Other events where ADB Staff and government officials' participation were supported by ADB through CFWS:

- (v) **5th Dams and Development Forum Meeting, 23-24 November 2006, Nairobi, Kenya.** The major focus of the meeting was an enhanced consideration of social and environmental issues in dams planning and management. Dams and Development Project (DDP) presented the draft of the Compendium on Relevant Practices.
- (vi) **3rd Asian Regional Conference of International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID), 10-15 September 2006, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.** The main objectives of this conference are (i) to assess the current status of agriculture production and the need for transformation of this sector; (ii) to address issues on legislation in relation to agro-based industries; (iii) to disseminate modern technology to enhance food production; (iv) to encourage adaptation of innovative strategies and policies in agriculture management; (v) to promote optimum use of water and land resources; and, (vi) to update knowledge of current research and development on crop production.
- (vii) **Southeast Asia Regional IWRM 2005 Meeting, 10-13 September 2006, Rayong, Thailand.** The IWRM 2005 Southeast Asia Project is a close collaboration among UNEP, national governments, and international organizations to help governments in the region accelerate the IWRM implementation process. The objectives and expected outcomes of the meeting are (i) to promote regional dialogue on lessons learned on accelerating IWRM planning and implementation; and, (ii) to propose further regional and national efforts to strengthen IWRM and environmental sustainability aspects in water management in Southeast Asia.
- (viii) **9th International Seminar on Participatory Irrigation Management, 4-8 December 2006, Lahore, Pakistan.** Organized by the International Network on Participatory Irrigation Management (INPIM), the theme of this seminar is "Institutional and Technological Intervention in Irrigation Management in the New Millennium". Government officials from Nepal and Pakistan were supported by CFWS to participate in the seminar.
- (ix) **2nd International Workshop on Sustainable Sloping Lands and Watershed Management, 12-15 December 2006, Luang Prabang, Lao PDR.** Two government officials from Viet Nam, Thailand, and PRC were supported to participate at the Workshop. The main purpose of the conference was to explore different strategies to promote environmental sustainability and enhance livelihoods of rural communities that inhabit upland areas. It highlighted emerging planning and management strategies for the sustainable management of upper catchments.

2. Based on demands from operations departments and the application of screening criteria that considers benefits versus costs, the Fund will continue to support the organization of regional events and activities including sponsorship for the participation of personnel from ADB and its DMCs.

PROGRAM COORDINATION, MONITORING AND EVALUATION

1. Discussion with Norway MFA on the progress of activities under the Cooperation Fund for the Water Sector and on the design of the proposed Water Financing Partnership Facility on 6 November 2006. The discussion on the Cooperation Fund for the Water Sector included their suggestions to enhance outcome reporting in the next six-monthly report. On the new facility, they expressed interest in seeing sanitation being given priority and supporting the achievement of MDG targets.
2. In the latter part of 2006, ADB received information from the Netherlands MFA that additional amount equivalent to \$1.1 million is available as a result of foreign exchange gain on their contribution to the Cooperation Fund for the Water.
3. A request for extension of the grant agreement between ADB and the Netherlands MFA was sent by ADB on 23 November 2006.

DIRECT SUPPORT OPERATIONS

List of projects supported under the Fund:

TA No.	TA Title	TA Type*	TA Amount (US\$)
Bangladesh			
4651	Dhaka Water Supply	PP	160,000
4863	2 nd Urban Governance and Infrastructure Improvement (Sector)	PP	100,000
India			
4678	North Eastern Region Urban Development (Phase II)	PP	160,000
4779	Project Implementation and Urban Management in the North Eastern Region (Phase 1)	PP	120,000
4815	Orissa Integrated Irrigated Agriculture and Water Management	PP	110,000
4896	North Eastern Integrated Flood and Riverbank Erosion Management	PP	50,000
Nepal			
4893	Kathmandu Valley Water Distribution, Sewerage and Urban Development	PP	160,000
Pakistan			
4642	Punjab Irrigated Agriculture Development Sector	PP	90,000
People's Republic of China			
4586	Guiyang Integrated Water Resources Management	PP	160,000
4327	Flood Management Strategy Study	AO	43,398
4604	Nanjing Water Utility Long-Term Capital Finance in Commercial Markets	AO	110,000
Sri Lanka			
4049	Strengthening the Regulatory Framework for Water Supply and Sanitation	AO	40,000
4853	Small Towns and Rural Arid Areas Water Supply and Sanitation	PP	120,000
Viet Nam			
3528	Capacity Building for Water Resources Management	AO	150,000

* PP – Project Preparatory; AO - Advisory