

SESSION DESCRIPTION FORM 2.

10TH WORLD WATER FORUM

*The session description 1 (online form) is separately requested for the session coordinators to deliver a concise session outline with the contact info and the logistical requests.

Session Code and Title:

RP2 Title changed

Incorporating Sociocultural Dimensions in Water Resources Management: Policies, Practices, and Challenges

Session Coordinators (Name, Position, Organization, email, mobile number):

- Japan Water Forum, Mikio Ishiwatari, ishiwatari.mikio@jica.go.jp
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Session Description including objectives and expected outcomes (500 words maximum):

Water resources management is a critical component of sustainable development, and the challenges it poses require a holistic understanding that goes beyond technical and economic considerations. The session offers a comprehensive exploration of the intricate relationship between water and society, shedding light on how cultural values, beliefs, and practices influence societal perceptions of water.

The session emphasizes the need for policies and strategies that integrate sociocultural aspects into water resource management, recognizing that these factors play a crucial role in shaping governance structures and improving water access. By analyzing cases from various countries, including China, Indonesia, Japan, and others, the session provides valuable insights into the evolution of water management mechanisms in response to historical contexts, socio-economic structures, and cultural influences. The lessons learned underscore the importance of integrating local knowledge, traditions, and customs into water resource management approaches, promoting cooperative governance, and adapting strategies to evolving sociocultural dynamics. The discussion serves as a vital resource for policymakers, stakeholders, and anyone committed to fostering effective and sustainable water management practices in the region.

The expected outcomes of this session encompass:

- 1) "Incorporating Sociocultural Dimensions in Water Resources Management: Policies, Practices, and Challenge" will be launched.
- 2) Global Awareness: Increased global awareness of the value of cultural diversity and indigenous wisdom in shaping inclusive water policies and practices.
- 3) Collaboration Opportunities: A platform for potential partners, including UNESCO, to collaborate in furthering the cause of culturally sensitive water management.

Detailed Session plan:

Time	Agenda Item	Speaker (TBC)
Allocation		
	Welcome and Opening Remarks	ADB's President or VP will deliver a message



5 mins	Introduction to the	Kotaro Takemura			
	Book and Its	JWF Secretary General			
	Significance				
30 mins	Panel Discussion:	Presentation by Panel (5 minutes each)			
	Key Policy	1. Mikio Ishiwatari (Governor, Japan Water Forum) and			
	Messages from the	KE Seetha Ram (Senior Consulting Specialist ADBI) –,			
	Book	Sustainable Water Resources Management in Asia: A Sociocultural Perspective			
		Shahbaz Khan (Director, UNESCO Beijing) –Integrating			
		Safety, Security and Cultural values for Integrated			
		Water Resources Management – a UNESCO World			
		Heritage Case Study from China			
		3. Dr. Eun Namkung/ Dr. Ik Jae Kim, A review of public			
		awareness to water regulation and river management			
		in Korea			
		4. Inputs from venue, Bali:			
		Firdaus Ali (Special Advisor, MoPWH Indonesia) –The			
		Sociocultural Perspective on Water Resources			
		Management in Bali, Indonesia			
		5. Exchanging with other sub-regions:			
		G Asok Kumar (Director General, National Mission for			
		Clean Ganga NMCG) — Collaborative Governance			
<u> </u>	0046	Framework for Urban River Management			
25 mins	Q&A Session	Script will be provided for the news anchor to lead the			
10 mins	Closing Romarks	conversation.			
TO IIIIII2	Closing Remarks	Tetsushi Sonobe ADBI Dean			
	Acknowledgments				

ESTIMATED TIMING	ITEM DESCRIPTION / ROLE	SPEAKERS	SPEAKERS STATUS (OK OR TBC)