

Adapting to climate change – policy insights and best practices for adaptive water governance

4 July, 14.30-17.00, Suntec Singapore, Meeting Room 203

Co-located workshop at the Singapore International Water Week 2011, 4 to 8 July 2011
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Background

Where uncertainty cannot be reduced in the short-term, or where policy decisions cannot be postponed until better knowledge is available, adaptive approaches to water resources management are required. The Twin2Go project – together with regional experts and stakeholders – has analysed water governance regimes in more than 25 river basins around the world, and has reviewed best practices and lessons learnt on adaptive water governance.

Objectives of the session

The aim of this session is to share main outcomes of Twin2Go and to discuss policy lessons and best practices for adaptive water governance. A panel discussion with eminent speakers from South and South East Asia will facilitate exchange of insights from comparative research and practical experience. Policy makers, practitioners and researchers will present their perspective and discuss:

- Essential features of a water governance system that is able to cope with complexity and uncertainty in the context of climate change
- How water policies and programmes can support transitions towards more adaptive water governance
- How adaptive governance approaches can be transferred across different basins

Programme

14:30 Welcome and presentation of Twin2Go results and lessons learnt (Louis Lebel, Chiang Mai University)

15:00 Facilitated panel discussion (Facilitation: Annika Kramer, adelphi, Germany)

Panellists:

- Anup Kumar Mitra (Chairman, Technical Advisory Committee, Water Resources Department, Assam, India)
- Dao Trong Tu (Director, Centre of Sustainable Water Resources Development and Adaptation to Climate Change, Vietnam)
- Iswar Singh Thapa (Joint Secretary, Water and Energy Commission Secretariat, Nepal)
- Sukontha Aekaraj (Director, Department of Water Resources, Thailand)
- Louis Lebel (Chiang Mai University, Thailand and Twin2Go)

16:00 Open Q&A with the audience

16:30 Coffee/Tea and Snacks, time for networking and individual exchange

The workshop is complimentary; however it is appreciated if participants register by emailing kramer@adelphi.de with "SIWW Adaptation Workshop" in the subject line

About Twin2Go

The Twin2Go consortium, consisting of 8 international partner organisations, has synthesised research and undertaken expert and stakeholder dialogues in Africa, Latin America, South and South East Asia, Russia/New Independent States, and Europe. Funded under the EU's 7th Framework programme, Twin2Go runs from 2009 until 2011. An Advisory Board has continuously validated and aided the project's work, and includes members of international water organisations such as UNECE Water Convention, GWP, GWSP, and UNESCO-IHP.

For more information on Twin2Go please refer to our website www.twin2go.eu



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