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The current year 2015 is a critical moment globally for the transition into the Post-2015 Development Agenda as new framework for global development efforts. With the mandate to promote international cooperation in education, science, culture, communication and information, UNESCO's contribution to the Post-2015 Development Agenda is essential. UNESCO is mobilizing all its strengths for building sustainable, inclusive, knowledgeable societies needed for the century ahead.

The draft of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 'outcome document' includes 17 goals and 169 targets, where the universality of Science and its critical role for poverty eradication and sustainable development has been highlighted.

The programmes of UNESCO in Natural Sciences have been able to expand cooperation beyond the network of the traditional intermediaries – what may be called the "UNESCO Natural Sciences family": National Commissions, UNESCO Chairs, Category 2 Institutes and Centres, clubs and associations, National Committees of intergovernmental programmes and specialized networks, such as the Associated Schools Project Network.

Within this variety of partners, Category 2 Centres and Chairs play an important role as they expand the capacities and effectiveness to carry out activities, promote the outreach, impact and visibility at all levels, broaden the support base and mobilize resources and create synergies among all communities of UNESCO.

As part of the Post-2015 Development Agenda initiatives, the UNESCO Office, Jakarta (Regional Sciences Bureau for Asia and the Pacific) organized several events (international conference, workshop, forum and seminar) in May 2015 in Kuala Lumpur. This report presents the proceedings and main outcomes of the workshop on "Promoting Interaction and Knowledge Exchange Between UNESCO Natural Sciences Related Centres and Chairs in Asia and the Pacific".



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In Asia and the Pacific Region, the Category 2 Centres and Chairs have the capacity to provide a tangible contribution towards the realization of not only 'Natural Sciences' objectives and priorities as stated in the UNESCO Medium Term Strategy but also towards the implementation of the SDGs in the Post-2015 framework. The Category 2 Centres and Chairs can contribute by expanding and strengthening the UNESCO's global and regional outreach, and providing an collective impact, given that the competencies, scope of expertise, as well as training opportunities that they offer. Their dissemination is also an added value to strengthen North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation. In that regards, Category 2 Centres and Chairs from Africa will also contribute to the workshop.

Therefore, through the workshop, the Natural Sciences related Category 2 Centre and Chairs in Asia and the Pacific region are expected to share knowledge and experience in order to step forward to broaden perspectives as well as to scope strategic areas for cooperation.



MESSAGE OF ACTION

The workshop was organized in order to promote interaction and knowledge exchange for strengthening South-South cooperation between UNESCO Natural Sciences related Category 2 Centres and Chairs in Asia and the Pacific Region, and link with Africa. A strong and efficient Natural Sciences network in the region and globally will be critical to support the implementation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda framework in the upcoming years.

The following actions were the outcomes of the workshop:

- Provide an overview of UNESCO's Science Category 2 Centres and Chairs in Asia-Pacific and their contribution to programmes and activities of UNESCO in the Post-2015 Development Agenda framework.
- Identify potential gaps and overlaps among the Centres and Chairs in Asia-Pacific.
- Identify formats for collaboration and knowledge exchange on science research and sustainable development between the different stakeholders.
- Build networks for strengthening partnerships between the Category 2 Centres and Chairs in Asia-Pacific, in Africa, as well as among the Malaysian scientific network.
- Initiate reflection for the development of a regional strategy on funds raising and joint actions in the Asia-Pacific to support the Post-2015 Development Agenda.



WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

Below is the list of the presentations made during the Workshop. The slides of the presentations are given in Appendix 6.

Presentations from UNESCO Category 2 Centre for Natural Sciences:

- "International Science, Technology and Innovation Centre for South-South Cooperation Under The Auspices of UNESCO", by Dato Dr. Samsudin Tugirman, Director of ISTIC, Malaysia.
- "Space Technology: A Powerful Tool for Smart Management of UNESCO Properties", by Ms Liu Jie, International Centre on Space Technology for Natural and Cultural Heritage under the auspices of UNESCO (HIST), China.
- "An Introduction to ICQHS Activities, Plans and Potentials", by Mr Majid Labbaf Khaneiki, International Centre on Qanat and Historic Hydraulic Structures (ICQHS), Iran.
- 4. "Regional Centre for Integrated River Basin Management, Kaduna, Nigeria (A Category 2 UNESCO Water Centre)" by Dr. Omogbemi Omolojo Yaya, RC-IRBM, National Water Resource Institute, Nigeria.
- 5. "Asia Pacific Centre for Ecohydrology (APCE)" by Mr. Hery Harjono, Category 2 Centre of UNESCO / Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI), Indonesia.
- 6. "International Knowledge Centre for Engineering Sciences and Technology (IKCEST)" by Dr. Liu Chang, China.
- 7. "Isfahan Regional Centre for Technology Incubators and Science Parks Development (IRIS)" by Dr. Hasan Khakbaz, Advisor of President of ISTT, Iran.
- 8. "UNESCO Category 2 Reginal Centre on Groundwater Resources, Education, Training and Research Institute in Kenya" by Mr. Wilson M. Lekoomet, Kenya Water Institute (KEWI), Kenya.
- "HTCKL Work Related to Science and UNESCO" by Dr. Mohamed Roseli Zainal Abidin, Humid Tropics Centre Kuala Lumpur (HTCKL), Department of Irrigation and Drainage Malaysia.



Presentations from UNESCO Chairs for Natural Sciences:

- 1. *"IPCC Fifth Assessment Report, Lima Climate Action High Level Session Lima Peru"* by Dr. Rajendra K. Pachauri, India.
- 2. "Environmental Management and Infrastructure Development Engineering, Saitama University Japan" by Prof. Dr. Matsumoto Yasunao, Japan.
- 3. *"UNESCO Chair on Water Reuse, University of Tehran"* by Prof. Dr. Mohammad-Hossein Sarrafzadeh, Iran.
- "Presentation on behalf of Professor Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, Hony, UNESCO Jaques Cousteau Chair for Ecotechnology for Sustainable Rural Development" by Dr. P.C. Kesavan, M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, India.
- 5. *"UNESCO Chair in Water Resources Sudan"* by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sameh Kantoush, Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University.
- 6. *"Ulugbek UNESCO Chair on Physics and Astronomy"* by Prof. Dr. B. Fayzullaev, Department of Physics, National University of Uzbekistan.





Below are the brief summaries of the presentations made during the Workshop.

Title:	 International Science, Technology and Innovation Centre for South-South Cooperation under the auspices of UNESCO.
Presenter:	Dato Dr. Samsudin Tugirman, Director of ISTIC, Malaysia.
Summary:	This presentation covered the following main points:
	Description of ISTIC Priority Programmes including:
	STI Policy: Many South countries do not have STI Policy to guide national development, those that have do not pay enough attention to SMEs and women. ISTIC Partners – Korean Institute for S&T Policy Evaluation and Planning (KISTEP), UTM Perdana School.
	Inquiry Based Science Education (IBSE) and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education: Assuring the supply pipeline of creative and discerning STI Professionals. ISTIC Partners with IAP SEP Council, Foundation La main a la pate, France.
	⑦ Women in STI: Many South countries do not have policies on contribution of women in national development. ISTIC partners with NAM Institute for Empowerment of Women (NIEW), UN Women.
	⑦ Maintenance of Infrastructure: Infrastructure project abound in the developing world, but there is little indigenous capacity to maintain them in good working order. ISTIC Partners with Engineeering Staff College of India (ESCI) Hyderabad, Institute of Engineers Malaysia (IEM).
	⑦ Technoprenuership: Researchers need training in grant application writing and business plan formulation. ISTIC Partners with USAINS, Universiti of Science Malaysia (USM).
	ISTIC looks forward to strategic collaboration with other Category 2 Centres of UNESCO.
	Collaboration will be on win-win basis and sharing of resources.
	Recommend / Propose relevant participants to participate in future ISTIC programmes.
	Currently, ISTIC is establishing a collaboration with IRIS (Isfahan Regional Centre for Technology Incubators and Science Parks Development, under the auspices of UNESCO, Iran).

Title:	2. Space Technology: A Powerful Tool for Smart Management of UNESCO Properties.
Presenter:	Ms Liu Jie, International Centre on Space Technology for Natural and Cultural Heritage under the auspices of UNESCO (HIST), China.
Summary:	This presentation covered the following main points:
	⁽²⁾ HIST is a Scientific Research Centre that assist developing countries with space technology to improve their capacity for conservation, management and sustainable development of World Heritage sites.
	The task of HIST is also helping developing countries' policy makers and practitioners to strengthen capacity building on the use of space technologies for better conservation and management of the properties.
	⑦ HIST research results have been used for education and publicity.
	⑦ Currently HIST is facing a few challenges such as Advisory Bodies and States Parties that have limited capacity to use space technology. There is a lack of accurate boundary data. Despite a wealth of data and case studies, there is still a lack of robust data at appropriate spatial and temporal resolutions. HIST is in need for powerful computing capacity. HIST also needs to build on the momentum of individual case studies in order to mainstream the use of space technology at the institutional level.
	⑦ Smart management of UNESCO properties would benefit from space technologies, particularly the development of Earth observation.
	O HIST would like to work closely with related space organizations and other international partners to make more significant contributions for the smart management of UNESCO properties.

Title:	3. An Introduction to ICQHS Activities, Plans and Potentials.
Presenter:	Mr Majid Labbaf Khaneiki, International Centre on Qanat and Historic Hydraulic Structures (ICQHS), Iran.
Summary:	This presentation covered the following main points:
	Description of ICQHS mission to recognize the transfer of knowledge and experiences, promotion of information and capacities to all the aspects of Qanat technology and other
	O ICQHS focuses on study towards the Destructive Impacts of the Developmental Programmes on Qanats. It also does research on feasibility of generation of electricity out of Qanat water current. A study on new methods for building and maintaining Qanat and methodology of preparing Qanat Atlas with aid of GIS.
	⑦ ICQHS also holds training courses on historic hydraulic structures, Qanat technology and training courses to acquaint the consulting engineers with nomination of historic hydraulic structures on the UNESCO World Heritage list. International training course on Qanat technology and preservation of historic hydraulic structures is also available.
	⑦ ICQHS organized International Scientific gatherings on Traditional Knowledge for Water Resources Management and produced a publication on traditional knowledge for water resources management.

Title:	 Regional Centre for Integrated River Basin Management, Kaduna, Nigeria (A Category 2 UNESCO Water Centre).
Presenter:	Dr. Omogbemi Omoloju Yaya, RC-IRBM, National Water Resource Institute, Nigeria.
Summary:	This presentation covered the following main points:
	⑦ RC-IRBM objectives are to facilitate interaction among different scientific and institutional stakeholders and provide support to River Basin Development Authorities or Organizations in the West Africa Region. It also conducts and promotes hydro-informatics, integrated water resources management and socio- economic research.
	⑦ RC-IRBM coordinates the implementation of cooperative research projects and studies with regional, federal and local authorities as well as private sectors.
	⑦ Currently, RC-IRBM builds and runs networking for information sharing, knowledge exchange and capacity-building in Member States of the West Africa region; as well as organizes training courses, seminars and workshops.
Title:	5. Asia Pacific Centre for Ecohydrology (APCE).
Presenter:	Mr. Hery Harjono, Category 2 Centre of UNESCO / Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI), Indonesia.
Summary:	This presentation covered the following main points:
	⑦ APCE's focus is on ecological approach to water resources management, which provides sustainable water for the people by harnessing science and technology, education and culture.
	② APCE is committed to contribute towards overcoming current and important issues of national, regional and global interest such as poverty, disaster risk reduction and climate change mitigation and adaptation.
	⑦ By 2021 APCE aims to develop excellent expertise in:
	Relationships among ecological pattern and hydrological process;
	Disturbance and dynamics in natural and anthropogenic ecology and hydrology;
	Ecohydrological approaches to biodiversity conservation, environmental management and ecological restoration;
	Integrating hydrology with ecological planning, design and architecture or reverse;
	Transdisciplinary studies of regional sustainability from scopes of ecohydrology, ecology, culture (society) or integration of them.

Title:	 International Knowledge Centre for Engineering Sciences and Technology (IK- CEST).
Presenter:	Dr. Liu Chang, China.
Summary:	This presentation covered the following main points:
	⑦ IKCEST main task is to establish an international engineering and technology resources hub. IKCEST aims to cooperate with research institutes, enterprises and institutions of higher learning worldwide to build a widely connected international hub for engineering and technology, resources, thus laying a global data foundation from which to operate.
	⑦ IKCEST also wants to establish a public data service platform, and to develop the technology for mining and analyzing knowledge from big data.
	⑦ IKCEST would like to cooperatively build professional knowledge service, systems, and to build capacity in developing countries.
	⑦ IKCEST will foster interdisciplinary engineering talents with big data processing ability.
	⑦ IKCEST will assist UNESCO to fulfill its aims and support its action plans.
Title:	 Isfahan Regional Centre for Technology Incubators and Science Parks Development (IRIS).
Presenter:	Dr. Hasan Khakbaz, Advisor of President of ISTT, Iran.
Summary:	This presentation covered the following main points:
	OISTT mission intends to prepare the ground for the development of technology incubators and science parks in the region by providing consultations, training courses and capacity building. ISTT is also facilitating the international relations among science parks and incubators with their counterparts in the region.
	⁽¹⁾ Since its official establishment in May 2010, IRIS has developed different programmes and plans. Among them are:
	 Organizing the official inauguration ceremony and inviting ECO countries ambassadors to attend; Formation of the secretariat of the Centre; Allocating a space in ISTT to IRIS and equipping it; Designing and developing the logo of the centre; Determining the Governing Board members and Directors of Centre with cooperation of UNESCO; Organizing seven meetings of Governing Board members and developing the work plan of the Centre; and Training Workshops (more than 40 National and International workshop with
	the attendance of international experts from Japan, South Korea, Germany, UK, Spain, Poland, Romania, Malaysia, China, Tunisia, Australia and etc)

Title:	8. UNESCO Category 2 Regional Centre on Groundwater Resources, Education, Train- ing and Research Institute in Kenya.
Presenter:	Mr. Wilson M. Lekoomet, Kenya Water Institute (KEWI), Kenya.
Summary:	This presentation covered the following main points:
	⑦ Kenya Water Institute (KEWI) objectives include the conduct of research, offering professional training, providing policy advise, facilitating technological transfer and promoting regional collaboration and exchange of experience.
	⑦ KEWI is active in training on groundwater for both students and clients in Kenya and the region. KEWI is also doing geological surveys and pursuing degree programmes in Universities in Kenya. It is aimed at improving water / groundwater management capacity within the institution and the country.
	⑦ Today, in collaboration with other partners (JKUAT and living Water African Region), KEWI is in the process of establishing a joint five year project whose purpose is to develop capacity for the drilling technology experts. Under this project about twelve experts will be trained at PhD level, twenty at master level and about 150 at advance diploma level.
	⑦ Recently, UNESCO undertook a groundwater mapping project in Turkana, which culminated in the discovery of large ground water reservoirs. KEWI and the Category 2 Centre will play a major role in furthering this course and will serve as a hub for capacity development in water related matters in the East Africa Region.

Title:	9. HTCKL Work Related to Science and UNESCO.
Presenter:	Dr. Mohamed Roseli Zainal Abidin, Humid Tropics Centre Kuala Lumpur (HTCKL), Department of Irrigation and Drainage Malaysia.
Summary:	This presentation covered the following main points: This presentation covered the following main points: This pres
	© HTCKL initiatives provides the execution and implemention of the Post 2015 Development Agenda especially for Sustainable Development Goal No. 6: <i>Ensuring availability and sustainable</i> <i>management of water and sanitation for all.</i>
	 UNESCO-IHP Cross-Cutting Programmes related to HTCKL includes: UNESCO Switch-in-Asia: Urban Water Management; SWITCH – Sustainable Water Management Improves Tomorrow's Cities Health; AP Friends; Asia Pacific Flow Regimes from International Experimental and Network Data; UNESCO-HELP River basin (Langat River): Hydrology for the Environment, Life and Policy; Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM).
	 In IHP-VII Strategic Plan 2014-2021, HTCKL is involved in: Water related Disasters and Hydrological Change; Addressing Water Scarcity Quality; Water and Human Settlements of the future; Ecohydrology, Engineering Harmony for a Sustainable World; and Water Education, Key for Water Security

Title:	$10. \ {\rm IPCC}$ Fifth Assessment Report, Lima Climate Action High Level Session, Lima Peru.
Presenter:	Dr Rajendra K. Pachauri, India (via teleconference).
Summary:	This presentation covered the following main points:
	⑦ Description of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fifth Assessment Report.
	$\ensuremath{\textcircled{O}}$ Continued warming increases the risk of severe, pervasive and irreversible impacts.
	⑦ Risks are unevenly distributed and are generally greater for disadvantaged people and communities in countries at all levels of development.
	⑦ People who are socially, economically, culturally, politically, institutionally or otherwise marginalized are especially vulnerable to climate change.
	⑦ Ambitious mitigation is affordable and translates into delayed but not foregone growth (entails losses in global consumption of median value 1.7% in 2030).
	⑦ Estimated costs on mitigation do not account for the benefits of reduced climate change.
	⑦ Many impact such as loss of human lives, cultural heritage and ecosystem services are difficult to value and monitor and thus they are poorly reflected in estimates of losses.
Title:	11. Environmental Management and Infrastructure Development Engineering, Saitama University Japan.
Presenter:	Prof. Dr. Matsumoto Yasunao, Japan.
Summary:	This presentation covered the following main points:
	⑦ Description of the UNESCO Chair at Saitama University Japan on Environmental Management and Infrastructure Development Engineering.
	⁽²⁾ The Chair's objective is to promote collaboration between the researchers and the research team of the university and other universities and institutions. It also attracts prospective students to our existing International Graduate Programme in Civil and Environmental Engineering. The Chair allows sharing of experience and knowledge in environmental management and infrastructure development engineering research and development.
	⑦ Saitama University Research Groups are as follows:
	 Geotechnical and Geosphere Research Group; Earthquake Disaster Prevention Mitigation Group; Transporting & Planning Group; Structural Engineering Mechanics and Materials Group; and Hydraulic and Environment Engineering Group.

Title:	12. UNESCO Chair on Water Reuse, University of Tehran.
Presenter:	Prof. Dr. Mohammad-Hossein Sarrafzadeh, Iran.
Summary:	This presentation covered the following main points:
	⑦ The water crisis in the world involves:
	 1.1 billion people live without clean drinking water
	 2.6 billion people lack adequate sanitation
	 3900 children die every day from water borne diseases
	♥ UNESCO Chair on Water Reuse, University of Tehran is involved in post graduate teaching programmes, training, research and institutional development (strengthening of information / library services, laboratories and etc.)
	⑦ Among its objectives are gathering the available expertise in the field of water reuse and facilitate information transfer. It also creates network between water institutions to facilitate exchange of experience and information nationally, regionally and internationally. Furthermore, it conducts and contributes to workshop and conferences of national, regional and international nature to push forward exchange of experience.
	Ouriversity of Tehran is also engaged in producing technological developments for water reuse, saving water by recycling and ground water recharge. Developing low-cost methods for sanitary disposal of municipal wastewater. Activities to reduce pollution of rivers and other surface water and provide a reliable water supply to farmers.
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litle:	13. Presentation on behalf of Professor Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, Hony. UNESCO Jaques Cousteau Chair for Ecotechnology for Sustainable Rural Development.
Presenter:	Dr. P.C. Kesavan, M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, India.
Summary:	This presentation covered the following main points:
	⑦ Green Revolution and the Paradox of Grain Mountains and Hungry Millions.
	 Green Revolution (GR) provided food security at the national level; GR did not create more on-farm and off-farm livelihoods; GR not integrated with sustainable rural development; and GR is largely monocropping; loss of agrobiodiversity.
	⑦ Ecotechnology Revolution
	 Blending frontier technology with traditional wisdom and ecological prudence. These then become eco-technologies with pro-nature, pro-poor and pro- women orientation; Expression involve consumment attraction to Ecology. Expression Equilibrium
	 Ecolectionologies involve concurrent attraction to Ecology, Energy, Equility, Economics, Employment and Ethics; and Ecotechnologies are in action in MSSRF's Biovillages.

Title:	14. UNESCO Chair in Water Resources - Sudan.
Presenter:	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sameh Kantoush, Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University.
Summary:	This presentation covered the following main points:
	⑦ UNESCO-CWR mission is to build, enhance and strengthen capacity for sustainable water resources development and management through education, research, consultancy and knowledge dissemination.
	© CWR also facilitate coordinate, collaborate, cooperate among universities, research institutes & centres at national, regional and international levels.
	$\ensuremath{\textcircled{O}}$ It also promotes integrated research system and multi-interdisciplinary approach.
	⑦ UNESCO-CWR serves the local, regional "the Nile Basin, Eastern, Central Africa and Shared Aquifers" AWA International water community.

Title:	15. Ulugbek UNESCO Chair on Physics and Astronomy.			
Presenter:	Prof. Dr. B. Fayzullaev, Department of Physics, National University of Uzbekistan.			
Summary:	This presentation covered the following main points:			
	⁽²⁾ The Ulugbek UNESCO Chair promotes an integrated system of research, training, information and documentation in the field of Physics and Astronomy.			
	⑦ Development of the integration into postgraduate study programmes of new information and communication technologies.			
	⁽²⁾ Publication of new curricular materials in the field of Physics and Astronomy.			
	⑦ Organization of scientific conference and round-table discussions.			
	The Ulugbek UNESCO Chair is acting in close cooperation with Nuclear and Theoretical Physics Chair of Department of Physics, the Uzbekistan National University, Tashkent. Many courses are delivered jointly for common students. The UNESCO Chair invites international speakers to give talks at common seminars.			



The second day of the workshop included a dialogue session, with breakout group discussions where each group discussed on the assigned topic and presented findings of their group deliberations. Three groups were formed for that purposes.

The topics assigned to the groups were:

- 1. Developing a UNESCO Family Strategic Plan for Asia and the Pacific,
- 2.Scoping UNESCO Chairs in Malaysia; and
- 3.Delivering together.

The group discussion was guided by a series of questions based on the topics assigned to each group.

The full reports of the group discussion are given in the Appendix 3.

GROUP 1: Developing a UNESCO Family Strategic Plan for Asia and the Pacific.

QUESTION 1: Which are the strengths of UNESCO and its Natural Sciences Family in Asia and the Pacific?

The Centres and Chairs under Natural Sciences Family are focused on very important issues relevant to the society and environment. The fields in which these Centres and Chairs focus include natural disasters, hydrology, food security, water resources, water and culture, eco-hydrology, ground water, oceanography, biology and etc.

Members of this discussion group suggested organizing a Regional Steering Committee meeting (RSC) every year hosted by member countries (International Hydrological Programme (IHP), National Committee and Category 2) and presentation of reports and cross cutting programmes (e.g. ASIA PACIFIC FRIEND, HELP BASIN, UNESCO SWITCH-URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT, INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (IWRM) POST 2015).

In addition, UNESCO Jakarta office has an important role to assist in creating more collaborative programmes and activities in knowledge sharing on scientific research and sustainable development between UNESCO Category 2 Centres and Chairs and their stakeholders. There were consensus of building networks for strengthening partnership between the UNESCO Centres in Asia and the Pacific with the Malaysian scientific network. This collaboration will result in funds raising strategies / funding mechanism and joint research activities among the partners (Paris Link).

QUESTION 2: How to build a strong and an efficient regional sciences network?

UNESCO Centres and Chairs shall utilize a variety of interactive tools and approaches to maintain a sustainable internal communication with sufficient frequency of updates between Asia and the Pacific regional science network.

Currently, UNESCO has developed an integrated collaborative platform for the UNESCO Water Network using existing UNESCO's UNESTEAM shared point based platform. This platform shall serve as the primary mechanism for sharing feedback, information, documents and news within the network.

The establishment of groups of professionals in diverse fields of natural sciences will allow members of Centre and Chairs to remain up-to-date and encourage collaboration within these networks, e.g. International Hydrological Programme (IHP), Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB). An active participation in this common communication platform is highly encouraged to ensure timely updates and content quality.

The group discussion also suggested setting up twinning programmes between Chairs and Centres with the aim of advanced research, training and programme development, e.g. Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) which will promote remote sensing application to climate change studies within Southeast Asia countries and China. This initiative will encourage cooperation through transfer of knowledge across borders.

Centres could also facilitate and organize national and regional training, short courses and knowledge sharing workshop that can essentially strengthen particular fields by training human resources and applying state-of-the-art technologies and tools, e.g. training the field of eco-hydrology.

Staff Exchange programme was also suggested since it has always built bridges between disciplines and the scientists. The exchange will aim to stimulate cutting edge research and sharing scientific knowledge.

Collaborative engagement in enhancing communication and information sharing between members is important especially to maintain a high level of engagement with members' stakeholders. It was suggested to make significant efforts to establish an effective communication channel, e.g. website to convey progress, exchange knowledge or success stories to adverse impact.

QUESTION 3: How can UNESCO support the Natural Sciences Category 2 Centres and Chairs?

UNESCO has made significant efforts to facilitate collaboration with various UN Agencies such as Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and other UN Programmes.

The Centres and Chairs expressed a desire to network and collaborate with one another and expressed interest in establishing a mechanism for cooperation. They would like to see UNESCO take a leading role in bringing them together, so they can further develop cooperation mechanism between themselves and increase the visibility of their partnership. This however has a cost implication, so funding mechanisms need to be explored.

GROUP 2: SCOPING UNESCO CHAIRS IN MALAYSIA.

QUESTION 1: Which are the key strengths of Malaysian science stakeholders?

This group mainly discussed on the strengths and weaknesses of UNESCO Natural Sciences Centres and Chairs in Malaysia. The group categorized different fields of natural sciences research according to the strengths and the weaknesses of the Malaysian stakeholders. The Malaysian stakeholders have reasonably good exposure to few areas including sustainable energy, water resources, climate change, disaster risk reduction, urban environment, ecological economics and water-energy-food nexus.

The group agreed that Malaysia is relatively competent in water resource management and climate change. In water resource management, Malaysia has numerous government agencies including Department of Irrigation and Drainage (DID), Economic Affairs Unit (UPEN), Ministry of Energy, Green Energy and Water (KETTHA), National Water Services Commission (SPAN) who work hand-in-hand with water companies e.g. Syarikat Bekalan Air Selangor Sdn. Bhd. (SYABAS) etc.

As for climate change, strong collaborations exist among universities (Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Universiti Malaya (UM) and Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT)), Malaysian Meteorological Department, National Hydraulic Research Institute of Malaysia (NAHRIM), the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) and Ministry of Energy, Green Energy and Water (KETTHA).

QUESTION 2: How can Malaysia contribute to a strong and efficient regional science network?

Strategic partnership with UNESCO family centres (e.g. Category 2 Centres) should be established or enhanced to enable higher level of knowledge exchange, resources sharing and human capital development. Such efforts will result in more significant achievements in addition to wider coverage of activities and collaboration.

The deliberation of this group also resulted in suggestions of having a clear and generic strategy that should be based on multidisciplinary, problem-solving and outcome-based approach at local and regional levels. They also highlighted that the academic institutions have an active and leading role in solving natural resources problems and the solutions can be in line with Malaysian Higher Education Blueprint-2015 by emphasizing on the guadruple helix.

The group also demanded for establishing and implementing a Sustainability Science Network and programme across region. Ultimately, all collaborations, networking, strategies and activities must be in line with SDGs to ensure effective outcome on regional and global scale.

QUESTION 3: How can UNESCO Natural Sciences family support Malaysian stakeholders to deliver the Post 2015 Development Agenda?

UNESCO Science family can support through development and implementation of Sustainable Sciences Network across region and programme. Furthermore, the UNESCO family can act as a "big brother" to bring together existing centres and chairs to promote cooperation especially in the form of technology and knowledge transfer.

Funding is also essential, not only to the Malaysian stakeholders but also to other parties in which the UNESCO Science family can support by facilitating funding mechanism.

GROUP 3: DELIVERING TOGETHER

Question 1: What are the key areas for cooperation in Sciences in the Post-2015 Development Agenda framework?

There are four key areas to be focused on. The first one is biodiversity and ecology conservation. With intense development, loss of biodiversity and ecology are inevitable. However, critical areas for biodiversity and ecology protection should be identified and protected. The cooperation in this aspect should inform stakeholders and policy makers in the importance of conserving such areas, leading to a more sustainable development.

Next is the renewable energy. In years to come, traditional energy sources such as petroleum and coal would be depreciated and before that happens, renewable energy should receive utmost attention. The cooperation in this area should be amplified and promoted as the next evolution of energy sources, not just alternative. Such effort would also enable technological transfer to help achieve renewable energy target. Renewable energy should be marketed as affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.

Transboundary water is also an important issue to be highlighted. The issue become very complicated when there is more than one country claiming rights to water sources (especially lake and river water basin). Transboundary cooperation should exist to solve the issue without political influence and violence.

A larger entity such as a river commission could be established to hold talks, draft legal agreements and discuss this transboundary issue for the sake of survival.

The last issue is food security and livelihoods. Specific projects need to address food security and livelihood issues especially concerning rural communities. Critical issues that directly related to food security such as food source availability, clean water access and power (energy) access need to be investigated. However, food production should not only address the issue of demands but also retain the essential ecological integrity of production systems.

Question 2: How to implement joint activities in sciences to support the SDGs?

Action plans should be devised in broader coverage to reach the goals of SDGs. Among those shortlisted were research activities, community programmes and education programmes. Such activities or programmes should be knowledge transfer programmes so that it would be a win-win scenario for the different parties. For example, research in water quality issue would improve the livelihood of the community. The governance aspect should also be emphasized. For example, awareness programme specifically for women and youth, as well as gender equality. Apart from professional, women and youth should be engaged in community-based sciences to increase the awareness and also knowledge. A specific web portal should also be established to act as knowledge centre and particularly as a gateway to connect to the modern youth. Massive open online course (MOOCs) should also be encouraged as part of the freely available education for the masses.

Question 3: How to link Asia and the Pacific with Africa to support South-South cooperation in Sciences?

The most important aspect to link between these different entities is the structural arrangement (committees). Such solid structure should include secretariat and/or taskforce for joint cooperation. The establishment of these secretariat with representative from each regions of interest will ensure seamless and more efficient "bring-it-together" collaborative efforts.

To ensure accurate and up-to-date information dissemination, a web portal should be available and frequently updated so that all participants in all regions are aware of such efforts and activities. With proper support and promotion, this portal will even reach out to more potential participants (visibility) and collaborators, especially from untapped regions or countries.



• The current 15 UNESCO Natural Sciences related Category 2 Centres and 28 UNESCO Natural Sciences related Chairs in Asia and the Pacific Region are focusing on very important issues relevant to the society and environment. The fields in which these Centres and Chairs are focusing include: historical hydraulic structures, humid tropic hydrology and water resources, ecohydrology, urban water management, erosion and sedimentation, biotechnology, space technologies for cultural and natural heritage, geochemistry and others. These Centres and Chairs are aligned with the 17 SDGs, e.g. poverty reduction, food security, education quality, gender equity, sustainable management of water, affordable energy, sustainable economic growth, sustainable industrialization, resilient and sustainable cities, ecosystem protection, and global partnership.

 The workshop successfully achieved the targets of creating more collaborative programmes and activities of knowledge sharing on scientific research and sustainable development between UNESCO Category 2 Centres and Chairs. There was consensus of building networks for strengthening partnerships between the UNESCO Centres in Asia-Pacific, Africa and the Malaysian scientific network. This collaboration will result in fund raising strategies and joint research activities among the partners. It was agreed that the investment in science, food and water security, renewable energy, water and natural resources management, disaster risk reduction and resilience to climate change will achieve regional and global peace and prosperity. It is revealed that the UNESCO Centres and Chairs are coordinating in implementing the collaborative research projects and studies with regional, federal and local authorities as well as with the private sector. The individual sectors and the society as whole are the main beneficiaries of the joint projects completed under these Centres and Chairs. However, few regions and countries are still lacking of such platforms where joint research and collaborative projects can be carried out and benefits can be transferred to the society and individual sectors. Some of the areas of research identified in the workshop include disaster risk reduction and management, sustainability science and water demand management.



 There was a suggestion on creating a new Chair in Malaysia regarding Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM). The government is concerned about different types of disasters like flood, landslide, earthquake, tsunami and the associated of those disasters in Malaysia. The proposed Chair will be the most effective response to mitigate any types of catastrophe in Malaysia through collaboration among the different Centres and Chairs in South-South cooperation.

Practice of reducing disaster risks can be done through systematic efforts by collaboration and research among the different Chairs of UNESCO worldwide. Reducing exposure to hazards, lessening vulnerability of people and property, wise management of land and other natural resources, improving preparedness and early warning for the natural disaster events can be achieved by strong relationship of South-South cooperation.

 It was also suggested to create a new Category 2 Centre in Malaysia on Sustainability Science (CMSS). UNESCO Natural Sciences Family can support the Malaysian science stakeholders by developing and implementing a sustainability science network and programme across region, by promoting cooperation with existing Centres and Chairs by technology and knowledge transfer and by facilitating funding mechanisms. It is thus, recommended to have a UNESCO Category 2 Centre on Sustainability Science in Malaysia.

The proposed Centre can be established in Malaysia for developing joint projects with the existing Regional Centres and the Malaysian scientific network. Sustainability science is an emerging field of interdisciplinary research that fosters shared prosperity and poverty alleviation while protecting the environment. This field draws from multiple disciplines of the natural, social, medical and engineering sciences, from the professions and from practical field experience in business, government, and civil society.

- Final Recommendations and contribution to the "Kuala Lumpur Statement":
- The UNESCO Natural Sciences related Category 2 Centres and Chairs in Asia and the Pacific Region are highly encouraged to build a strong regional science network to promote interaction, knowledge sharing and joint activities.
 - A good example is the cooperation between ISTIC (Malaysia) and IRIS (Iran) in technopreneurship training for research scientists and engineers, in Iran in 2015.
 - Iranian UNESCO chairs and centres will create a web-based network for coordination and cooperation between them, including periodic meetings to find common fields of interest and define joint projects. If this model works in Iran, it will be expanded to UNESCO centres and chairs the other regions.
- 2. The network of UNESCO Natural Sciences related Category 2 Centres and Chairs in Asia and the Pacific region will encourage active links with Africa to strengthen the South-South and triangular cooperation in STI.
 - For example HTCKL (Malaysia) and RC-IRBM (Nigeria) active engagement and joint programmes on water resources management.
- The UNESCO Regional Science Bureau for Asia and the Pacific will continue to mobilize and provide necessary support to the UNESCO's Natural Sciences family in the region for the successful delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals in the Post-2015.



APPENDIX 1 - Workshop Programme

The Workshop Programme is as follows:

Day 1: 26 May 2015				
12 :30 -13.30	Registration and lunch at Taman Sari Outlet			
	[Sessior	1] Opening		
13:30 – 14:30	Opening, welcome remarks and Souvenir Presentation	 Dato Ir. Lee Yee Cheong, Chairman, ISTIC Governing Board Prof. Mohamed H. A. Hassan, Chairman, Council of the United Nations University (UNU 		
		 Prof. Dr. Ahmad Fauzi Ismail, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation) Universiti Teknologi Malaysia 		
		 Mr. Shahbaz Khan, OIC UNESCO Office Jakarta 		
		 Mr. Mohd Khairul Adib bin Abdul Rahman, Secretary General of The Malaysian National Commission for UNESCO 		
	[Session 2] S	Setting the scene		
14:30-14:45	UNESCO Natural Sciences Regional Support Strategy 2014-2021	Mr. Shahbaz Khan, OIC UNESCO Office, Jakarta		
14:45-15:00	Malaysian Higher Education Blueprint	Prof. Dato' Ir. Dr. Mohd Saleh Jaafar, Adviser / Consultant on Malaysia Higher Education Blueprint		
15:00-15:15	Post-2015 Development Agenda and STI	Dato Ir. Lee Yee Cheong, Chairman, ISTIC Governing Board		
15:15-15:45	15:15-15:45 Group photo and Coffee break at Urban Hotel Lobby			
[Session 3] Introduction to UNESCO Category 2 Centres				
15:45-17:00	Presentations from Directors of UNESCO Category 2 Centres for Natural Sciences	Dato Samsudin, ISTIC, Malaysia Ms Jie, HIST, China Mr Labbaf, ICQHS, Iran Dr Yaya, RC-IRBM, Nigeria Mr Harjono, APCE, Indonesia Dr Chang, IKCEST, China Dr Khakbaz, IRIS, Iran Mr Lekoomet, KEWI, Kenya Dr Roseli, HTCKL, Malaysia		

[Session 4] Introduction to UNESCO Chairs			
17:00-17:50	Presentations from UNESCO Chairs for Natural Sciences	Dr Pachauri, India Dr Matsumoto, Japan Prof. Sarrafzadeh, Iran Dr Kesavan, India Dr Kantoush, Sudan Dr Fayzullaev, Uzbekistan	
17:50-18:30	Q&A Discussion		
20:00	Welcome Dinner at Mahkota 3 (Istana Hotel)	By UTM	

Day 2: 27 May 2015				
08:00-08:30	Arrival and installation at Safir (1) meeting room			
[Session 5] Breakout Dialogue				
08:30-09:30	 Developing a UNESCO Natural Sciences Family Strategic Plan for Asia and the Pacific Scoping UNESCO Chairs and Category 2 Centres in Malaysia Delivering Together 	Moderators: 1. Prof. Dr. Zulkifli Yusop (UTM) 2. Prof. Dr. Arshad Ahmad (UTM) 3. Assoc. Prof. Dr Marlinda (UNITEN)		
09:30-10:00	Reporting from Breakout Dialogue	 Rapporteurs from each breakout discussion 1. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sharif Moniruzzaman Shirazi (UTM) 2. Dr. Noorul Hassan Zardari (UTM) 3. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Shareeshivadasan A/L Chelliapan (UTM) 		
10:00-10:15	Coffee break at Safir Foyer			
[Session 6] Key-findings				
10:15-11:00	Discussion	Moderator Prof. Dr. Zulkifli Yusof, UTM		
[Session 7] Closing				
11:00-11:10	Conclusions: Plan of action and follow-up	Mr. Shahbaz Khan, OIC UNESCO Office, Jakarta		
11:10-11:30	Closing Remarks	 Dr. Mohamed Roseli Zainal Abidin, Director of Humid Tropics Centre, Kuala Lumpur (HTCKL) Flavia Schlegel, UNESCO Assistant Director General for Natural Sciences 		
12:00	Lunch at Taman Sari Outlet			

APPENDIX 2 – Concept note

Promoting Interaction and Knowledge Exchange between UNESCO Natural Sciences related Centres and Chairs in Asia and the Pacific

Background

The current year 2015 is a critical moment globally for the transition into the Post-2015 Development Agenda as new framework for global development efforts. With the mandate to promote International cooperation in education, the sciences, culture, communication and information, UNESCO's contribution to the Post-2015 Development Agenda is essential. UNESCO is mobilizing all its strengths for building the sustainable, inclusive, knowledge societies needed for the century ahead.

The draft of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 'outcome document' includes 17 goals and 169 targets, where the universality of Science and its critical role for poverty eradication and sustainable development has been highlighted. As stated by the UNESCO Director-General in the High Level Segment of ECOSOC, "*investment in science is investment in food and water security, renewable energy, disaster risk reduction and resilience to climate change. It is about peace and prosperity for all.*" Moreover, networking will be critical in the implementation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda, since the proposed SDG no. 17 refers to "strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development".

The programmes of UNESCO in Natural Sciences have been able to expand their cooperation beyond the network of the traditional intermediaries – what may be called the "UNESCO Natural Sciences family": National Commissions, UNESCO Chairs, Category 2 Institutes and Centres, clubs and associations, National Committees of intergovernmental programmes and specialized networks, such as the Associated Schools Project Network. Within this variety of partners, Category 2 Centres and Chairs play an important role as they expand the capacities and effectiveness to carry out activities, promote the outreach, impact and visibility at all levels, broaden the support base and mobilize resources and create synergies among all communities of UNESCO.

UNESCO Category 2 Centres and Chairs are independent of UNESCO and are associated with the Organization through individual arrangements, as approved by the UNESCO governing body - the General Conference -. These Centres and Chairs perform research, advanced training, contribute to the execution of UNESCO's programmes and increase the participation of national and regional institutions in UNESCO's work.

In Asia-Pacific Region, the Category 2 Centres and Chairs have the capacity to provide a tangible contribution towards the realization of not only 'Natural Sciences' objectives and priorities as stated in the UNESCO Medium Term Strategy but also towards the implementation of the SDGs in the Post-2015 framework. The Category 2 Centres and Chairs can contribute by expanding and strengthening the UNESCO's global and regional outreach, and providing a collective impact, given the competencies, scope of expertise, as well as training opportunities that they offer. Their dissemination is also an added value to strengthen North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation.

Scope of the workshop

This workshop is organized in order to promote interaction and knowledge exchange for strengthening South-South cooperation between Natural Sciences Category 2 Centres and Chairs in the Asia-Pacific region. A strong and efficient Science network in the region will be critical to support the implementation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda in the upcoming years.

The following actions will be the outcomes of the workshop:

- Providing an overview of UNESCO's Medium Term Strategy globally and the Regional Bureau's Science Support Strategy in the Asia-Pacific (2014-2021).
- Providing an overview of UNESCO's Natural Sciences Category 2 Centres and Chairs in Asia-Pacific and their contribution to programmes and activities of UNESCO in the Post-2015 Development Agenda framework.
- Identify potential gaps and overlaps among the Centres and Chairs.
- Identify formats for collaboration and knowledge exchange on science research and sustainable development.
- Building networks for strengthening partnerships between the Category 2 Centres and Chairs in Asia-Pacific and Africa.
- Initiate reflection for the development of a regional strategy on funds raising and joint actions to support the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

This workshop is organized with the valuable support of the Malaysian Funds-in-Trust.



APPENDIX 3 – Outcomes from Breakout Discussion

GROUP 1: Developing a Strategic Plan for UNESCO Natural Sciences Family in Asia and the Pacific

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GROUP 2: Scoping UNESCO Natural Sciences Centres and Chairs in Malaysia

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GROUP 3: Delivering Together





APPENDIX 4 – Slides for Closing Session with Minister

Presentation on Workshop Outcomes and Recommendation to Minister of Education II Malaysia

by Prof. Dr. Zulkifli bin Yusof



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Rationale for ISTIC Priority Programmes

>STI Policy

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>Women in STI

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>Maintenance of Infrastructure

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>Technoprenuership

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>Inquiry Based Science Education (IBSE)

Assuring the supply pipeline of creative and discerning STI profession ISTIC Partners: IAP SEP Council, Fondation La main a la pate, Trance





Under the Overarching Framework of UN Mitennium Development Goals (MDG), UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and WSSD WEHAB (Water, Energy, Health, Agricultural and Biodiversity Management), ISTIC has emphasized on Institutional and Human Resources Capacity Building in South Countries.

ISTIC Priority Programmes:

- STI Policy, emphasized national STI Policy formulation implementation and monitoring, including the role of women Inquiry Based Science Education (IBSE) and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education; Women in STI Maintenance of Infrastructure Technoprenuership



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- ISTIC looks forward to strategic collaboration with other Category-2 Centres of UNESCO.
- Collaboration on win-win basis, sharing of resources
- Recommend/Propose relevant participants to participate in ISTIC programmes.
- Currently we are establishing collaboration with IRIS (Isfahan Regional Center for Technology Incubators and Science Parks Development, under the auspices of UNESCO)



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French Development Bank Highlighting ISTIC

For Malaysia, ISTIC represents a symbolic recognition of ta singular political polition and the quality of its training institutions among myled involution-oriented governmenta agendes -- from small and medium enterprises (SME) to local povernment administrations.

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Presentation on "UNESCO Category 2 Regional Centre on Groundwater Resources, Education, Training and Research Institute in Kenya"

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UNESCO CATEGORY II REGIONAL CENTRE ON GROUNDWATER RESOURCES, EDUCATION, TRAINING AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN KENYA PRESENTATION FOR WORKSHOP HELD IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA BETWEEN THE 26 TH AND 27 TH MAY, 2015 By: Wilson M. Lekoomet Senior lecturer Kenya Water Institute	 Introduction In March, 2013 the Government of Kenya (GOK) and UNESCO officially signed an agreement to create a UNESCO Category II regional centre on groundwater resources, education, training and research. The centre hosted in KEWI will act as a regional platform for education, research and training on groundwater resources. The centre will be conducting research, offering professional training, providing advice, facilitating technological transfer and promoting regional cooperation and exchange experience.
 Introduction Cont. Some key objectives of the centre include the conduct of research, offering professional training, providing policy advise, facilitating technological transfer and promoting regional collaboration and exchange of experience. The specific agreement was signed in March, 2013, however there has been a delay in the operationalisation of the centre activities due to some reforms in the state corporations in Kenya. In March 2013 the Kenya government initiated a reform process which is meant to streamline all state corpoparations. This process involves streamlining, and merging of state corporations with a view of improving their efficiencies. The state corporation advisory committee (SCAC) has concluded the process and it is anticipated that in due course the centre will be operationalized. The ministry of Environment, Water and Natural Resources is expediating the signing up of the legal documents so as to ensure that the centre is operationalized ASAP. 	Centre's of activities • In the meanwhile, although the centre has not been operationalized Kerya where lostitue (KWW) has been undertaking a number of activities on behalf of the centre. Some of these activities are; • Training in groundwater for both the regular students and other clients (short courses) for different clients in Kenya and the region. • Consultancy services to different clients in kenya. • Hydro goological surveys for the different clients) in Kenya and the region. • Capacity building of water experises i.e. Currently a number of KEWI staff serving degree programmers in different trevisition is Kenya. This is simulated at improving water/ground water Management capacity within the instinution andmites county. So far Seven (7) staff are undertaking undergraduate, seven are undertaking their MSc, while three (3) are undertaking their PhDs.
 Centre's of activities cont. KEWI was a major partner and contributed in the sponsoring of the National WaternSummit heldmin october, 2014 in Turkana and presented a paper on "Research and capacity building in the water sector" in kernya. KEWI has identified an office for the centre, where the coordination of the center's activities will be done. In the meanwhile, as we await the commencement of the center's operations a senior officer has been identified to coordinate the center's activities. KEWI payed a major role in cultural celebrations held at KICC, Nairobi organized by KNATCOM in November, 2014. KEWI participated in the Kenya National Commission for UNESCO collaboration making the 50 years of Kenya and UNESCO collaboration held between 24th November, 2014 and 28th November, 2014 held in Paris. 	 The construction of a water resource centre, which will act as a hub for water Resources Research and training is orgoing. The resource center is going to host the offices of the UNESCO Category II center. In January, 2015 ten (10) KEWI staff members undertook a tailor made training in groundwater in Naivasha funded by the Netherlands Fellow ship programme (Niche – Nuffle programme). In collaboration with other partners (JKUAT and Ilving Water African Region), KEWI is in the process of establishing a joint five year project whoose purpose is to develop capacity for the drilling technology experts. Under this project about twelve experts will be trained at pld level, twenty at master level andmabout 150 at advanced diploma level.

Areas of Collaboration

- In the recent past UNESCO undertook a Ground Water mapping project in Turkana which culminated in the discovery of large ground water reservoirs. The KEWI and the category II corther will plays a major role in furthering this course and will serve as a hub for capacity development in water related matters in the transmission of the server of the East Africa Region.
- Currently KEWI is collaborating with a number of institutions in the sector within Kenya and outside Kenya.

Potential areas of Collaboration are;

- · Ground water capacity development.
- Mapping of ground water resources in the region
 Groundwater Governance (Policy, legislative framework, institutional capacity and Regulations).
- Flood control and drought mitigation. Nairobi is prone to flooding especially the area near the Kenya Water Institute.

Potential areas of Collaboration continued

- · Tran boundary ground water management.
- · Water Security
- · Integrated Water Resources Management
- · Non Revenue Water management
- Alternative water sources i.e. rainwater harvesting.
- · Developing a sustainable and reliable water information system. Rain water harvesting for irrigation.
- KEWI is looking forward to initiate more collaboration with other institutions within the UNESCO Family and others.

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Presentation on "HTCKL Work Related to Science and UNESCO"

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Presentation on "UNESCO Chair on Water Reuse, University of Tehran"

by Prof. Dr. Mohammad-Hossein Sarrafzadeh, Iran







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"Presentation on behalf of Professor Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, Hony. UNESCO Jaques Cousteau Chair for Ecotechnology for Sustainable Rural Development"

by

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Presentation on *"UNESCO Chair in Water Resources - Sudan"* by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sameh Kantoush, Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University









APPENDIX 20

Presentation on *"Ulugbek UNESCO Chair on Physics and Astronomy"* by Prof. Dr. B. Fayzullaev, Department of Physics, National University of Uzbekistan



International connections

- Each year 3-4 scientists abroad are visiting our Chairs. For example, invited speakers from abroad who gave talks at the Department seminar during last year:
- * 1) Prof. Jongbae Hong, Institute for Basic Science, Korea (May,
- 2015) 2) Prof. Yuki Izumida, Ochanomizu University, Tokyo (January,
- 3) Prof. Shogo Tanimura, Nagoya University, Japan (September, 2014)
- 4) Prof. Giulio Casati, University of Insubria, Italy (May, 2014).

Conferences/Meetings

Following International meetings were organized: * International Research Workshop NPOCD03, Tashkent, 22-28 Sept. 2003;

* NATO Advanced Research Workshop "Non-linear dynamics and fundamental interactions", Tashkent, Oct. 9 - 15, 2004.

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* In May, 2008 at NUUZ Head of office and UNESCO representative in Uzbekistan Mrs. Anna Paolini provided two days seminar- training for UNESCO Chair holders in Uzbekistan and gave a good coverage of UNESCO priorities and pointed out the importance of network collaborations. During that seminar the activities of each existing chairs in Uzbekistan was assessed.

Medicine and Physics

* Oncological clinics of Uzbekistan have purchased 40-50 nuclear medicine devices, but there is strong deficit of practitioners responsible for specific service components. Our Chairs in collaboration with Institute of Nuclear Physics is preparing specialists with master's degree for working with this and other nuclear (medicine) instruments and devices - each year 7-8.

Nuclear Activation analysis

* There is another direction of our activity preparation of nuclear physics master's degree specialists on nuclear activation analysis (in collaboration with INP). These specialists are working on analysis of materials in mining industry, mainly, determination of the element content of the materials. These methods are using in custom control too.

Ulugbek UNESCO Chair

* Thank you for your attention!

Appendix 21

LIST OF ACRONYMS

UNESCO	United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization
ISTIC	International Science, Technology and Innovation Centre of South- South Cooperation Under The Auspices of UNESCO
MOE	Ministry of Education Malaysia
UTM	Universiti Teknologi Malaysia
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
HIST	International Centre on Space Technology for Natural and Cultural Heritage under the auspices of UNESCO
ICQHS	International Centre on Qanat and Historic Hydraulic Structures
RC-IRBM	Regional Centre for Integrated River Basin Management
APCE	Asia Pacific Centre for Ecohydrology
LIPI	Indonesian Institute of Sciences
IKCEST	International Knowledge Centre for Engineering Sciences and Technology
IRIS	Isfahan Regional Centre for Technology Incubators and Science Parks Development
KEWI	Kenya Water Institute
HTCKL	Humid Tropics Centre Kuala Lumpur
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change



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The current year 2015 is a critical moment globally for the transition into the Post-2015 Development Agenda as new framework for global development efforts. With the mandate to promote international cooperation in education, science, culture, communication and information, UNESCO's contribution to the Post-2015 Development Agenda is essential. UNESCO is mobilizing all its strengths for building sustainable, inclusive, knowledgeable societies needed for the century ahead.

The draft of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 'outcome document' includes 17 goals and 169 targets, where the universality of Science and its critical role for poverty eradication and sustainable development has been highlighted.

The programmes of UNESCO in Natural Sciences have been able to expand cooperation beyond the network of the traditional intermediaries – what may be called the "UNESCO Natural Sciences family": National Commissions, UNESCO Chairs, Category 2 Institutes and Centres, clubs and associations, National Committees of intergovernmental programmes and specialized networks, such as the Associated Schools Project Network.

Within this variety of partners, Category 2 Centres and Chairs play an important role as they expand the capacities and effectiveness to carry out activities, promote the outreach, impact and visibility at all levels, broaden the support base and mobilize resources and create synergies among all communities of UNESCO.

As part of the Post-2015 Development Agenda initiatives, the UNESCO Office, Jakarta (Regional Sciences Bureau for Asia and the Pacific) organized several events (international conference, workshop, forum and seminar) in May 2015 in Kuala Lumpur. This report presents the proceedings and main outcomes of the workshop on "Promoting Interaction and Knowledge Exchange Between UNESCO Natural Sciences Related Centres and Chairs in Asia and the Pacific".



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In Asia and the Pacific Region, the Category 2 Centres and Chairs have the capacity to provide a tangible contribution towards the realization of not only 'Natural Sciences' objectives and priorities as stated in the UNESCO Medium Term Strategy but also towards the implementation of the SDGs in the Post-2015 framework. The Category 2 Centres and Chairs can contribute by expanding and strengthening the UNESCO's global and regional outreach, and providing an collective impact, given that the competencies, scope of expertise, as well as training opportunities that they offer. Their dissemination is also an added value to strengthen North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation. In that regards, Category 2 Centres and Chairs from Africa will also contribute to the workshop.

Therefore, through the workshop, the Natural Sciences related Category 2 Centre and Chairs in Asia and the Pacific region are expected to share knowledge and experience in order to step forward to broaden perspectives as well as to scope strategic areas for cooperation.



MESSAGE OF ACTION

The workshop was organized in order to promote interaction and knowledge exchange for strengthening South-South cooperation between UNESCO Natural Sciences related Category 2 Centres and Chairs in Asia and the Pacific Region, and link with Africa. A strong and efficient Natural Sciences network in the region and globally will be critical to support the implementation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda framework in the upcoming years.

The following actions were the outcomes of the workshop:

- Provide an overview of UNESCO's Science Category 2 Centres and Chairs in Asia-Pacific and their contribution to programmes and activities of UNESCO in the Post-2015 Development Agenda framework.
- Identify potential gaps and overlaps among the Centres and Chairs in Asia-Pacific.
- Identify formats for collaboration and knowledge exchange on science research and sustainable development between the different stakeholders.
- Build networks for strengthening partnerships between the Category 2 Centres and Chairs in Asia-Pacific, in Africa, as well as among the Malaysian scientific network.
- Initiate reflection for the development of a regional strategy on funds raising and joint actions in the Asia-Pacific to support the Post-2015 Development Agenda.



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- 2. "Environmental Management and Infrastructure Development Engineering, Saitama University Japan" by Prof. Dr. Matsumoto Yasunao, Japan.
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- "Presentation on behalf of Professor Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, Hony, UNESCO Jaques Cousteau Chair for Ecotechnology for Sustainable Rural Development" by Dr. P.C. Kesavan, M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, India.
- 5. *"UNESCO Chair in Water Resources Sudan"* by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sameh Kantoush, Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University.
- 6. *"Ulugbek UNESCO Chair on Physics and Astronomy"* by Prof. Dr. B. Fayzullaev, Department of Physics, National University of Uzbekistan.





Below are the brief summaries of the presentations made during the Workshop.

Title:	 International Science, Technology and Innovation Centre for South-South Cooperation under the auspices of UNESCO.
Presenter:	Dato Dr. Samsudin Tugirman, Director of ISTIC, Malaysia.
Summary:	This presentation covered the following main points:
	Description of ISTIC Priority Programmes including:
	STI Policy: Many South countries do not have STI Policy to guide national development, those that have do not pay enough attention to SMEs and women. ISTIC Partners – Korean Institute for S&T Policy Evaluation and Planning (KISTEP), UTM Perdana School.
	Inquiry Based Science Education (IBSE) and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education: Assuring the supply pipeline of creative and discerning STI Professionals. ISTIC Partners with IAP SEP Council, Foundation La main a la pate, France.
	⑦ Women in STI: Many South countries do not have policies on contribution of women in national development. ISTIC partners with NAM Institute for Empowerment of Women (NIEW), UN Women.
	⑦ Maintenance of Infrastructure: Infrastructure project abound in the developing world, but there is little indigenous capacity to maintain them in good working order. ISTIC Partners with Engineeering Staff College of India (ESCI) Hyderabad, Institute of Engineers Malaysia (IEM).
	⑦ Technoprenuership: Researchers need training in grant application writing and business plan formulation. ISTIC Partners with USAINS, Universiti of Science Malaysia (USM).
	ISTIC looks forward to strategic collaboration with other Category 2 Centres of UNESCO.
	Collaboration will be on win-win basis and sharing of resources.
	Recommend / Propose relevant participants to participate in future ISTIC programmes.
	Currently, ISTIC is establishing a collaboration with IRIS (Isfahan Regional Centre for Technology Incubators and Science Parks Development, under the auspices of UNESCO, Iran).

Title:	2. Space Technology: A Powerful Tool for Smart Management of UNESCO Properties.
Presenter:	Ms Liu Jie, International Centre on Space Technology for Natural and Cultural Heritage under the auspices of UNESCO (HIST), China.
Summary:	This presentation covered the following main points:
	⁽²⁾ HIST is a Scientific Research Centre that assist developing countries with space technology to improve their capacity for conservation, management and sustainable development of World Heritage sites.
	The task of HIST is also helping developing countries' policy makers and practitioners to strengthen capacity building on the use of space technologies for better conservation and management of the properties.
	⑦ HIST research results have been used for education and publicity.
	⑦ Currently HIST is facing a few challenges such as Advisory Bodies and States Parties that have limited capacity to use space technology. There is a lack of accurate boundary data. Despite a wealth of data and case studies, there is still a lack of robust data at appropriate spatial and temporal resolutions. HIST is in need for powerful computing capacity. HIST also needs to build on the momentum of individual case studies in order to mainstream the use of space technology at the institutional level.
	⑦ Smart management of UNESCO properties would benefit from space technologies, particularly the development of Earth observation.
	O HIST would like to work closely with related space organizations and other international partners to make more significant contributions for the smart management of UNESCO properties.

Title:	3. An Introduction to ICQHS Activities, Plans and Potentials.
Presenter:	Mr Majid Labbaf Khaneiki, International Centre on Qanat and Historic Hydraulic Structures (ICQHS), Iran.
Summary:	 This presentation covered the following main points: Description of ICQHS mission to recognize the transfer of knowledge and experiences, promotion of information and capacities to all the aspects of Qanat technology and other historic hydraulic structure to fulfill sustainable development of water resources. ICQHS focuses on study towards the Destructive Impacts of the Developmental Programmes on Qanats. It also does research on feasibility of generation of electricity out of Qanat water current. A study on new methods for building and maintaining Qanat and methodology of preparing Qanat Atlas with aid of GIS. ICQHS also holds training courses on historic hydraulic structures, Qanat technology and training courses to acquaint the consulting engineers with nomination of historic hydraulic structures on the UNESCO World Heritage list. International training course on Qanat technology and preservation of historic hydraulic structures is also available. ICQHS organized International Scientific gatherings on Traditional Knowledge for Water Resources Management and produced a publication on traditional knowledge for water resources management

Title:	 Regional Centre for Integrated River Basin Management, Kaduna, Nigeria (A Category 2 UNESCO Water Centre).
Presenter:	Dr. Omogbemi Omoloju Yaya, RC-IRBM, National Water Resource Institute, Nigeria.
Summary:	This presentation covered the following main points:
	⑦ RC-IRBM objectives are to facilitate interaction among different scientific and institutional stakeholders and provide support to River Basin Development Authorities or Organizations in the West Africa Region. It also conducts and promotes hydro-informatics, integrated water resources management and socio- economic research.
	⑦ RC-IRBM coordinates the implementation of cooperative research projects and studies with regional, federal and local authorities as well as private sectors.
	⑦ Currently, RC-IRBM builds and runs networking for information sharing, knowledge exchange and capacity-building in Member States of the West Africa region; as well as organizes training courses, seminars and workshops.
Title:	5. Asia Pacific Centre for Ecohydrology (APCE).
Presenter:	Mr. Hery Harjono, Category 2 Centre of UNESCO / Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI), Indonesia.
Summary:	This presentation covered the following main points:
	⑦ APCE's focus is on ecological approach to water resources management, which provides sustainable water for the people by harnessing science and technology, education and culture.
	② APCE is committed to contribute towards overcoming current and important issues of national, regional and global interest such as poverty, disaster risk reduction and climate change mitigation and adaptation.
	⑦ By 2021 APCE aims to develop excellent expertise in:
	Relationships among ecological pattern and hydrological process;
	Disturbance and dynamics in natural and anthropogenic ecology and hydrology;
	Ecohydrological approaches to biodiversity conservation, environmental management and ecological restoration;
	Integrating hydrology with ecological planning, design and architecture or reverse;
	Transdisciplinary studies of regional sustainability from scopes of ecohydrology, ecology, culture (society) or integration of them.

Title:	 International Knowledge Centre for Engineering Sciences and Technology (IK- CEST).
Presenter:	Dr. Liu Chang, China.
Summary:	This presentation covered the following main points:
	⑦ IKCEST main task is to establish an international engineering and technology resources hub. IKCEST aims to cooperate with research institutes, enterprises and institutions of higher learning worldwide to build a widely connected international hub for engineering and technology, resources, thus laying a global data foundation from which to operate.
	⑦ IKCEST also wants to establish a public data service platform, and to develop the technology for mining and analyzing knowledge from big data.
	⑦ IKCEST would like to cooperatively build professional knowledge service, systems, and to build capacity in developing countries.
	⑦ IKCEST will foster interdisciplinary engineering talents with big data processing ability.
	⑦ IKCEST will assist UNESCO to fulfill its aims and support its action plans.
Title:	 Isfahan Regional Centre for Technology Incubators and Science Parks Development (IRIS).
Presenter:	Dr. Hasan Khakbaz, Advisor of President of ISTT, Iran.
Summary:	This presentation covered the following main points:
	OISTT mission intends to prepare the ground for the development of technology incubators and science parks in the region by providing consultations, training courses and capacity building. ISTT is also facilitating the international relations among science parks and incubators with their counterparts in the region.
	^① Since its official establishment in May 2010, IRIS has developed different programmes and plans. Among them are:
	 Organizing the official inauguration ceremony and inviting ECO countries ambassadors to attend; Formation of the secretariat of the Centre; Allocating a space in ISTT to IRIS and equipping it; Designing and developing the logo of the centre; Determining the Governing Board members and Directors of Centre with cooperation of UNESCO; Organizing seven meetings of Governing Board members and developing the work plan of the Centre; and Training Workshops (more than 40 National and International workshop with the attendance of international experts from Japan, South Korea. Germany, UK.
	Spain, Poland, Romania, Malaysia, China, Tunisia, Australia and etc)

Title:	8. UNESCO Category 2 Regional Centre on Groundwater Resources, Education, Train- ing and Research Institute in Kenya.
Presenter:	Mr. Wilson M. Lekoomet, Kenya Water Institute (KEWI), Kenya.
Summary:	This presentation covered the following main points:
	⑦ Kenya Water Institute (KEWI) objectives include the conduct of research, offering professional training, providing policy advise, facilitating technological transfer and promoting regional collaboration and exchange of experience.
	⑦ KEWI is active in training on groundwater for both students and clients in Kenya and the region. KEWI is also doing geological surveys and pursuing degree programmes in Universities in Kenya. It is aimed at improving water / groundwater management capacity within the institution and the country.
	⑦ Today, in collaboration with other partners (JKUAT and living Water African Region), KEWI is in the process of establishing a joint five year project whose purpose is to develop capacity for the drilling technology experts. Under this project about twelve experts will be trained at PhD level, twenty at master level and about 150 at advance diploma level.
	⑦ Recently, UNESCO undertook a groundwater mapping project in Turkana, which culminated in the discovery of large ground water reservoirs. KEWI and the Category 2 Centre will play a major role in furthering this course and will serve as a hub for capacity development in water related matters in the East Africa Region.

Title:	9. HTCKL Work Related to Science and UNESCO.
Presenter:	Dr. Mohamed Roseli Zainal Abidin, Humid Tropics Centre Kuala Lumpur (HTCKL), Department of Irrigation and Drainage Malaysia.
Summary:	This presentation covered the following main points: ⁽¹⁾ HTCKL objectives are to promote a conducive atmosphere for collaboration through technology and information exchange, education and science. HTCKL helps to increase scientific technologies knowledge about hydrological cycle thus increasing the capacity to better manage and develop the water resources in a holistic manner and to promote and increase scientific and technological knowledge about urban storm water management, ecohydrology, humid tropics and water education.
	OHTCKL initiatives provides the execution and implemention of the Post 2015 Development Agenda especially for Sustainable Development Goal No. 6: Ensuring availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.
	 OUNESCO-IHP Cross-Cutting Programmes related to HTCKL includes: UNESCO Switch-in-Asia: Urban Water Management; SWITCH – Sustainable Water Management Improves Tomorrow's Cities Health; AP Friends; Asia Pacific Flow Regimes from International Experimental and Network Data; UNESCO-HELP River basin (Langat River): Hydrology for the Environment, Life and Policy; Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM).
	 In IHP-VII Strategic Plan 2014-2021, HTCKL is involved in: Water related Disasters and Hydrological Change; Addressing Water Scarcity Quality; Water and Human Settlements of the future; Ecohydrology, Engineering Harmony for a Sustainable World; and Water Education, Key for Water Security

Title:	$10. \ {\rm IPCC}$ Fifth Assessment Report, Lima Climate Action High Level Session, Lima Peru.
Presenter:	Dr Rajendra K. Pachauri, India (via teleconference).
Summary:	This presentation covered the following main points:
	⑦ Description of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fifth Assessment Report.
	⑦ Continued warming increases the risk of severe, pervasive and irreversible impacts.
	⑦ Risks are unevenly distributed and are generally greater for disadvantaged people and communities in countries at all levels of development.
	⑦ People who are socially, economically, culturally, politically, institutionally or otherwise marginalized are especially vulnerable to climate change.
	⑦ Ambitious mitigation is affordable and translates into delayed but not foregone growth (entails losses in global consumption of median value 1.7% in 2030).
	⑦ Estimated costs on mitigation do not account for the benefits of reduced climate change.
	⑦ Many impact such as loss of human lives, cultural heritage and ecosystem services are difficult to value and monitor and thus they are poorly reflected in estimates of losses.
Title:	11. Environmental Management and Infrastructure Development Engineering, Saitama University Japan.
Presenter:	Prof. Dr. Matsumoto Yasunao, Japan.
Summary:	This presentation covered the following main points:
	⑦ Description of the UNESCO Chair at Saitama University Japan on Environmental Management and Infrastructure Development Engineering.
	⁽²⁾ The Chair's objective is to promote collaboration between the researchers and the research team of the university and other universities and institutions. It also attracts prospective students to our existing International Graduate Programme in Civil and Environmental Engineering. The Chair allows sharing of experience and knowledge in environmental management and infrastructure development engineering research and development.
	⑦ Saitama University Research Groups are as follows:
	 Geotechnical and Geosphere Research Group; Earthquake Disaster Prevention Mitigation Group; Transporting & Planning Group; Structural Engineering Mechanics and Materials Group; and Hydraulic and Environment Engineering Group.

Title:	12. UNESCO Chair on Water Reuse, University of Tehran.
Presenter:	Prof. Dr. Mohammad-Hossein Sarrafzadeh, Iran.
Summary:	This presentation covered the following main points:
	⑦ The water crisis in the world involves:
	 1.1 billion people live without clean drinking water
	 2.6 billion people lack adequate sanitation
	 3900 children die every day from water borne diseases
	OUNESCO Chair on Water Reuse, University of Tehran is involved in post graduate teaching programmes, training, research and institutional development (strengthening of information / library services, laboratories and etc.)
	⑦ Among its objectives are gathering the available expertise in the field of water reuse and facilitate information transfer. It also creates network between water institutions to facilitate exchange of experience and information nationally, regionally and internationally. Furthermore, it conducts and contributes to workshop and conferences of national, regional and international nature to push forward exchange of experience.
	Ouriversity of Tehran is also engaged in producing technological developments for water reuse, saving water by recycling and ground water recharge. Developing low-cost methods for sanitary disposal of municipal wastewater. Activities to reduce pollution of rivers and other surface water and provide a reliable water supply to farmers.
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litle:	13. Presentation on behalf of Professor Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, Hony. UNESCO Jaques Cousteau Chair for Ecotechnology for Sustainable Rural Development.
Presenter:	Dr. P.C. Kesavan, M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, India.
Summary:	This presentation covered the following main points:
	⑦ Green Revolution and the Paradox of Grain Mountains and Hungry Millions.
	 Green Revolution (GR) provided food security at the national level; GR did not create more on-farm and off-farm livelihoods; GR not integrated with sustainable rural development; and GR is largely monocropping; loss of agrobiodiversity.
	⑦ Ecotechnology Revolution
	 Blending frontier technology with traditional wisdom and ecological prudence. These then become eco-technologies with pro-nature, pro-poor and pro- women orientation; Expression involve consumment attraction to Ecology. Expression Equilibrium
	 Ecolectionologies involve concurrent attraction to Ecology, Energy, Equility, Economics, Employment and Ethics; and Ecotechnologies are in action in MSSRF's Biovillages.

Title:	14. UNESCO Chair in Water Resources - Sudan.
Presenter:	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sameh Kantoush, Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University.
Summary:	This presentation covered the following main points:
	⁽²⁾ UNESCO-CWR mission is to build, enhance and strengthen capacity for sustainable water resources development and management through education, research, consultancy and knowledge dissemination.
	© CWR also facilitate coordinate, collaborate, cooperate among universities, research institutes & centres at national, regional and international levels.
	$\ensuremath{\mathfrak{O}}$ It also promotes integrated research system and multi-interdisciplinary approach.
	⑦ UNESCO-CWR serves the local, regional "the Nile Basin, Eastern, Central Africa and Shared Aquifers" AWA International water community.

Title:	15. Ulugbek UNESCO Chair on Physics and Astronomy.
Presenter:	Prof. Dr. B. Fayzullaev, Department of Physics, National University of Uzbekistan.
Summary:	This presentation covered the following main points:
	⁽²⁾ The Ulugbek UNESCO Chair promotes an integrated system of research, training, information and documentation in the field of Physics and Astronomy.
	⑦ Development of the integration into postgraduate study programmes of new information and communication technologies.
	⁽²⁾ Publication of new curricular materials in the field of Physics and Astronomy.
	⑦ Organization of scientific conference and round-table discussions.
	The Ulugbek UNESCO Chair is acting in close cooperation with Nuclear and Theoretical Physics Chair of Department of Physics, the Uzbekistan National University, Tashkent. Many courses are delivered jointly for common students. The UNESCO Chair invites international speakers to give talks at common seminars.



The second day of the workshop included a dialogue session, with breakout group discussions where each group discussed on the assigned topic and presented findings of their group deliberations. Three groups were formed for that purposes.

The topics assigned to the groups were:

- 1. Developing a UNESCO Family Strategic Plan for Asia and the Pacific,
- 2.Scoping UNESCO Chairs in Malaysia; and
- 3.Delivering together.

The group discussion was guided by a series of questions based on the topics assigned to each group.

The full reports of the group discussion are given in the Appendix 3.

GROUP 1: Developing a UNESCO Family Strategic Plan for Asia and the Pacific.

QUESTION 1: Which are the strengths of UNESCO and its Natural Sciences Family in Asia and the Pacific?

The Centres and Chairs under Natural Sciences Family are focused on very important issues relevant to the society and environment. The fields in which these Centres and Chairs focus include natural disasters, hydrology, food security, water resources, water and culture, eco-hydrology, ground water, oceanography, biology and etc.

Members of this discussion group suggested organizing a Regional Steering Committee meeting (RSC) every year hosted by member countries (International Hydrological Programme (IHP), National Committee and Category 2) and presentation of reports and cross cutting programmes (e.g. ASIA PACIFIC FRIEND, HELP BASIN, UNESCO SWITCH-URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT, INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (IWRM) POST 2015).

In addition, UNESCO Jakarta office has an important role to assist in creating more collaborative programmes and activities in knowledge sharing on scientific research and sustainable development between UNESCO Category 2 Centres and Chairs and their stakeholders. There were consensus of building networks for strengthening partnership between the UNESCO Centres in Asia and the Pacific with the Malaysian scientific network. This collaboration will result in funds raising strategies / funding mechanism and joint research activities among the partners (Paris Link).

QUESTION 2: How to build a strong and an efficient regional sciences network?

UNESCO Centres and Chairs shall utilize a variety of interactive tools and approaches to maintain a sustainable internal communication with sufficient frequency of updates between Asia and the Pacific regional science network.

Currently, UNESCO has developed an integrated collaborative platform for the UNESCO Water Network using existing UNESCO's UNESTEAM shared point based platform. This platform shall serve as the primary mechanism for sharing feedback, information, documents and news within the network.

The establishment of groups of professionals in diverse fields of natural sciences will allow members of Centre and Chairs to remain up-to-date and encourage collaboration within these networks, e.g. International Hydrological Programme (IHP), Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB). An active participation in this common communication platform is highly encouraged to ensure timely updates and content quality.

The group discussion also suggested setting up twinning programmes between Chairs and Centres with the aim of advanced research, training and programme development, e.g. Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) which will promote remote sensing application to climate change studies within Southeast Asia countries and China. This initiative will encourage cooperation through transfer of knowledge across borders.

Centres could also facilitate and organize national and regional training, short courses and knowledge sharing workshop that can essentially strengthen particular fields by training human resources and applying state-of-the-art technologies and tools, e.g. training the field of eco-hydrology.

Staff Exchange programme was also suggested since it has always built bridges between disciplines and the scientists. The exchange will aim to stimulate cutting edge research and sharing scientific knowledge.

Collaborative engagement in enhancing communication and information sharing between members is important especially to maintain a high level of engagement with members' stakeholders. It was suggested to make significant efforts to establish an effective communication channel, e.g. website to convey progress, exchange knowledge or success stories to adverse impact.

QUESTION 3: How can UNESCO support the Natural Sciences Category 2 Centres and Chairs?

UNESCO has made significant efforts to facilitate collaboration with various UN Agencies such as Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and other UN Programmes.

The Centres and Chairs expressed a desire to network and collaborate with one another and expressed interest in establishing a mechanism for cooperation. They would like to see UNESCO take a leading role in bringing them together, so they can further develop cooperation mechanism between themselves and increase the visibility of their partnership. This however has a cost implication, so funding mechanisms need to be explored.

GROUP 2: SCOPING UNESCO CHAIRS IN MALAYSIA.

QUESTION 1: Which are the key strengths of Malaysian science stakeholders?

This group mainly discussed on the strengths and weaknesses of UNESCO Natural Sciences Centres and Chairs in Malaysia. The group categorized different fields of natural sciences research according to the strengths and the weaknesses of the Malaysian stakeholders. The Malaysian stakeholders have reasonably good exposure to few areas including sustainable energy, water resources, climate change, disaster risk reduction, urban environment, ecological economics and water-energy-food nexus.

The group agreed that Malaysia is relatively competent in water resource management and climate change. In water resource management, Malaysia has numerous government agencies including Department of Irrigation and Drainage (DID), Economic Affairs Unit (UPEN), Ministry of Energy, Green Energy and Water (KETTHA), National Water Services Commission (SPAN) who work hand-in-hand with water companies e.g. Syarikat Bekalan Air Selangor Sdn. Bhd. (SYABAS) etc.

As for climate change, strong collaborations exist among universities (Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Universiti Malaya (UM) and Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT)), Malaysian Meteorological Department, National Hydraulic Research Institute of Malaysia (NAHRIM), the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) and Ministry of Energy, Green Energy and Water (KETTHA).

QUESTION 2: How can Malaysia contribute to a strong and efficient regional science network?

Strategic partnership with UNESCO family centres (e.g. Category 2 Centres) should be established or enhanced to enable higher level of knowledge exchange, resources sharing and human capital development. Such efforts will result in more significant achievements in addition to wider coverage of activities and collaboration.
The deliberation of this group also resulted in suggestions of having a clear and generic strategy that should be based on multidisciplinary, problem-solving and outcome-based approach at local and regional levels. They also highlighted that the academic institutions have an active and leading role in solving natural resources problems and the solutions can be in line with Malaysian Higher Education Blueprint-2015 by emphasizing on the guadruple helix.

The group also demanded for establishing and implementing a Sustainability Science Network and programme across region. Ultimately, all collaborations, networking, strategies and activities must be in line with SDGs to ensure effective outcome on regional and global scale.

QUESTION 3: How can UNESCO Natural Sciences family support Malaysian stakeholders to deliver the Post 2015 Development Agenda?

UNESCO Science family can support through development and implementation of Sustainable Sciences Network across region and programme. Furthermore, the UNESCO family can act as a "big brother" to bring together existing centres and chairs to promote cooperation especially in the form of technology and knowledge transfer.

Funding is also essential, not only to the Malaysian stakeholders but also to other parties in which the UNESCO Science family can support by facilitating funding mechanism.

GROUP 3: DELIVERING TOGETHER

Question 1: What are the key areas for cooperation in Sciences in the Post-2015 Development Agenda framework?

There are four key areas to be focused on. The first one is biodiversity and ecology conservation. With intense development, loss of biodiversity and ecology are inevitable. However, critical areas for biodiversity and ecology protection should be identified and protected. The cooperation in this aspect should inform stakeholders and policy makers in the importance of conserving such areas, leading to a more sustainable development.

Next is the renewable energy. In years to come, traditional energy sources such as petroleum and coal would be depreciated and before that happens, renewable energy should receive utmost attention. The cooperation in this area should be amplified and promoted as the next evolution of energy sources, not just alternative. Such effort would also enable technological transfer to help achieve renewable energy target. Renewable energy should be marketed as affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.

Transboundary water is also an important issue to be highlighted. The issue become very complicated when there is more than one country claiming rights to water sources (especially lake and river water basin). Transboundary cooperation should exist to solve the issue without political influence and violence.

A larger entity such as a river commission could be established to hold talks, draft legal agreements and discuss this transboundary issue for the sake of survival.

The last issue is food security and livelihoods. Specific projects need to address food security and livelihood issues especially concerning rural communities. Critical issues that directly related to food security such as food source availability, clean water access and power (energy) access need to be investigated. However, food production should not only address the issue of demands but also retain the essential ecological integrity of production systems.

Question 2: How to implement joint activities in sciences to support the SDGs?

Action plans should be devised in broader coverage to reach the goals of SDGs. Among those shortlisted were research activities, community programmes and education programmes. Such activities or programmes should be knowledge transfer programmes so that it would be a win-win scenario for the different parties. For example, research in water quality issue would improve the livelihood of the community. The governance aspect should also be emphasized. For example, awareness programme specifically for women and youth, as well as gender equality. Apart from professional, women and youth should be engaged in community-based sciences to increase the awareness and also knowledge. A specific web portal should also be established to act as knowledge centre and particularly as a gateway to connect to the modern youth. Massive open online course (MOOCs) should also be encouraged as part of the freely available education for the masses.

Question 3: How to link Asia and the Pacific with Africa to support South-South cooperation in Sciences?

The most important aspect to link between these different entities is the structural arrangement (committees). Such solid structure should include secretariat and/or taskforce for joint cooperation. The establishment of these secretariat with representative from each regions of interest will ensure seamless and more efficient "bring-it-together" collaborative efforts.

To ensure accurate and up-to-date information dissemination, a web portal should be available and frequently updated so that all participants in all regions are aware of such efforts and activities. With proper support and promotion, this portal will even reach out to more potential participants (visibility) and collaborators, especially from untapped regions or countries.



• The current 15 UNESCO Natural Sciences related Category 2 Centres and 28 UNESCO Natural Sciences related Chairs in Asia and the Pacific Region are focusing on very important issues relevant to the society and environment. The fields in which these Centres and Chairs are focusing include: historical hydraulic structures, humid tropic hydrology and water resources, ecohydrology, urban water management, erosion and sedimentation, biotechnology, space technologies for cultural and natural heritage, geochemistry and others. These Centres and Chairs are aligned with the 17 SDGs, e.g. poverty reduction, food security, education quality, gender equity, sustainable management of water, affordable energy, sustainable economic growth, sustainable industrialization, resilient and sustainable cities, ecosystem protection, and global partnership.

 The workshop successfully achieved the targets of creating more collaborative programmes and activities of knowledge sharing on scientific research and sustainable development between UNESCO Category 2 Centres and Chairs. There was consensus of building networks for strengthening partnerships between the UNESCO Centres in Asia-Pacific, Africa and the Malaysian scientific network. This collaboration will result in fund raising strategies and joint research activities among the partners. It was agreed that the investment in science, food and water security, renewable energy, water and natural resources management, disaster risk reduction and resilience to climate change will achieve regional and global peace and prosperity. It is revealed that the UNESCO Centres and Chairs are coordinating in implementing the collaborative research projects and studies with regional, federal and local authorities as well as with the private sector. The individual sectors and the society as whole are the main beneficiaries of the joint projects completed under these Centres and Chairs. However, few regions and countries are still lacking of such platforms where joint research and collaborative projects can be carried out and benefits can be transferred to the society and individual sectors. Some of the areas of research identified in the workshop include disaster risk reduction and management, sustainability science and water demand management.



 There was a suggestion on creating a new Chair in Malaysia regarding Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM). The government is concerned about different types of disasters like flood, landslide, earthquake, tsunami and the associated of those disasters in Malaysia. The proposed Chair will be the most effective response to mitigate any types of catastrophe in Malaysia through collaboration among the different Centres and Chairs in South-South cooperation.

Practice of reducing disaster risks can be done through systematic efforts by collaboration and research among the different Chairs of UNESCO worldwide. Reducing exposure to hazards, lessening vulnerability of people and property, wise management of land and other natural resources, improving preparedness and early warning for the natural disaster events can be achieved by strong relationship of South-South cooperation.

 It was also suggested to create a new Category 2 Centre in Malaysia on Sustainability Science (CMSS). UNESCO Natural Sciences Family can support the Malaysian science stakeholders by developing and implementing a sustainability science network and programme across region, by promoting cooperation with existing Centres and Chairs by technology and knowledge transfer and by facilitating funding mechanisms. It is thus, recommended to have a UNESCO Category 2 Centre on Sustainability Science in Malaysia.

The proposed Centre can be established in Malaysia for developing joint projects with the existing Regional Centres and the Malaysian scientific network. Sustainability science is an emerging field of interdisciplinary research that fosters shared prosperity and poverty alleviation while protecting the environment. This field draws from multiple disciplines of the natural, social, medical and engineering sciences, from the professions and from practical field experience in business, government, and civil society.

- Final Recommendations and contribution to the "Kuala Lumpur Statement":
- 1. The UNESCO Natural Sciences related Category 2 Centres and Chairs in Asia and the Pacific Region are highly encouraged to build a strong regional science network to promote interaction, knowledge sharing and joint activities.
 - A good example is the cooperation between ISTIC (Malaysia) and IRIS (Iran) in technopreneurship training for research scientists and engineers, in Iran in 2015.
 - Iranian UNESCO chairs and centres will create a web-based network for coordination and cooperation between them, including periodic meetings to find common fields of interest and define joint projects. If this model works in Iran, it will be expanded to UNESCO centres and chairs the other regions.
- 2. The network of UNESCO Natural Sciences related Category 2 Centres and Chairs in Asia and the Pacific region will encourage active links with Africa to strengthen the South-South and triangular cooperation in STI.
 - For example HTCKL (Malaysia) and RC-IRBM (Nigeria) active engagement and joint programmes on water resources management.
- The UNESCO Regional Science Bureau for Asia and the Pacific will continue to mobilize and provide necessary support to the UNESCO's Natural Sciences family in the region for the successful delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals in the Post-2015.



APPENDIX 1 - Workshop Programme

The Workshop Programme is as follows:

Day 1: 26 May 2015				
12 :30 -13.30	Registration and lunch at Taman Sari Outlet			
	[Sessior	1] Opening		
		 Dato Ir. Lee Yee Cheong, Chairman, ISTIC Governing Board Prof. Mohamed H. A. Hassan, Chairman, Council of the United Nations University (UNU 		
13:30 – 14:30	Opening, welcome remarks and Souvenir Presentation	 Prof. Dr. Ahmad Fauzi Ismail, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation) Universiti Teknologi Malaysia 		
		 Mr. Shahbaz Khan, OIC UNESCO Office Jakarta 		
		 Mr. Mohd Khairul Adib bin Abdul Rahman, Secretary General of The Malaysian National Commission for UNESCO 		
[Session 2] Setting the scene				
14:30-14:45	UNESCO Natural Sciences Regional Support Strategy 2014-2021	Mr. Shahbaz Khan, OIC UNESCO Office, Jakarta		
14:45-15:00	Malaysian Higher Education Blueprint	Prof. Dato' Ir. Dr. Mohd Saleh Jaafar, Adviser / Consultant on Malaysia Higher Education Blueprint		
15:00-15:15	Post-2015 Development Agenda and STI	Dato Ir. Lee Yee Cheong, Chairman, ISTIC Governing Board		
15:15-15:45	Group photo an	d Coffee break at Urban Hotel Lobby		
	[Session 3] Introduction to	UNESCO Category 2 Centres		
15:45-17:00	Presentations from Directors of UNESCO Category 2 Centres for Natural Sciences	Dato Samsudin, ISTIC, Malaysia Ms Jie, HIST, China Mr Labbaf, ICQHS, Iran Dr Yaya, RC-IRBM, Nigeria Mr Harjono, APCE, Indonesia Dr Chang, IKCEST, China Dr Khakbaz, IRIS, Iran Mr Lekoomet, KEWI, Kenya Dr Roseli, HTCKL, Malaysia		

	[Session 4] Introduction to UNESCO Chairs				
17:00-17:50	Presentations from UNESCO Chairs for Natural Sciences	Dr Pachauri, India Dr Matsumoto, Japan Prof. Sarrafzadeh, Iran Dr Kesavan, India Dr Kantoush, Sudan Dr Fayzullaev, Uzbekistan			
17:50-18:30	Q&A Discussion				
20:00	Welcome Dinner at Mahkota 3 (Istana Hotel)	By UTM			

Day 2: 27 May 2015			
08:00-08:30	Arrival and installation at Safir (1) meeting room		
	[Session 5] B	reakout Dialogue	
08:30-09:30	 Developing a UNESCO Natural Sciences Family Strategic Plan for Asia and the Pacific Scoping UNESCO Chairs and Category 2 Centres in Malaysia Delivering Together 	Moderators: 1. Prof. Dr. Zulkifli Yusop (UTM) 2. Prof. Dr. Arshad Ahmad (UTM) 3. Assoc. Prof. Dr Marlinda (UNITEN)	
09:30-10:00	Reporting from Breakout Dialogue	 Rapporteurs from each breakout discussion 1. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sharif Moniruzzaman Shirazi (UTM) 2. Dr. Noorul Hassan Zardari (UTM) 3. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Shareeshivadasan A/L Chelliapan (UTM) 	
10:00-10:15	Co	ffee break at Safir Foyer	
	[Session 6	i] Key-findings	
10:15-11:00	Discussion	Moderator Prof. Dr. Zulkifli Yusof, UTM	
	[Sessio	n 7] Closing	
11:00-11:10	Conclusions: Plan of action and follow-up	Mr. Shahbaz Khan, OIC UNESCO Office, Jakarta	
11:10-11:30	Closing Remarks	 Dr. Mohamed Roseli Zainal Abidin, Director of Humid Tropics Centre, Kuala Lumpur (HTCKL) Flavia Schlegel, UNESCO Assistant Director General for Natural Sciences 	
12:00	Lunch at Taman Sari Outlet		

APPENDIX 2 – Concept note

Promoting Interaction and Knowledge Exchange between UNESCO Natural Sciences related Centres and Chairs in Asia and the Pacific

Background

The current year 2015 is a critical moment globally for the transition into the Post-2015 Development Agenda as new framework for global development efforts. With the mandate to promote International cooperation in education, the sciences, culture, communication and information, UNESCO's contribution to the Post-2015 Development Agenda is essential. UNESCO is mobilizing all its strengths for building the sustainable, inclusive, knowledge societies needed for the century ahead.

The draft of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 'outcome document' includes 17 goals and 169 targets, where the universality of Science and its critical role for poverty eradication and sustainable development has been highlighted. As stated by the UNESCO Director-General in the High Level Segment of ECOSOC, "*investment in science is investment in food and water security, renewable energy, disaster risk reduction and resilience to climate change. It is about peace and prosperity for all.*" Moreover, networking will be critical in the implementation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda, since the proposed SDG no. 17 refers to "strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development".

The programmes of UNESCO in Natural Sciences have been able to expand their cooperation beyond the network of the traditional intermediaries – what may be called the "UNESCO Natural Sciences family": National Commissions, UNESCO Chairs, Category 2 Institutes and Centres, clubs and associations, National Committees of intergovernmental programmes and specialized networks, such as the Associated Schools Project Network. Within this variety of partners, Category 2 Centres and Chairs play an important role as they expand the capacities and effectiveness to carry out activities, promote the outreach, impact and visibility at all levels, broaden the support base and mobilize resources and create synergies among all communities of UNESCO.

UNESCO Category 2 Centres and Chairs are independent of UNESCO and are associated with the Organization through individual arrangements, as approved by the UNESCO governing body - the General Conference -. These Centres and Chairs perform research, advanced training, contribute to the execution of UNESCO's programmes and increase the participation of national and regional institutions in UNESCO's work.

In Asia-Pacific Region, the Category 2 Centres and Chairs have the capacity to provide a tangible contribution towards the realization of not only 'Natural Sciences' objectives and priorities as stated in the UNESCO Medium Term Strategy but also towards the implementation of the SDGs in the Post-2015 framework. The Category 2 Centres and Chairs can contribute by expanding and strengthening the UNESCO's global and regional outreach, and providing a collective impact, given the competencies, scope of expertise, as well as training opportunities that they offer. Their dissemination is also an added value to strengthen North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation.

Scope of the workshop

This workshop is organized in order to promote interaction and knowledge exchange for strengthening South-South cooperation between Natural Sciences Category 2 Centres and Chairs in the Asia-Pacific region. A strong and efficient Science network in the region will be critical to support the implementation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda in the upcoming years.

The following actions will be the outcomes of the workshop:

- Providing an overview of UNESCO's Medium Term Strategy globally and the Regional Bureau's Science Support Strategy in the Asia-Pacific (2014-2021).
- Providing an overview of UNESCO's Natural Sciences Category 2 Centres and Chairs in Asia-Pacific and their contribution to programmes and activities of UNESCO in the Post-2015 Development Agenda framework.
- Identify potential gaps and overlaps among the Centres and Chairs.
- Identify formats for collaboration and knowledge exchange on science research and sustainable development.
- Building networks for strengthening partnerships between the Category 2 Centres and Chairs in Asia-Pacific and Africa.
- Initiate reflection for the development of a regional strategy on funds raising and joint actions to support the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

This workshop is organized with the valuable support of the Malaysian Funds-in-Trust.



APPENDIX 3 – Outcomes from Breakout Discussion

GROUP 1: Developing a Strategic Plan for UNESCO Natural Sciences Family in Asia and the Pacific

	Which are the strengths of UNESCO and its natural sciences family in Asia and the Pacific?
Regional Workshop	 Natural disaster, hydrology, food security, water resources, water and culture, eco- hydrology, ground water, oceanography, biology etc.
"PROMOTING INTERACTION AND INNOVILIDGE EXCHANGE BETWEEN UNESCO NATURAL SCIENCES RELATED CENTRES AND CHARES IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC" 27 ^m Mey 2015	 Regional Steering Committee meeting (RSC) every year hosted by member countries (national INP, category 2) and presentation of report, cross cutting programmes e.g. ASIA PACIFIC FRIEND, HELP BASIN, UNESCO SWITCH-URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT, WRM POST 2015.
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4. To organize training and workshops for a particular field e.g. training on eco-hydrology	To set-up mechanisms to promote Natural Sciences Category 2 Centres and Chains in Asia Pacific Region as a whole as well as exchanges among them.
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GROUP 3: Delivering Together



APPENDIX 4 – Slides for Closing Session with Minister

Presentation on Workshop Outcomes and Recommendation to Minister of Education II Malaysia

by Prof. Dr. Zulkifli bin Yusof



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Presentation on International Science, Technology and Innovation Centre for South South Cooperation Under The Auspices of UNESCO

by

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Presentation on "Space Technology: A Powerful Tool for Smart Management of UNESCO Properties"

by

Ms Liu Jie, International Centre on Space Technology for Natural and Cultural Heritage under the auspices of UNESCO (HIST), China







Presentation on "An Introduction to ICQHS Activities, Plans and Potentials" by Mr Majid Labbaf Khaneiki, International Centre on Qanat and Historic Hydraulic Structures (ICQHS), Iran



Presentation on "Regional Centre for Integrated River Basin Management, Kaduna, Nigeria (A Category 2 UNESCO Water Centre)"

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Presentation on *"Asia Pacific Centre for Ecohydrology (APCE)"* by Mr. Hery Harjono, Category 2 Centre of UNESCO / Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI), Indonesia



Presentation on "International Knowledge Centre for Engineering Sciences and Technology (IKCEST)" by

Dr. Liu Chang, China



Presentation on "Isfahan Regional Centre for Technology Incubators and Science Parks Development (IRIS)"

by Dr. Hasan Khakbaz, Advisor of President of ISTT, Iran



Presentation on "UNESCO Category 2 Regional Centre on Groundwater Resources, Education, Training and Research Institute in Kenya"

by

Mr. Wilson M. Lekoomet, Kenya Water Institute (KEWI), Kenya

UNESCO CATEGORY II REGIONAL CENTRE ON GROUNDWATER RESOURCES, EDUCATION, TRAINING AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN KENYA PRESENTATION FOR WORKSHOP HELD IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA BETWEEN THE 26 TH AND 27 TH MAY, 2015 By: Wilson M. Lekoomet Senior lecturer Kenya Water Institute	Introduction Introduction In March, 2013 the Government of Kenya (GOK) and UNESCO officially signed an agreement to create a UNESCO Category II regional centre on groundwater resources, education, training and research. The centre hosted in KEWI will act as a regional platform for education, research and training on groundwater resources. The centre will be conducting research, offering professional training, providing advice, facilitating technological transfer and promoting regional cooperation and exchange experience.
 Introduction Cont. Some key objectives of the centre include the conduct of research, offering professional training, providing policy advise, facilitating technological transfer and promoting regional collaboration and exchange of experience. The specific agreement was signed in March, 2013, however there has been a delay in the operationalisation of the centre activities due to some reforms in the state corporations in Kenya. In March 2013 the Kenya government initiated a reform process which is meant to streamline all state corpoparitons. This process involves streamlining, and merging of state corporations with a view of improving their efficiencies. The state corporation advisory committee (SCAC) has concluded the process and it is anticipated that in due course the centre will be operationalized. The ministry of Environment, Water and Natural Resources is expediating the signing up of the legal documents so as to ensure that the centre is operationalized ASAP. 	Centre's of activities • In the mean while, although the centre has not been operationalized Kerya Water Institute (KUWI) has been undertaking a number of activities on behalf of the centre. Some of these activities are: • Training in groundwater for both the regular students and other clients (short courses) for different clients in Kerya and the region. • Consultancy services to different clients in kerya. • Hydro geological surveys for the different clients) in Kenya and the region. • Capacity building of water experises Le. Currently a number of KEWI staff arised at improving valery ground water Kanagement capacity within the ismind at improving valery ground water Kanagement capacity within the ismind at improving valery staff are undertaking their Mise, while three (3) are undertaking their PhDs.
 Centre's of activities cont. KEWI was a major partner and contributed in the sponsoring of the National WaternSummit heldmin october, 2014 in Turkana and presented a paper on "Research and capacity building in the water sector" in kernya. KEWI has identified an office for the centre, where the coordination of the center's activities will be done. In the meanwhile, as we await the commencement of the center's operations a senior officer has been identified to coordinate the center's activities. KEWI payed a major role in cultural celebrations held at KICC, Nairobi organized by KNATCOM in November, 2014. KEWI parciepated in the Kenya National Commission for UNESCO collaboration marking the 50 years of Kenya and UNESCO collaboration held between 24th November, 2014 and 28th November, 2014 held in Paris. 	 The construction of a water resource centre, which will act as a hub for water Resources Research and training is ongoing. The resource center is going to host the offices of the UNESCO Category II center. In January, 2015 ten (10) KEWI staff members undertook a tailor made training in groundwater in Naivasha funded by the Netherlands Fellow ship programme (Niche – Nuffie programme). In collaboration with other partners (JKUAT and living Water African Region), KEWI is in the process of establishing a joint five year project whoose purpose is to develop capacity for the drilling technology experts. Under this project about twelve experts will be trained at pld level, twenty at master level andmabout 150 at advanced diploma level.

Areas of Collaboration

- In the recent past UNESCO undertook a Ground Water mapping project in Turkana which culminated in the discovery of large ground water reservoirs. The KEWI and the category II corther will plays a major role in furthering this course and will serve as a hub for capacity development in water related matters in the transmission of the server of the East Africa Region.
- Currently KEWI is collaborating with a number of institutions in the sector within Kenya and outside Kenya.

Potential areas of Collaboration are;

- · Ground water capacity development.
- Mapping of ground water resources in the region
 Groundwater Governance (Policy, legislative framework, institutional capacity and Regulations).
- Flood control and drought mitigation. Nairobi is prone to flooding especially the area near the Kenya Water Institute.

Potential areas of Collaboration continued

- · Tran boundary ground water management.
- · Water Security
- · Integrated Water Resources Management
- · Non Revenue Water management
- Alternative water sources i.e. rainwater harvesting.
- · Developing a sustainable and reliable water information system. Rain water harvesting for irrigation.
- KEWI is looking forward to initiate more collaboration with other institutions within the UNESCO Family and others.

APPENDIX 14

Presentation on "HTCKL Work Related to Science and UNESCO"

by

Dr. Mohamed Roseli Zainal Abidin, Humid Tropics Centre Kuala Lumpur (HTCKL), Department of Irrigation and Drainage Malaysia

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Presentation on "IPCC Fifth Assessment Report, Lima Climate Action High Level Session Lima Peru" by

Dr. Rajendra K. Pachauri, India



Presentation on "Enviromental Management and Infrastructure Development Engineering, Saitama University Japan"

by Prof. Dr. Matsumoto Yasunao, Japan



Presentation on "UNESCO Chair on Water Reuse, University of Tehran"

by Prof. Dr. Mohammad-Hossein Sarrafzadeh, Iran



"Presentation on behalf of Professor Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, Hony. UNESCO Jaques Cousteau Chair for Ecotechnology for Sustainable Rural Development"

by

Dr. P.C. Kesavan, M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, India



Appendix 19

Presentation on *"UNESCO Chair in Water Resources - Sudan"* by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sameh Kantoush, Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University



Presentation on *"Ulugbek UNESCO Chair on Physics and Astronomy"* by Prof. Dr. B. Fayzullaev, Department of Physics, National University of Uzbekistan



Appendix 21

LIST OF ACRONYMS

UNESCO	United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization
ISTIC	International Science, Technology and Innovation Centre of South- South Cooperation Under The Auspices of UNESCO
MOE	Ministry of Education Malaysia
UTM	Universiti Teknologi Malaysia
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
HIST	International Centre on Space Technology for Natural and Cultural Heritage under the auspices of UNESCO
ICQHS	International Centre on Qanat and Historic Hydraulic Structures
RC-IRBM	Regional Centre for Integrated River Basin Management
APCE	Asia Pacific Centre for Ecohydrology
LIPI	Indonesian Institute of Sciences
IKCEST	International Knowledge Centre for Engineering Sciences and Technology
IRIS	Isfahan Regional Centre for Technology Incubators and Science Parks Development
KEWI	Kenya Water Institute
HTCKL	Humid Tropics Centre Kuala Lumpur
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

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