

“Asia and the Pacific: Megacities, Water, and Climate Change” First Regional Meeting

14-15 June, 2021

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I. Background

There are currently 34 megacities in the world today, at least 19 of which are found in 11 countries of Asia and the Pacific (ASPAC) region. They are home to over 500 million inhabitants, and 12 more megacities will emerge in the region by 2035. The demographic feature mirrors the rapid transformation in economic development including technology innovation, new forms of urbanization, disaster risk reduction (DRR) and many other aspects. There are increasingly mutual reinforcement impacts between sustainable water management and resilient climate adaptation in megacities. A water secure megacity is needed in our near future.

II. Objective

Prior to the Second International Conference “Water, Megacities and Global Change”, **UNESCO would like to facilitate the establishment of a regional platform for Asia and the Pacific (MAWAC-ASPAC), presenting the work plan for developing a regional cooperation framework (Terms of Reference).**

The proposed meeting will be an opportunity to:

- **Present and exchange the current and future challenges** to water security, economic activity and social stability as well as adaptation and mitigation strategies in ASPAC-based megacities.
- **Prepare the Regional Chapter’s participation** at the 2nd International Conference “Water, Megacities and Global Change (EauMega 2022).
- **Discuss and prepare a work plan** for developing a framework and the first draft of Terms of Reference (TOR) of the MAWAC-ASPAC Regional Chapter.

III. Expected Megacities and Representatives

The meeting intends to invite nominated 1-4 representatives of (1) decision maker, (2) water and wastewater operator, (3) researcher, (4) river basin authority (taking into account gender balance) from the current and emerging megacities of ASPAC region, including:

Bangladesh: Dhaka

China: Beijing, Shanghai, Tianjin, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Chongqing, Chengdu, Xi’an, Wuhan, Nanjing

India: Mumbai, New Delhi, Bangalore, Kolkata, Chennai, Ahmadabad, Surat

Indonesia: Jakarta

Iran: Tehran

Japan: Tokyo, Osaka

Malaysia: Kuala Lumpur

Pakistan: Karachi, Lahore

Philippines: Manilla

South Korea: Seoul

Thailand: Bangkok

Viet Nam: Ho Chi Minh City

IV. Provisional Agenda (overview)

Day 1 Opening Session | June 14th 2021

12:00 – 14:00 pm (Jakarta time)

- UNESCO Welcoming remarks;
- Official statements from megacities;
- UNESCO Presentation on the project scope and roadmap of the Megacities Alliance for Water and Climate;
- Introduction of the 1st Draft of the MAWAC Strategic Global Framework (MAWAC-SGF) and regional Terms of Reference;
- Presentation of the 2nd International Conference “Water, Megacities and Climate Change” – Regional Session and Mayors’ Congress;

Day 2 Sharing Session | June 15th 2021

12:00 – 15:00 pm (Jakarta time)

- Megacities presentation;
- Highlight of the presentation and discussion;
- Plan the next step and discussion;
 - Discussion 1 - Regional Session and Mayors’ Congress at the 2nd International Conference “Water, Megacities and Global Change”; New Water Monographies; Regional Cooperation; Consultation on Strategic Global Framework.
 - Discussion 2 – next preparatory meeting and regional meeting;
- Summary of the meeting and closing speech;

V. Expected Outcome

- A summary report for the 1st MAWAC-ASPAC regional meeting;
- Consultation feedbacks to the MAWAC Strategic Global Framework (MAWAC-SGF);
- Understanding of the MAWAC roadmap and commitment from Megacities in ASPAC region.

VI. Logistics

- The meeting will be organized using the Zoom platform (**Register on Zoom**);
- Language of this meeting: English;
- Coordination will be provided by UNESCO Headquarters, Beijing Office, Jakarta Office, New Delhi Office, Bangkok Office, Tehran Office, Islamabad Office, Hanoi Office.