

## World Water Day 2017 celebration

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The Asian Development Bank celebrated World Water Day 2017 last 22 March with a whole day event that brought focus to the emerging issues surrounding water. Opening remarks were delivered by Ma. Carmela Locsin, Director General, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, ADB, H.E. Marion Derckx of Embassy of The Netherlands to the Philippines, and Scott Dawson, ADB Alternate Executive Director for Australia.

Session 1 tackled topics on managing the effects of climate change, from droughts to floods. The first presentation by Jane Doolan, Commissioner, Productivity Commission and Chair, Murray-Darling Basin Freshwater Research Center discussed Australia's Water Reform Journey - Managing Water Scarcity. The second presentation by Sjef IJzermans, Board Member, Water Partner Foundation; former The Netherlands Ambassador to Bangladesh, talked about Floods and Climate Change: Water Management Risks which shared how The Netherlands were able to mitigate floods and the lessons learned from the process.

The theme for Session 2 was Managing Water – from Cities to Rivers, with the first presentation by Aaron Vermeulen, Senior Advisor Finance & Freshwater, WWF, on Water Stewardship and Engaging the Private Sector. The next presentation was on Shaping Water Sensitive Cities was delivered by Jane Doolan on behalf of Chris Chesterfield, Executive Director for Strategic Engagement at the Cooperative Research Centre for Water Sensitive Cities. The final presentation was on Sustainable Delivery of Sanitation and Wastewater Management Services by Mark Tom Mulingbayan of Manila Water.

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