

KNOWLEDGE SYMPOSIUM

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Integrated River Basin Management Approaches: Lessons from the People's Republic of China and the Asia Pacific region.

MARCH 29 2 - 4pm GMT+8
8 - 10am CEST
2 - 4am EDT

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Event Program

Opening Remarks

- **Teresa Kho**, Director General, EARD, ADB
- **Sun Xuefeng**, Associate Counsel, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Ecology and Environment

SESSION I

One ecological unit – Managing the Yellow River from source to sea

- **Thomas Panella**, Director, EAER, ADB
- **Sun Feng**, Director, Yellow River Conservation Commission (YRCC), Ministry of Water Resources

SESSION II

Policies and enabling environment

- **Boya Jiang**, Nature and Climate Lawyer, ClientEarth
- **Yonghui Zhu**, Director Changjiang River Scientific Research Institute, Global Water Partnership - China Yangtze River
- **Jan Bakkes**, PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency, and **Yang Bo**, The Nature Conservancy

SESSION III

Financing green development with a river basin approach

- **Yu Fang**, Chinese Academy of Environmental Planning,
- **Cindy Zhang**, SWISS RE, PRC office

Panel Discussion

Regional experiences from ADB operations, including

- **Nathan A. Rive** and **Ganjina I. Fazilova**, Central West Asia Department
- **Ryutaro Takaku**, Southeast Asia Department
- **Lance Gore**, South Asia Department
- **Francesco Ricciardi**, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department

Closing Remarks

- **Thomas Panella**, Director EAER, ADB

About the Event

This knowledge symposium will present existing ADB projects and wider initiatives in the PRC's Yangtze and Yellow River basins to highlight key lessons learned and best practices for integrated river basin management.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has partnered with the People's Republic of China (PRC) to balance economic and social progress with environmental sustainability. ADB's role in supporting the PRC's Yangtze River Economic Belt (YREB) from source to sea has been pivotal. Adoption of a green ecological corridor and programmatic approach was a key innovation to coordinate public interventions for strengthening environmental management, ecological protection and inclusive economic growth. Based on the experiences from the YREB, ADB has designed a new program to promote high-quality green development in the Yellow River Ecological Corridor (YREC).

Such knowledge is important not only for the PRC but can also offer essential solutions to other developing member countries in Asia and the Pacific that are pursuing greener development pathways. The PRC's experience in designing innovative projects, introducing new policies, and strengthening institutional capacities can help offer models to address environmental challenges in the region. During a panel discussion, other ADB regional departments are also invited to showcase some of their river basin projects to share the lessons and challenges they have been facing.

Objectives

- Strengthen existing partnerships that add value to ADB's river basin programs and project operations.
- Build a wider network of reliable knowledge sharing partners (public & private sector) that can offer technical expertise and additional sources of financing.
- Share PRC's lessons learnt with a wider public and set a precedent for a regularly recurring event (e.g., annually), where ADB and external partners' case studies are shared and discussed and ways of collaboration beyond knowledge sharing are explored.
- Promote peer-to-peer learning within the Asia-Pacific region.

Audience

- Policy makers, water sector professionals, researchers, local and international NGOs working on river basin management in East Asia or in other regions.
- The audience will learn about river basin management approach, relevant novel laws, such as the Yangtze River Protection Law, innovative policies and hands-on experience from ADB operations in river basins across Asia.
- The aim is to connect practitioners with one another and offer a starting point to the interested wider public for further engagement with approaches to river basin management.

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