

## **EFWS1: Framework for Action on Water in Green Growth in Support of Economic, Food, and Water Security at Local, National, and Regional Levels**

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The Asia Pacific has achieved remarkable economic growth and results in reducing hunger and poverty. But growth patterns are no longer sustainable with regard to its water and other natural resources and have left hundreds of millions of hungry and poor populations behind. For the region to ensure economic, food and water security:

- The region needs to adopt knowledge-based green growth patterns, reviewing economic, social and development objectives through a water lens and adopting policy instruments and supporting investments to boost water productivity and reduce pollution in all sectors by all users, including agriculture, irrigation, fisheries and aquaculture.
- The region needs to address the water, food and energy nexus by ensuring convergence of water, food and energy, and land and climate policies.
- Green growth must be inclusive. Decision makers must aim at eradicating hunger and poverty by 2030 and ensure that green growth policies have equitable outcomes, benefiting populations that protect or depend on ecosystem services, including mountainous people.
- In 2 years, 2015, the Millennium Development Goal period will close.