

**EWS1: Voice from Asia for Better Water Quality – for discussion toward Post-2015
Development Goals on water**

Organized by Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES); Water Environmental Partnership in Asia (WEPA)

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The technical workshop aims to identify areas of action necessary to improve water quality, as well as areas which need international and regional cooperation, in consideration of the current discussion over a post-2015 international goal on water.

The participants identified that the legal framework for pollution control has been established but the implementation is a challenge in most Asian countries. A key for better water quality management is the enhancement of industrial and domestic wastewater management, which needs to be supported by proper monitoring, reporting, and verification of baseline data of wastewater. Regional knowledge sharing platform such as Water Environmental Partnership in Asia (WEPA) has contributed to the improvement of water quality management in the region and it should be strengthened in combination with actions to improve capacities of countries in the region to develop inventory data on wastewater.

Emphasizing the complexity of wastewater management and social, economic and environmental diversity of the region, the participants recommended that a post-2015 wastewater sub-goal and target should not be universal but be structuralized one reflecting key social-economic and natural factors such as population density, scale and type of industries, and water quality desired in receiving bodies.