

# The International Water Association

towards a water-wise world

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## JWWA General Assembly: IWA UPDATE

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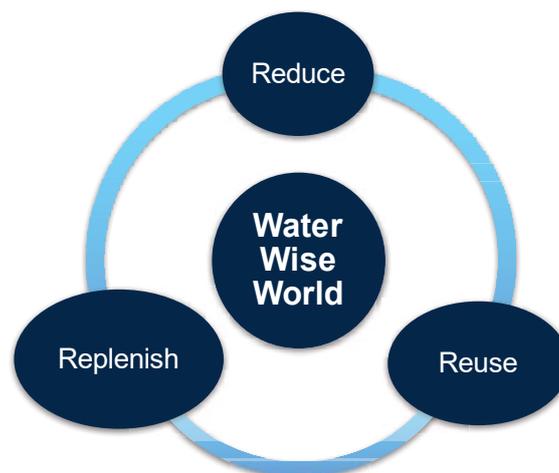
## IWA VISION



A world in which water is wisely managed to satisfy the needs of human activities and ecosystems in an equitable and sustainable way.

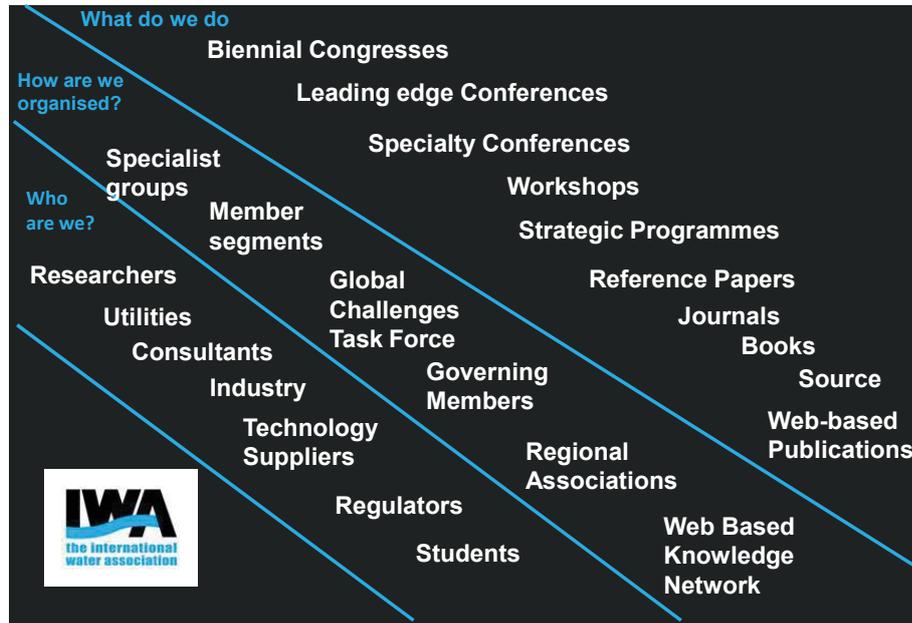


## WATER WISE WORLD



**Reduce, reuse and replenish** are the cornerstones of IWA's water-wise world

# IWA: WHAT, HOW AND WHO



# IWA Publishing (IWAP)



The leading international publisher on all aspects of water, wastewater and related environmental fields:

- Journals (12)
- Books (29)
- *The Source* magazine
- Online directories



## IWA IN ASIA-PACIFIC

*How we organise vis-à-vis the region*

- ❑ Trans Himalaya (Pakistan, India, Nepal, Bangladesh)
- ❑ India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Sri-Lanka
- ❑ Myanmar, Thailand, Lao, Cambodia and Vietnam
- ❑ Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia
- ❑ Japan, Korea, Singapore, New-Zealand, Australia
- ❑ Pacific islands



## IWA IN ASIA-PACIFIC

*working on...*

- ❑ Sundarban Initiative
- ❑ Sustainable Livelihoods for Hilsa-dependent Communities across India Bangladesh Riverscapes
- ❑ WSP Asia Network
- ❑ Flood and Drought Project
- ❑ AquaRating



### □ Engagement with regional and national actors

- Asian Development Bank, Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre, Asian Institute of Technology, CEGIS, Global Green Growth Institute, ICIMOD, ICLEI, IWMI, MRC, UNDP

### □ Regional hubs

- Regional office in Bangkok established and operational since September 2014
- Continued presence of IWA in Singapore.
- South Asia: Bangladesh and India offices set up since June 2015

## IWA IN ASIA PACIFIC, 2016

- Water Loss Conference, February 2016, Bangalore, India
- Water Safety Planning Conference, April 2016, Philippines
- South Asia Groundwater Forum, June 2016, Jaipur, India
- SIWW, Singapore
- Busan Global Water Forum 2016, Korea
- Training Programme: Water, Climate and Resilient Cities for water professionals from Bangladesh in Malaysia.



## IWA CONGRESSES IN THE REGION



- Successfully executed 2016 IWA Congress & Exhibition (Brisbane)
- 2017 ASPIRE conference in Malaysia
- 2018 IWA Congress & Exhibition (Tokyo)



## ROLE OF IWA IN THE REGION



- Work towards building capacities of members on SDGs
- Continue to be knowledge hub for its members on all aspects of urban water management
- Address information asymmetries through better knowledge management and reaching out to members
- Promote Human Rights to Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation
- Advocate for water-wise Cities

## ASSOCIATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE WATER SECTOR

*“A small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history.”*

- Mahatma Gandhi

