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Water Environment Partnership in Asia

Brief Introduction of Water Environment Partnership in Asia (WEPA)



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What is WEPA?

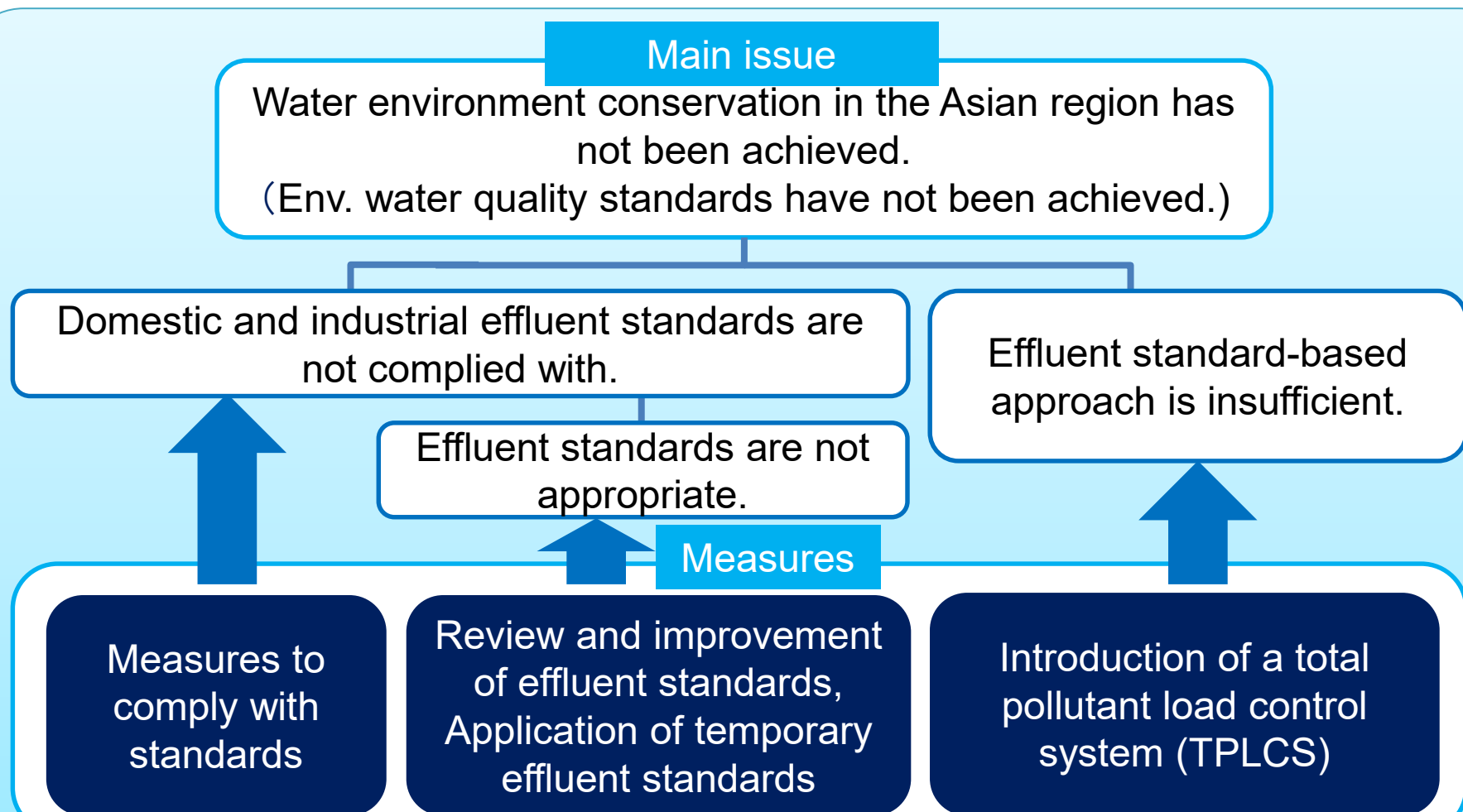
Water Environment Partnership in Asia (WEPA)

- WEPA is an initiative proposed by the Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ) in 2003 at the Third World Water Forum, and it became official in 2004;
- WEPA aims to improve water environmental governance in the region with full support of MOEJ. WEPA operates in a 5-year cycle and the fourth phase started in April 2019;
- WEPA currently consists of partners in 13 Asian countries.



Issues and Measures for Improving Water Governance in Asia

- There are two main reasons why water environment conservation in Asian region has not been achieved - (i) Low compliance with effluent standards (ii) Effluent standard-based approach is not sufficient enough to improve water quality
- Measures need to be taken according to each factor.



Key points for improving water governance

■ **Cooperation among stakeholders:**

WEPA is facilitating policy dialogues among different stakeholders in its Action Programs.

■ **Monitoring and improvement efforts through PDCA:**

WEPA, at its 4th Phase, is promoting capacity enhancement of government officials to ensure compliance with regulations to achieve water quality environmental standards.

■ **Partnerships among countries:**

WEPA has been facilitating knowledge exchange and dialogues among 13 member countries, thereby building capacity.

Priorities and Activities of the 3rd and 4th Phase (2014-)

Priority of the 3rd and 4th Phases for the Solutions

Framework of the Activities

Facilitating knowledge exchange and dialogues, thereby building capacity

and addressing critical issues by sharing experiences and providing support

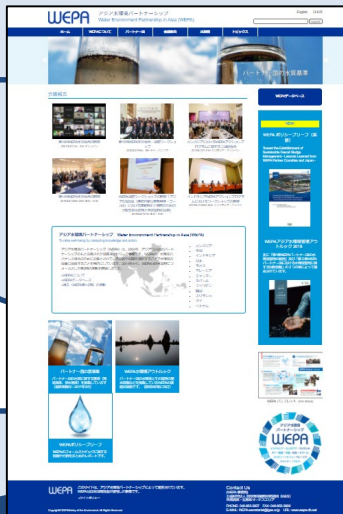


Group workshops

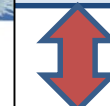
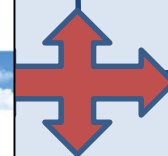
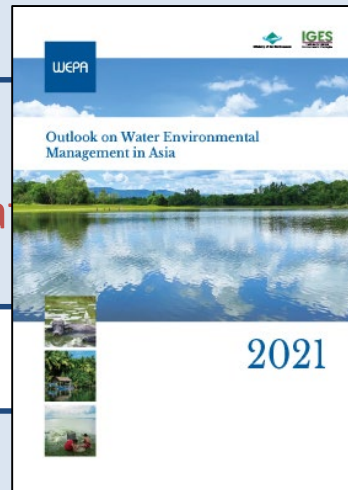
Annual Meetings

Bilateral Dialogues

Action Program



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Web-database

WEPA Outlook + Other Publications

Inputs to international conferences such as the World Water Forum

WEPA's Contributions to Improve Water Governance in Asia

- WEPA contributes to **raise the awareness and build technical capacity** to formulate appropriate policies/regulations
- WEPA supports the **countries' compliance** with their regulations
- WEPA encourages **policy coherence** through effective cross-sectoral coordination

Effectiveness
of policies &
regulations

Efficiency to
maximize the
benefits of
water and
sanitation
services

Multi-stakeholder
engagement

- WEPA produces, regularly update and timely shares relevant **data & information**
- WEPA facilitates the implementation of **innovative and good practices** through WEPA Action Programs

- WEPA adopts a **multi-stakeholder approach** to facilitate policy dialogues, networking, and capacity building for a variety of stakeholders.
- WEPA also facilitates **the science-policy interface** to contribute to better water governance
- **Monitoring & Evaluation:** Establishment of autonomous water environment administration through **the PDCA cycle**