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For Discussion on activities of the final year of WEPA 2nd phase and beyond

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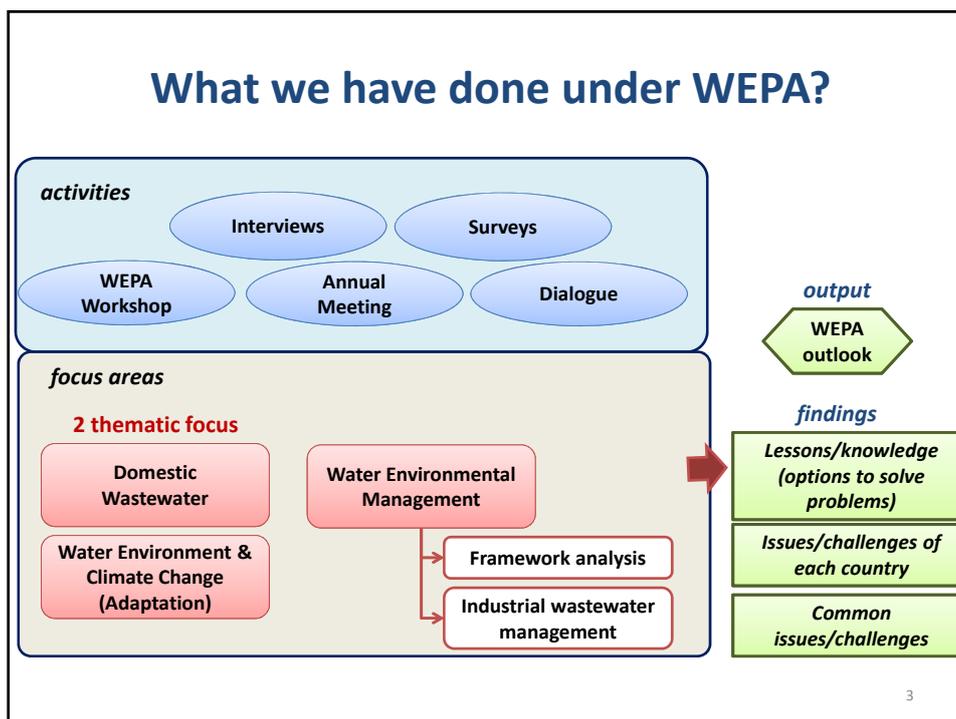
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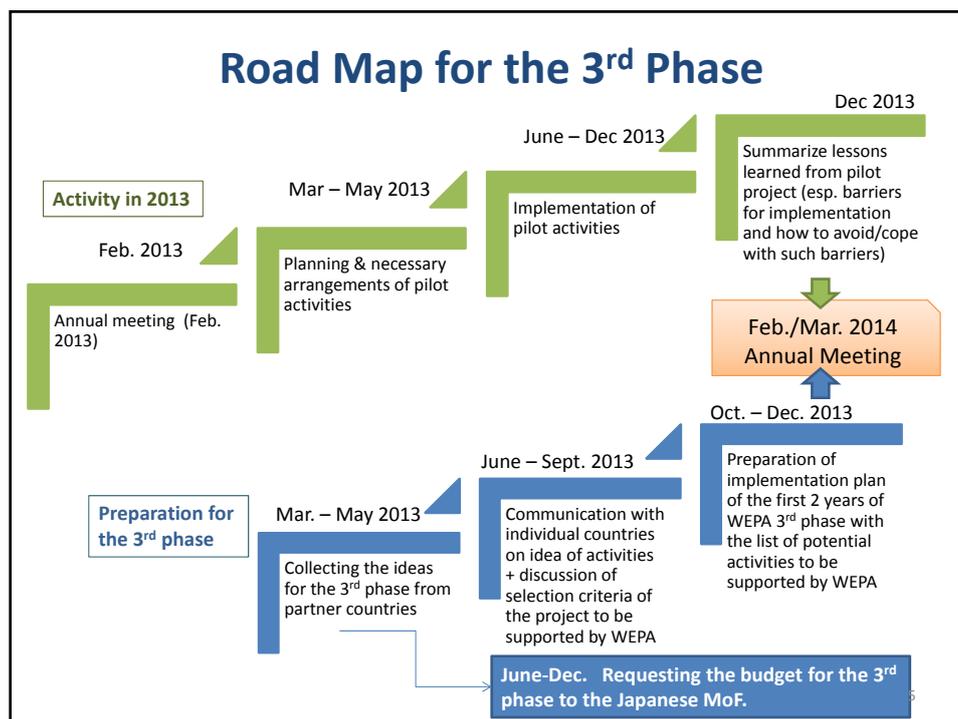
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Objectives of WEPA

1. Improvement of water environmental governance/management for better water environment in Asia
2. Capacity development of governmental officers through the exchange of knowledge among partner countries







Points to be considered for the WEPA 3rd Phase

1. Water Environmental management status and its improvement plan (WEMSIP) and solution-type approach

- In the 2nd phase, WEPA tried to find the problems/barriers which hinder promote “implementation (or enforcement)” of water environmental related regulations/rules.
- In the 3rd phase, WEPA would like each partner country to develop Water Environmental management status and its improvement plan (WEMSIP), which clearly demonstrate current status of water environment, its management and the problems/barriers.
- Then, WEPA will contribute improvement of water environment by providing our limited resources (fine-tuned capacity building and knowledge sharing opportunities) into the problems/barriers clearly stated in WEMSIP, which will be annually updated by each country at the occasion of WEPA annual meeting.

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2. “Mainstreaming water environment management” by send out the voice of WEPA to the international arena

- WEPA continues to collect experiences/knowledge of water environmental management among countries, that will be shared with non-partner countries/other regions through international/regional forums and by other means.
- There is a movement to locate water quality or wastewater treatment as one of the focus on the post-2015 international development goals on water. WEPA will try to send out its voice to the discussion on goal setting for the purpose of “mainstreaming” water environment management.
- If the post-2015 international development goals on water includes water quality/wastewater targets, WEPA will collect the information/knowledge of partner countries on the specific targets and disseminate it to the international arena.

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Today’s Discussion Points

Ideas for the final year of the WEPA 2nd phase

- comments for proposed activities
- idea of final outputs
- key points to be included in the WEPA final message
- how WEPA findings/message can be delivered to stakeholders in each partner countries (to receive wider audience)

Proposals and suggestions for the 3rd phase activities

- concrete idea of activities/topic for discussion
- idea of new knowledge sharing mechanisms among WEPA countries to facilitate lesson-learning among partner countries
- suggestions for selection criteria for the activities in a partner countries that will be supported by WEPA.

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