

Quick review on the result of the questionnaire

WEPA 8th Annual Meeting
19 Siem Reap, Cambodia

Purpose of the questionnaire

- To receive the comments from the WEPA partners on some discussion topics under Agenda 3.
- The questionnaire distributed to focal point persona or their proxy (in principle) in December 2012.
- The questionnaire consists of two part.
 - Part 1. Review of the 2nd phase
 - Part 2. Expectation for the 3rd phase
- We received the answers from 11 persons from 10 countries.

Respondents

Cambodia	Dr. Chrin Sokha, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia (FP of Cambodia)
China	Dr. Su Jing, Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences
Indonesia	Ms. Yun Insiani, Ministry of Environment
Laos	Dr. Souphasay Komany (FP of Laos) and Mr. Phengkhamla Phonvisai, MONRE
Malaysia	Dr. Suriyani Awang, NHRIM (FP org. of Malaysia)
Myanmar	Dr. Mu Mu Than, Department of Irrigation (FP org. of Malaysia)
Philippines (1)	Mrs. Erlinda Gonzales, EMB/DENR (FP of Malaysia)
Philippines (2)	Dr. Vicente Tuddao, Jr., River Basin Control Offic, DENR/Philippines
Sri Lanka	Dr. RMSK Ratnayake, Central Environment Authority (FP of Sri Lanka)
Thailand	Ms. Thiparpa Yolthantham, Pollution Control Department, MONRE (FP of Thailand)
Viet Nam	Dr. Nguyen Th Dong (FP of Viet Nam) and Dr. Do Nam Thang, VEA, MONRE

Questions

Part 1. Review of the 2nd phase

- What activities of WEPA or information provided by WEPA in the second phase (2009-2012) was useful for you? Why you think so?
- Was the theme selection of activities in the 2nd phase appropriate? Reason why?
- Have you accessed the WEPA database (web-site) in the second phase?
- Any comments for improvement of WEPA database in terms of accessibility and contents?
- Any other review comments are welcome for the 2nd phase.

Questions

Part 2. Expectation for the 3rd phase

- Benefit for your country to participate in WEPA as a regional knowledge-sharing network in terms of strengthening of water environmental management?
- Any lessons/Experiences of other WEPA member countries which could be referred to your future actions for water environmental conservation?
- Priority areas or topics or actions of water environmental management in your country. How do you think WEPA can contribute to the priority areas/topics/actions?
- Activities you are expecting to have under WEPA? (SPECIFIC examples of activities you are expecting to have under WEPA)
- Specific proposal, if any.
- Comments and suggestions for future WEPA activities beyond 2013

Answers

Part 1. Review of the 2nd phase

- **In general, the activities of the WEPA 2nd phase was welcomed by the partner countries.**
- **All respondents answered that the 2nd phase activities were useful and theme setting was appropriate.**
<Useful info.>
 - lessons earned on water environmental management in other countries.
 - domestic wastewater treatment –other countries' experiences
 - climate change. (But some of them say the topic is important, but some other say it is too early to discuss)
- **WEPA database is easily accessible and contents is OK.**
<Comments for improvement >
 - should be regularly updated.
 - be better to include technical and policy information more + climate change
 - be better to have the function to sort out the presentations/papers by topics

Answers

Part 2. Expectation for the 3rd (1)

- Benefit to be in WEPA as a regional network
 - knowledge sharing among partner countries, lessons from other countries
 - as a common platform to discuss the issue
- Any lessons/Experiences of other WEPA member countries could be referred
 - tariff structure/setting
 - pollution load based system already applied in some countries
 - NGO activities to promote water environmental conservation
 - technologies
- Priority areas or topics or actions, and possible contribution of WEPA
 - knowledge and information on the specific priority areas which includes water source conservation, (domestic) wastewater management in urban areas, industrial wastewater management, chemicals, pollution load control systems, new technologies, river classification, etc...
 - support to law/standard making/revision/implementation
 - capacity building

Answers

Part 2. Expectation for the 3rd phase (2)

- WEPA activities expected
 - WEPA dialogue (bilateral discussion on specific topic)
 - workshop/training
 - capacity development (local government, treatment plant staff, etc)
 - support to the actual project like clean-up/rehabilitation program of specific water bodies, community participation
 - discussion on one selected topic
 - more interactive and solution-oriented
 - need more mid-long term perspective to attain important objectives (e. g. till 2015 and beyond)
 - To be the leading mechanism by keeping the close engagement among Asian countries and other regions.
 - as a mediator on the conflicting issues of water management in member countries

Answers

Part 2. Expectation for the 3rd phase (3)

- Other comments
 - formulation of sub-committees on technologies, policies, and program where each country should be represented, which are responsible for assistance, identification, and recommendation of solutions in each country focused on committee concerns.

Expected activities from alternatives (each respondent can choose 3 items)

	Activities	
1	International workshop (with participation of all member countries)	4
2	Group workshop on specific topic (with 3-5 partner countries which have similar challenges) e.g. group workshop to develop a national water pollution control plan	3
3	Training or capacity development workshop for <u>national</u> government officials	2
4	Training or capacity development workshop for <u>local</u> government officials	3
5	Assist to the development of action plan for water environmental conservation/water quality improvement	4
6	Dispatch of experts from other member countries to support specific actions/program for water quality improvement (up to 6 months)	3
7	Support to develop training materials on specific topics, including translation to local languages)	2
8	Study tour to one of the WEPA member countries on specific topic (objective) e.g. study tour for the development of new legislation on specific topic	3
9	Quick survey/research on specific problems/issues	6
10	Awareness raising of local industries/resident	2