

## **NEW THINKING ON WATER GOVERNANCE**

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Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy  
National University of Singapore, Singapore

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The Institute of Water Policy at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore and the Asian Development Bank are convening a major conference to promote a new way of thinking on water governance. We invite papers which offer a fresh approach to thinking, challenges conventional wisdom and offers path breaking and novel solutions to old problems. Conceptual, theoretical, modeling and empirical work are welcome.

The Institute of Water Policy defines water governance broadly as the set of water laws, policies, programs and projects adopted by a country or a State to develop and manage its water resources to meet the current and future needs of its population. Good water governance implies that these laws, policies, programs and projects are effective, efficient, equitable, sustainable and are consistent with the Dublin Principles. Indicators of water governance consists of, among others: 1) water legislations which are updated, integrated and based on river-basin assessments; 2) policies that define water rights, quality standards, ground water use, demand management, resource conservation, participation by various sectors at all levels of society; and clearly defined responsibilities for water sector functions; 3) effective water regulatory agencies and neutral apex bodies as well as autonomous and accountable water service providers; 4) decentralized

operation and maintenance to water user associations; and 5) policies that promote cost recovery tariffs and tariffs that reward conservation and penalize waste.

## **PARTICIPANTS**

The following participants are expected to attend the conference: 1) thought leaders on water governance; 2) representatives of national water sector apex bodies; 3) governance / institutional experts of water utilities, river basin organizations, and irrigation water service providers; water regulatory bodies; water project managers with strong institutional background; 4) former water, finance, and planning ministers; 5) legislators in charge of water and environmental legislations; and 6) other leaders, practitioners and researchers on the topic, from central and local governments, water organizations, private sector, academe, think tanks and civil society.

## **FUNDING AND VISA**

Invited participants will be provided with a roundtrip economy class air ticket on the most direct flight to Singapore along with taxi fares to and from the airport as well as meals and accommodation in Singapore from July 1 to 4. Participants are responsible for securing their own visas to Singapore. The Institute of Water Policy will provide official invitations that can be used to apply for visas.

## **SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

An abstract of no more than 300 words should be submitted on or before May 20, 2009 and full papers not later than June 20, 2009. Please email submissions to Dr. Rita Padawangi: [ritapd@nus.edu.sg](mailto:ritapd@nus.edu.sg).

## **PUBLICATION**

Selected papers will be considered for publication either in a journal or book edition.

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