

Bangladesh Water Partnership Monthly Report April 2015

BWP has implemented the following activity under core program.

1. Training of Trainers (ToT) Course on “Concept and Practice of Integrated Water Resources Management”



[Opening remark by Mr. Shahidul Hassan,
President of BWP]



Awarding of certificate among the participants

Bangladesh Water Partnership in association with Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services (CEGIS) organized a Training of Trainers (ToT) course on “Concept and Practice of Integrated Water Resources Management” from 29th March to 2nd April 2015 in Dhaka. The purpose of the training programme was to introduce the concept of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and its principles to the water managers, experts, academicians from different organizations and universities of Bangladesh. The program’s aimed to aid the policymakers considering the importance of IWRM in country perspective.

The inaugural session of the training was held at CEGIS conference room on 29th March. This session was chaired by Engr. Md. Waji Ullah, Executive Director of CEGIS. In this session, Dr. Dilruba Ahmed, Director, Socio-economic and Institutional Division, CEGIS welcomed to the participants and the distinguished guests. Afterwards, an introductory speech was delivered by the Chief Guest, Mr. Md. Shahidul Hassan, President of BWP. The Special Guest Mr. Istiaq Uddin Ahmed, Country Representative of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) also delivered his valuable speech. At the end of the inaugural session, the Chairperson of the event delivered his speech.

A total number of 28 lectures on different relevant topics of IWRM were covered in the 5 days long training programme. The sequence of lectures was designed from introductory level to particular topics so that one can easily understand the basics of IWRM, its extensions to other sectors and debate on the issue from both national and global levels.

Nineteen (19) participants of different disciplines with diverse experience participated in the Training Programme from different organizations such as Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI), Bangladesh Forest Department (BFD), Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA), Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB), Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI), Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB), Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services (CEGIS), Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE), Department of Environment (DoE), Department of Fisheries (DoF), Dhaka WASA, Institute of Water and Flood Management (IWFM), Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology (BUET), Institute of Water Modeling (IWM), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Khulna University, Local Government Engineering Department (LGED).

The closing ceremony was held at CEGIS premises on 2nd April 2015. The Honorable Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, Dr. Zafar Ahmed Khan was kind enough to attend the closing ceremony. After successful completion of the five days long training programme the participants were given Certificates of Completion along with necessary training materials.

❖ **Participations : Outside activities of BWP**

1. 4th Asia Pacific Youth Parliament for Water (APYPW)

The 4th APYPW program was held in advance to the 7th World Water Forum from 8 to 11 April jointly at the World Water Forum Pavilion and The House of Korean Culture in Andong city, Republic of Korea. Ms. Mukta Akter, Executive Secretary of Bangladesh Water Partnership and Youth Focal Point of GWP-South Asia participated in the program as an observer from 9 April due to flight delay.



The 4th APYPW aimed to develop young professionals in the field of water and to drive them to set positions as future water leaders by encouraging active youth participation in global

water and environmental activities. This year a total number of 89 university students from 22 countries in Asia Pacific region participated in the event. Every year Korea Water Forum (KWF) organizes this program on water education to raise awareness among the youth. The program was enriched with various sessions and activities including field trip in Buyongdae and Hahoe Folk Village in Andong city.



The following are the outcome of the 4th APYPW:

- The 4th APYPW helped the participants to increase their awareness on both national and global water problems and strengthen youth networks to address the environmental crisis.
- The 4th APYPW developed four commission considering different themes.
- This program brought diverse water issues and pursued in finding solutions through interactive discussions.
- The President and two vice Presidents have been elected through a formal voting procedure.
- The 4th APYPW adopted a declaration on water and submission to the relevant ministries, organizations and communities.

2. 7th World Water Forum (WWF)

The 7th World Water Forum was held from 12 April to 17 April in Daegu & Gyeongju, Korea. The Forum was a unique multi stakeholder platform where the water community and the policy and decision makers from all regions of the world worked together to find joint solutions of water. Every three years, it mobilizes creativity, innovation, and know-how around water can manage in a sustainable way. It is the largest international event which seeks to advance the cause of water. It shares and discusses solutions to water related challenges as well as set future directions for water for future world.

From GWP-South Asia Dr. Lam Dorji, Chair, Bhutan Water Partnership participated as the GWP-South Asia representative for the session of Food Security at the WWF 2015. Ms. Priyanka Dessenayke, Regional Coordinator, GWP-South Asia participated in the forum and represented the chair of GWP-South Asia. Ms. Mukta Akter, Youth Focal Point of GWP- SAS participated as a youth participant.



In the 7th World Water Forum, Ms. Mukta Akter actively participated in various youth sessions like Interactive Gaming, Roadmap session, Innovative practices, Bridging framework sessions etc. She opened that the sessions were very interactive which helped youth participants to have a clear view to aim their goal for a sustainable water secure world. During the forum, Ms. Mukta Akter was also invited in a dinner by GWP delegation and introduced with GWP Pan-Asia Team.



The most exciting & encouraging news for GWP-SAS is that during the forum the media recorded Ms. Mukta's interview which was considered one of three selected and most exclusive videos in the closing ceremony of 7th WWF 2015. The link is given below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xzIplEaKVyE&feature=youtu.be>