**Founding partners**
1. Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)
2. International Water Association (IWA)
3. PUB Singapore
4. Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Tropical Medicine and Public Health Network (SEAMEO TROPMED)
5. United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT)
6. United States Agency for International Development Environmental Cooperation-Asia (USAID ECO-Asia)
7. World Health Organization (WHO)

**ASIA-PACIFIC WATER SAFETY PLAN NETWORK**

A group of stakeholders that promotes the widespread implementation of drinking-water safety plans in the region.

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Mission
To contribute to a significant reduction in the waterborne disease burden in the Asia-Pacific region by promoting water safety plans to achieve reliable, consistent and equitable supplies of safe drinking water, through information dissemination, knowledge sharing and support for capacity-building.

Specific activities of the Network and its members will evolve over time, based on continuing research, experience and lessons learnt.

About Water Safety Plans
Water Safety Plans refer to the systematic approach of risk assessment and risk management of all steps in water supply from catchment to consumer to consistently ensure the safety of drinking-water supplies. The promotion of WSPs is a key recommendation of the 3rd Edition of the WHO Guidelines for Drinking-Water Quality that shifts the emphasis from single-point water quality testing to a more preventive approach.

Network Objectives
1) Advocacy. The Network will seek to promote and facilitate the inclusion of the Water Safety Plan (WSP) approach as part of national water strategies, along with its implementation by water service providers.
2) Communication. The Network will be a forum and vehicle to exchange information and knowledge about the implementation of WSPs in the region.
3) Research. The Network will promote and support the investigation and evaluation of the impact of WSPs on the supply of safe drinking-water.
4) Implementation. The Network will seek to support implementation of WSPs through the facilitation of partnerships, as well as resource sharing and knowledge sharing.

Participation in the Network is open to interested stakeholders (water and sanitation service providers, environmental and health professionals, policy-makers, regulators, academia, community and industry groups, and others) that agree to the Network’s objectives and who are willing to commit themselves to achieve these objectives.

Why Should You Join?
Participants in the Network will enjoy many benefits. A participant will:
• be connected to a global Network of WSP experts, including senior officials, programme implementers, researchers and on-the-ground practitioners
• receive the latest news on WSP projects, meetings, and events through the Network website
• receive guidance on implementation approaches
• discuss emerging issues
• have partnerships or collaborative activities facilitated
• find out who is active where and engage with those who have faced similar challenges
• have your work disseminated and highlighted in Network communications material, and
• have a voice in Network meetings and input into the annual workplan.