

**INTEGRATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN ASIAN CITIES**  
**LUNCHEON TALK DURING THE WORLD WATER DAY CELEBRATION, 2014**  
**Bangkok, Friday 21 March 2014, 12:30-14:00 hours**  
**Foyer, United Nations Conference Centre**

**Description**

The rapid urbanisation of the Asia-Pacific region entails the risk of widening supply gaps, in particular for water supply and sanitation systems, energy supply, land use and food security. However, the majority of cities/municipal administrations and municipal utilities in Asia-Pacific continue to plan and manage along sectoral lines and rarely in a coordinated manner. Consequently they are not able to fully utilise the interaction and synergies between water, energy and food security and the potential co-benefits arising from integrated resource management and planning. The nexus approach, aims at integrated planning and management processes of the key sectors of energy, water and food security, and this can contribute substantially to the long-term sustainable development of rapidly growing cities. It is crucial, in this context, to involve municipal and regional actors and utilities towards more integrated planning and management of the nexus sectors. To respond to these needs, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) are implementing the project “Integrated resource management in Asian Cities: the urban nexus”. The project will support ten cities in six countries: China, Indonesia, Mongolia, Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam.

The luncheon panel discussion will discuss key challenges and opportunities and share the results from the project, in relation to integrated resource management in cities in Asia and the Pacific, and the relevance of and opportunities for a nexus approach for sustainable urban development in the region.

**The discussion will be guided by the following questions**

- What is the relevance of the nexus between energy, water and food security for cities in Asia-Pacific?
- What are the key urban challenges in terms of integrated resource management and how can a nexus approach help address them?
- What technology solutions are available and what are the challenges and opportunities for their adoption?
- What national policy framework and institutional relationships are required to enable urban nexus initiatives on the ground to succeed?

**Tentative programme**

Time	Topic	Presenter
12:35 -12:55	Maximizing Urban Nexus Opportunities in the Asia-Pacific Region	Donovan Storey, Chief, Sustainable Urban Development Section, ESCAP
12:55-13:15	Integrated Resource Management in Asian Cities: The Urban Nexus	Ruth Erlbeck, Coordinator Sustainable Urban Development, GIZ
13:15-13:30	Relevance of Urban Nexus approach in Asia Pacific	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Angelina Victoria M. Ferrer, Baguio City, Philippines</li> <li>- Mr. Lawrence Surendra, Chairman, The Sustainability Platform, India</li> </ul>
13:30 -13:55	Discussion	