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Singapore Water Exchange (SgWX)
Water Utilities Series

Uncovering Water Opportunities in Bangladesh

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2:00pm– 3:30pm SGT (GMT +8)

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About this webinar

Bangladesh is a densely populated country with 168 million people. The WHO estimates that 97% of the people of Bangladesh have access to water but only 40% have proper sanitation. The availability of water fluctuates throughout the year, with the warmer season bringing large amounts of water in frequent monsoons and the cooler season bringing drought. The Government is trying to improve rainwater capture and access to safe drinking water. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has brought about added challenges. Now more than ever, having access to safe water is critical to the health of Bangladeshis.

The World Bank supports initiatives and provides funding to promote regional collaboration to improve water resources management in Bangladesh. This webinar presents the water challenges faced by Bangladesh and the opportunities for infrastructure improvement and technology deployment to tackle these challenges.

Why you should attend

Learn about Bangladesh's long-term plans and discover new opportunities.

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PROGRAMME

2:00pm	Welcome Remarks by PUB
2:05pm	Introduction of Speaker Moderator: Mr Vinod Singh, SWA Council Member, Director of Growth and Sales (Asia), Director of Digital, Data and Cyber (Asia), JACOBS
2:10pm	Dhaka WASA Turnaround Program and Project Management Speaker: Mr Taqsem Khan, Managing Director & CEO of Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (DWASA), Bangladesh
2:35pm	PPP wastewater projects in Bangladesh Speaker: Ms Sultana Afroz, Honorable Secretary and CEO of PPP Authority, Bangladesh
2:50pm	Bangladesh: Prospects for Water and Sanitation Sector Speaker: Mr Takuya Kamata, Practice Manager, South Asia Water II Unit, Water Global Practice, The World Bank
3:05pm	Questions and Answers
3:25pm	Round up by Moderator
3:30pm	End of Webinar

Guest Speaker



Mr Taqsem A. Khan
Managing Director and CEO,
Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (WASA), Bangladesh

Taqsem Khan is the Managing Director and CEO of Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (WASA), Taqsem has 40 years of vast management experience. He obtained his Master's in Mechanical Engineering from Moscow, USSR in 1981, and started his professional career with PHILIPS Bangladesh Ltd. as Production Engineer. From 1988 to 1998 Taqsem worked in the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR, B), as Chief Engineer. Prior to joining WASA in 2009, Taqsem was involved with different NGOs in USA and Bangladesh from 1999 to 2008 and also worked as Senior Management Consultant in a Management Training Company.

Guest Speaker



Ms Sultana Afroz
Honorable Secretary and CEO of Public Private
Partnership Authority (PPPA), Bangladesh

Sultana Afroz was previously the Additional Secretary and Chief of United Nations Wing at Economic Relations Division (ERD) in the Ministry of Finance. She also served as a diplomat (Economic Counsellor) in the Bangladesh Embassy, Rome. Ms Afroz obtained her Master's degree in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government (KSG), Harvard University, USA in 1996.

Guest Speaker



Mr Takuya Kamata
Practice Manager, South Asia Water II Unit,
Water Global Practice, The World Bank

Mr Takuya Kamata is a Water Global Practice Manager for the South Asia Region in the World Bank. He oversees over \$1.5 billion of lending programs. Mr Kamata has broad work experiences in infrastructure sectors at the World Bank. He had stints at McKinsey & Co. and the Bank of Tokyo.

Moderator



Mr Vinod Singh
Director of Growth and Sales (Asia)
Director of Digital, Data and Cyber (Asia), JACOBS

Mr Vinod Singh has more than 25 years of experience, and has provided technical, managerial, and business leadership in water, wastewater and city infrastructure sectors in Asia Pacific, ASEAN, India and the ME region, based out of Singapore. For the past 15 years, Vinod has served various senior management roles in global water including including Jacobs (CH2M Hill), Black & Veatch and CDM. He holds a postgraduate degree in civil/environmental engineering, and a postgraduate diploma in IT/Digital Management in AEC (Architect, Engineering and Construction) Industry, from Salford University.

About SgWX Water Utilities Series

The SgWX Water Utilities Series is co-organised by the Singapore Water Exchange and the Singapore Water Association. The webinar provides a platform for the water industry to interact with overseas utilities and regulators, understand their challenges and identify business opportunities.

About the Singapore Water Exchange

The Singapore Water Exchange (SgWX), managed by PUB, Singapore's National Water Agency, is a purpose-built infrastructure to provide an integrated and conducive environment for water companies to innovate and collaborate. Launched in Jul 2018, SgWX offers a variety of collaborative spaces to serve as a launchpad for companies to grow their businesses in the region and beyond.

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About the Singapore Water Association

The Singapore Water Association established since 2004 envisions to create a vibrant and dynamic water industry in Singapore. Its members have grown from an initial 9 founding members to almost 300 members. Singapore Water Association has been instrumental in profiling and promoting Singapore as a pivotal regional hub for all water-related services and water technologies, by providing a platform to build effective networking, facilitate opportunities for collaboration, and foster the exchange of ideas and knowledge amongst member companies.

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