

Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) systems strengthening for Asia

The Asian Development Bank (ADB), in collaboration with International Research Center for Water and Sanitation (IRC WASH), is launching an online training course entitled “*Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) systems strengthening for Asia*,” to be held in September and October 2023.

Why WASH systems strengthening?

Ensuring sustainable WASH services requires holistic thinking and strong systems. When WASH systems are strong, they can deliver sustainable safe water and sanitation services to everyone. When they are weak, services (and related WASH behaviours) are poor and unreliable, or fail altogether which leaves people without access to safe water and sanitation.

Systems strengthening is the process of improving the overall performance and sustainability of WASH services and infrastructure. This involves enhancing the capacities of government agencies, service providers and communities to plan, design, finance, construct, operate and maintain WASH facilities and services effectively and efficiently. It also includes improving the enabling environment, such as legal and regulatory frameworks, financing mechanisms, and institutional arrangements, to support the delivery of WASH services. The goal of systems strengthening is to ensure long-term access to safe and sustainable WASH services for all.

Training Components

The training will include the following:

- Online course via IRC’s WASH Systems Academy that is self-paced and self-guided, available in English and Russian (estimated minimum duration of 8 hours).
- Three live webinars on 7th, 14th and 21st September 2023
- Two-day in-person/hybrid workshop in ADB HQ, Manila (12th–13th October 2023).
- Individual/ group exercise ‘Building your case’



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Who Can Join

ADB staff and executing and implementing agencies, primarily in the WASH and Health sector.

Up to 50 participants from water sector agencies will be enrolled in the program. Two participants per agency will be selected to participate in the in-person training, with other participants being able to join remotely. Priority will be given to participants from Mongolia, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Uzbekistan. ADB project officers and staff are encouraged to join their respective EA/IAs throughout the course.



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