In the past few years, a group of Science Academies has been working effortlessly to stimulate Science Academies of the world to work collaboratively on water related issues. Since 2006 the IAP Water Program has organized several regional water workshops throughout the globe, bringing together water experts from more than 60 countries. As a result of these efforts IANAS established a very active regional water program in the Americas, NASAC decided to create a regional water program in Africa, the Asian Academies managed to organize a good number of workshops in coordination with the AASA Clean Water Program, and Europe organized a few successful workshops too.

This has been a part of the contributions of the Science Academies of the world to help cope with target 7c of the Millennium Development Goal: to reduce by half the portion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation by the year 2015. As we look at the Progress on Drinking Water and Sanitation Update 2012 recently issued by UNICEF and the World Health Organization, we see that although the target for drinking water has been met in 2010, there are still 780 million people in the globe without access to an improved drinking water source. In spite of the achievements listed in the report, huge regional disparities persist and even the figures that are presented require a more critical analysis. As recognized in the report, it is likely that the number of people using safe water supplies has been over-estimated. With regards to sanitation, the world is unlikely to meet the MDG target. In summary, as showed in the report, much has already been achieved, but the job is far from finished.

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08:00 - 08:20	Opening Ceremony
08:20 - 10:00	Session 01   Extending Global Access to Clean Water and Sanitation: an Unpostponable Commitment Chair: Osiris de León (Dominican Republic) Rapporteur: Sandra Azevedo (Brazil)
	Albert Rugumayo (Uganda) Carlos Tucci (Brazil) Corinne Schuster- Wallace (INWEH-UNU)
10:00 - 10:20	coffee break
10:20 - 12:00	Session 02   More with Less: Managing Water for Agriculture Chair: Daniela Mercedes Arellano Acosta (Cuba) Rapporteur: Fernando Spilki (Brazil) Silvio Crestana (Brazil)
	Chandrakant Damodar Thatte (India) Jean-Marie Fritsch (France)
12:00 - 14:00	lunch
14:00 - 15:40	Session 03   Water Governance for Development and Sustainability Chair: Rivka Kfir (South Africa) Rapporteur: Eduardo Mario Mendiondo (Brazil) Salif Diop (UNEP) Raúl Lopardo (Argentina)
	Masahisa Nakamura (ILEC)
15:40 - 16:00	Masahisa Nakamura (ILEC) coffee break
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08:30 - 10:10	Session 05   Water for Economic Growth and Development Chair: Mathias Fru Fonteh (Cameroon) Rapporteur: Ivanildo Hespanhol (Brazil)  Henry Vaux (USA) Ramón Llamas (Spain) Salmah Zakaria (Malaysia)	
10:10 - 10:30	coffee break	
10:30 - 12:10	Session 06   Managing Water in Urban Areas and Metropolitan Regions: an Ever-Growing Challenge Chair: Katherine Vammen (Nicaragua) Rapporteur: Francisco Barbosa (Brazil)  Ricardo Sandoval Minero (Mexico) Christopher Magadza (Zimbabwe) Henning Steinicke (Germany)	
12:10 - 14:00	lunch	
14:00 - 15:40	Session 07   Climate Change and Adaptive Water Management: Challenges for a Changing World Chair: Hugo Hidalgo (Costa Rica) Rapporteur: Jose Antonio Marengo Orsini (Brazil)  Jun Xia (China) Richard Graham Taylor (UK) Walter Rast (ILEC)	
15:40 - 16:00	coffee break	
16:00 - 17:40	Session 08   Mining and Water Resources: Coping with the Impacts Chair: Julio Kuroiwa (Peru) Rapporteur: Renato Ciminelli (Brazil)  Daniel Olago (Kenya) Virginia Ciminelli (Brazil) Marine Nalbandyan (Armenia)	

08:30 - 10:10	Session 09   Challenges for Sustainable Groundwater Management Chair: Ernesto Brown (Chile) Rapporteur: Ricardo Hirata (Brazil)  Robert Gillham (Canada) Cheikh Bécaye Gaye (Senegal) Uri Shamir (Israel)
10:10 - 10:30	coffee break
10:30 - 12:10	Session 10   Ecohydrology: an Ecosystem Approach to Water Management Chair: Ernesto González (Venezuela) Rapporteur: Carlos Eduardo de Mattos Bicudo (Brazil) José Tundisi (Brazil) Katarzyna Izydorczyk (Poland) Sunita Facknath (Mauritius)
12:10 - 14:00	lunch
14:00 - 15:00	Session 11   IAP Water Program: the Experience, Challenges and Opportunities Chair: Christiane Diehl (Germany) Rapporteur: Marcos Cortesão B. Scheuenstuhl (Brazil) José Tundisi (Brazil) Katarzyna Izydorczyk (Poland) Alexander Zinoviev (Russia) Rivka Kfir (South Africa)
15:00 - 16:30	<b>Working Groups</b>   Looking Into Possibilities of Regional Collaboration
16:30 - 16:50	coffee break
16:50 - 17:50	<b>Plenary Session</b>   Science Academies Working Together to Enhance Water Management Capa- city in the Developing World
17:50 - 18:00	Closing Ceremony
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