

Statement at CSD13 by Japan about IWRM on 12th April 2005

Thank you Chairperson. I will finish in the green light.

As Mr. Lenton mentioned, the plan of implementation of WSSD suggests to develop IWRM and water efficiency plan by 2005. Japan suggests that policy decision for each countries in this regard will be to initiate the IWRM planning as its first step with cooperation of regional framework.

For example, in Asian Monsoon countries, they have common natural and social backgrounds, rainy and rice crops and so on. Regional network such as Network of Asian River Basin Organization (NARBO) plays significant role for plan of IWRM in the region by sharing the experience and information and by coordinating capacity building in the member countries.

Thank you.