

International Flood Network (IFNet)

November 26, 2002

at

Constitutive Meeting of the Network of
Transboundary Basin Organizations
Thonon-les-bains, France

IFNet Preparatory Unit
“Water In Rivers” Secretariat

Background

Overview of Flood Damage

Flood as Global Issue

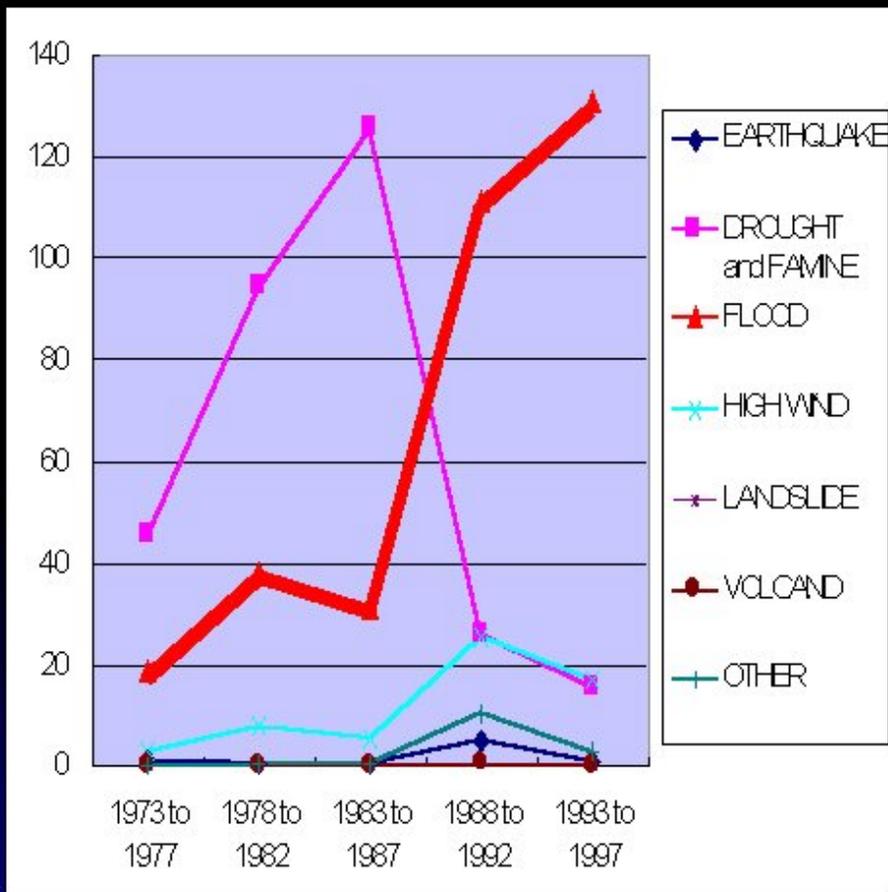
Activities for the 3rd World Water Forum

Necessity of Establishing Network



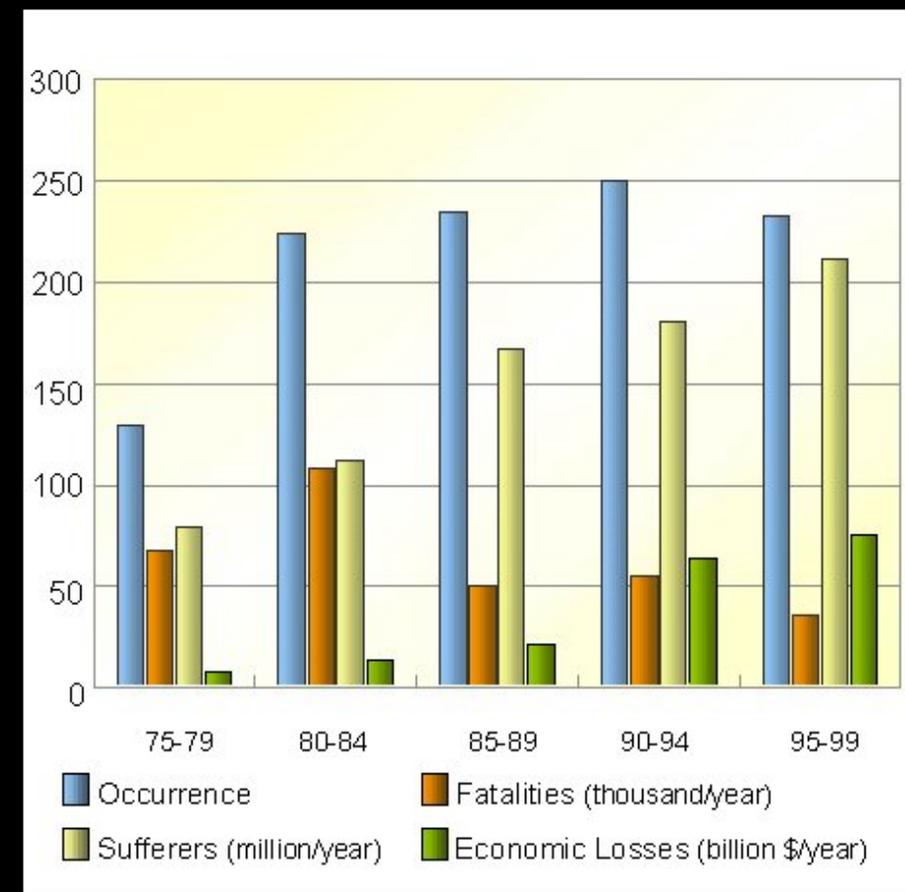
- Overview of Flood Damage -

Fig.-1 Affected by type of disaster and by period (1973~1997)



Source : CRED, "World Disasters Report 1999"

Fig.-2 Average occurrence and damage of natural disasters (1975~1999)



Source : Asian Disaster Reduction Center, "Data book of Asian Natural Disasters in the 20th Century"

- Flood as Global Issue -

- Flood has not been picked up seriously as a global issue because it was regional issues.
- Flood is paid considerable attention from the viewpoint of “natural disaster and poverty”.

- Flood related Activities & Organizations -

- River Basin Management & Flood Control: MLIT, Japan
- Hazard Mapping: WMO/ESCAP Typhoon Committee
- Associated Program of Flood Management (APFM): WMO - GWP
- Flood Strategy for Mekong River: Mekong River Committee
- Flooding and Poverty: ADB - JICA

- Necessity of Establishing Network -

- It is necessary to consolidate the suggestions among flood-related activities so as to be adopted as the international agenda on WWF3.
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Idea of IFNet

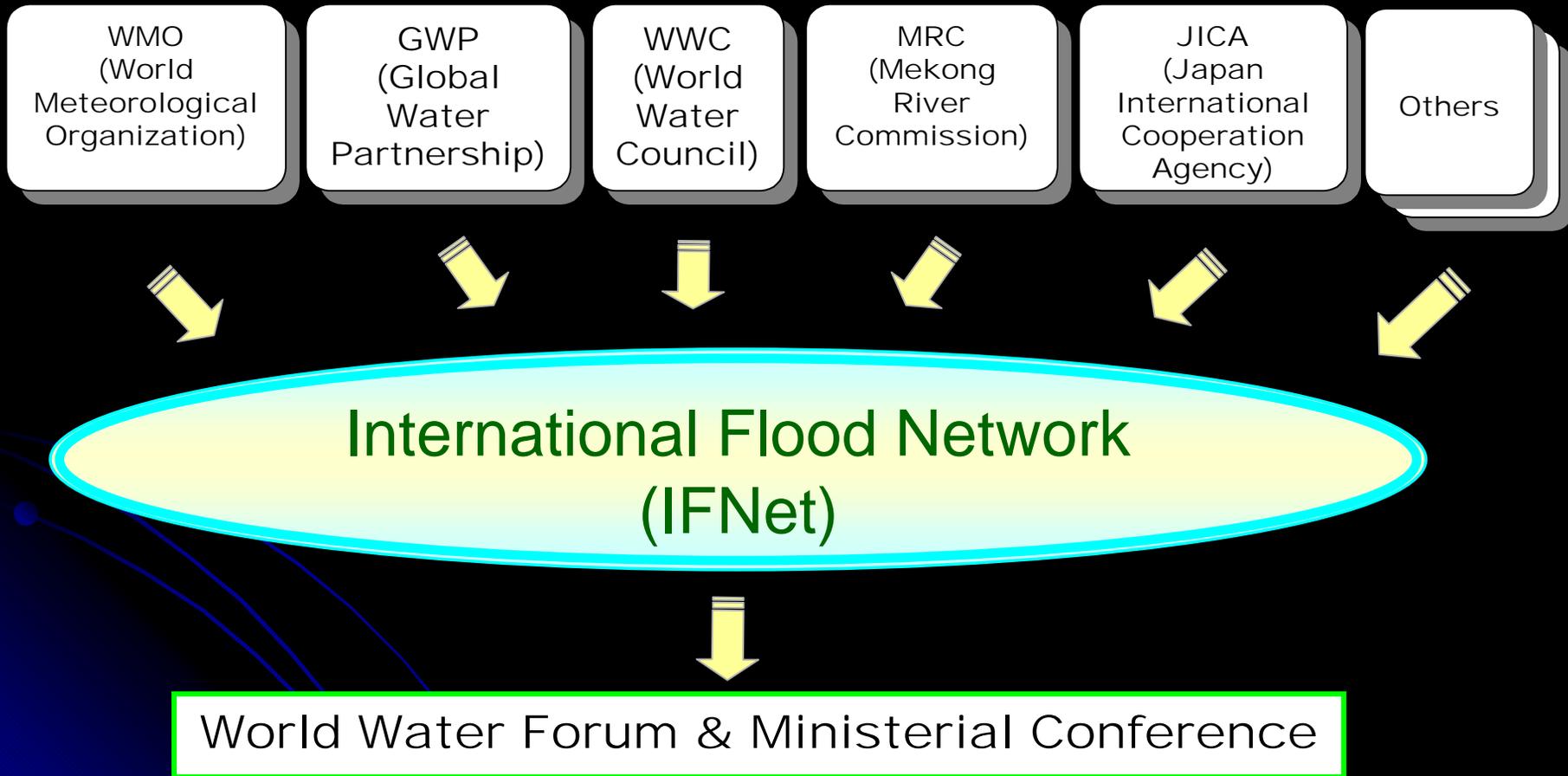
< Objectives >

- Establishing floods high on the international agenda.
- Assisting activities to break the vicious circle of poverty and environmental degradation caused by floods and lead to a safe and secure life from a global viewpoint.

< Activities >

- **Exchanging information**, experience, technical knowledge and future plans among international organizations, national governments, the private sector and non-governmental organizations.
- **Raising public awareness of floods** by compiling and disseminating information and views on such as health, ecology, food production, culture, education, gender etc.
- **Feeding the recommendations of “Floods” group through to the Ministerial Conference of World Water Forum** to establish floods high on the international agenda.

International Flood Network Image



< Participation >

- **No pre-requisite for participation**
- Open to representatives of governments, institute, NGOs, individuals, etc.
- Desirable that prospective participants have a programme of flood-related activities.

Schedule for Establishment of IFNet

20 & 21 May 2002
(The Hague)

The 1st Preparatory Meeting

30 August 2002
(Johannesburg)

IFNet Pre Meeting in WSSD

10-13 September 2002
(Beijing)

Second International Symposium of
Flood Defense

22-26 September, 2002
(Dhaka)

Workshop on Water and Poverty

October 2002
(Manila)

Regional Workshop by JICA & ADB

November 2002
(Kyoto)

The 2nd Preparatory Meeting

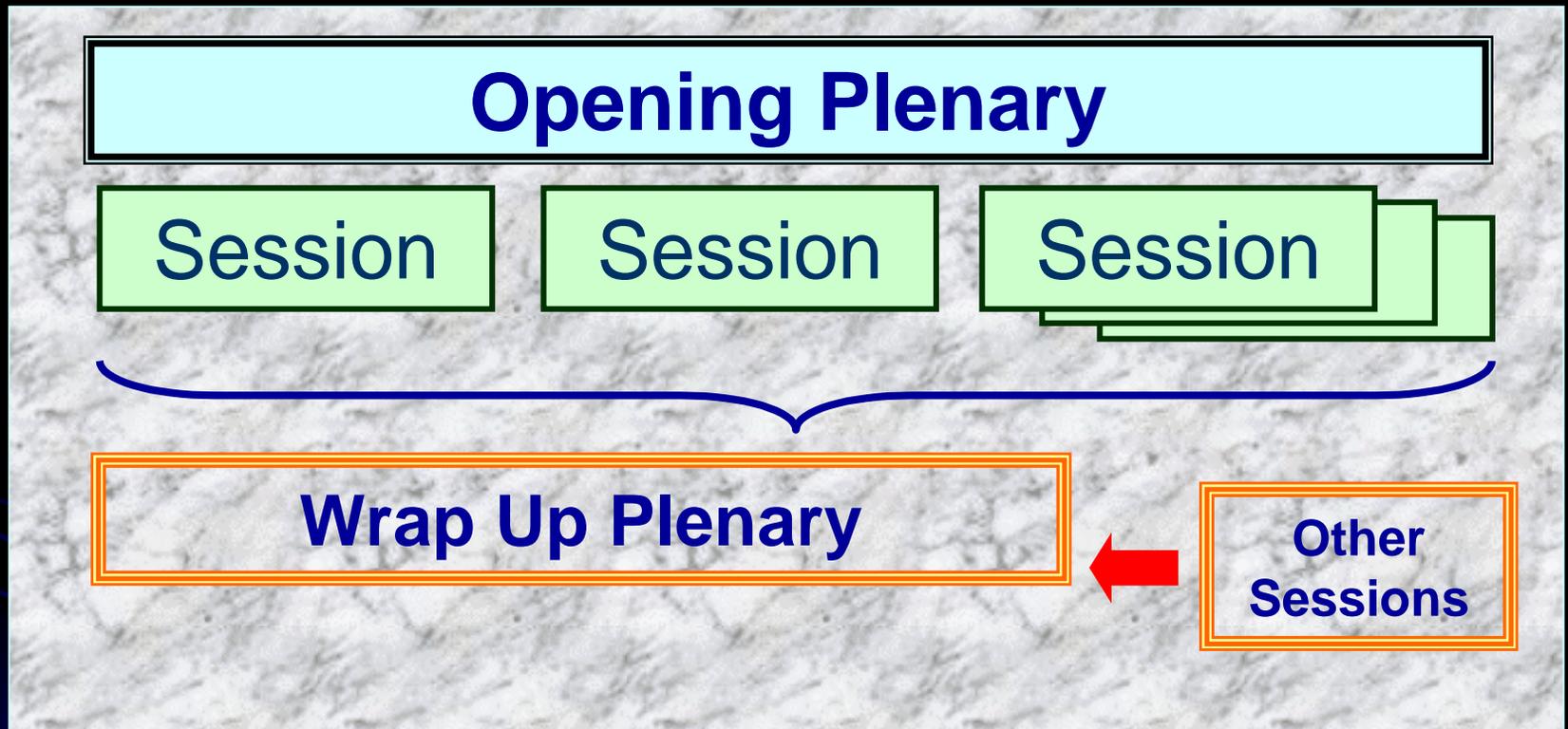
March 2003
(Kyoto)

Session on “Floods” at the WWF3
Establishment of IFNet

“Floods” group in WWF3

	Session Title	Convener
1	International Flood Network	Mr. Ryosuke KIKUCHI
2	Integrated Flood Management	Mr. Arthur ASKEW
3	Cities and Flood Risks	Mr. Mihir BAHATT
4	Dialogue on Mitigation on Recurrent Floods in Cities	Mr. Carlos TUCCI
5	Flood Mitigation in Urban Areas	Mr. San Hwang JIN
6	Flood Vulnerability Reduction and the People	Dr. Q. K. AHMAD
7	Poverty and Flooding	Mr. Eiji OTSUKI / Mr. Ian FOX
8	Integrated Flood Management in Vulnerable Delta Regions	Mr. Anne van Urk Mr. Dick de Bruin
9	Flood Mitigation	Mr. Ryosuke KIKUCHI
10	Flood Warning Dissemination	Mr. Hans C. AMMENTORP
11	Sediment-related Issues	Mr. Masao OKAMOTO
12	Spatial Development on Water and Wetlands in Europe (SPID'O)	Mr. Chris ZEVENERGEN
13	The flood control measure over the Kamo River in Kyoto, a Historical City	Kyoto Prefectural Government

Session on “Floods” at WWF3



Feed information and recommendations through to the Ministerial Conference.

Schedule after Establishment

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| September, 2003 | Follow-up Meeting to WWF3 |
| March, 2004 | The 1 st Preparatory Meeting for the WWF4 |
| March, 2005 | The 2 nd Preparatory Meeting for the WWF4 |
| • Summer/Autumn 2005 | Regional Meeting |
| November, 2005 | Advance Meeting for WWF4 |
| March, 2006 | WWF4 |

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