



RUNNING DRY – Does the ADB stand for “Water for All”?

Book Launching and discussion

17th March 2006 at the

International Forum in the Defense of Water

Time: 15:00 to 16:30

Venue: Main Building Sindicato de Telefonistas de la República Mexicana (Villalongin 50, Col. Cuauhtémoc)

“Running Dry” is a critical analysis of the ADB Water Policy, “Water for all,” based on six detail case studies on the Asian Development Bank’s involvement in Cambodia, Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh. This was the Civil Society submission to the ADB Water Policy Implementation review conducted from July- Nov 2005, and published in December 2005.

The document shows that ADB’s approach to full cost recovery, private sector participation and tradable water rights deprive the poor access to water. ADB’s Policy does not recognize traditional water management approaches of the communities. Case studies revealed that poor families require 1-10 months income to get the connection to the ADB-financed water facilities. This questions ADB’s so called pro-poor approach and recommends full policy review, and remove anti-poor provisions.

Speakers:

Hemantha Withanage –NGO Forum on ADB
Lidy Nacfil- Jubilee South (APMDD)
Longgena Ginting- Friends of the Earth International
Mary Ann Manahan- Focus on the Global South

All are welcome

A complementary copy of the Running Dry is available

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