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Despite this progress, enormous challenges in water security remain. Asia is home to half of the world's poorest people. Water for agriculture continues to consume 80% of water resources. A staggering 1.7 billion people lack access to basic sanitation. With a predicted population of 5.2 billion by 2050 and 22 megacities by 2030, the region's finite water resources will be under enormous pressure—especially with increasing climate variability. Recent estimates indicate up to 3.4 billion people could be living in water-stressed areas of Asia by 2050.

With a Sustainable Development Goal dedicated to water and sanitation for all, AWDO 2016 is a tool to help assess the region's progress in meeting this ambitious target.

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