

Workshop outline

Day 2 (2nd February): Mapping of alternatives, collective learning, and outreach

10:30 AM-12:30 PM

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The RPW network builds on the collective work that resulted in the book “*Reclaiming Public Water - Achievements, Struggles and Visions from Around the World*”, which was first published in January 2005 (English version). After that, it was translated into many languages-- in Indonesian, Spanish, Italian, Chinese, Korean, Finish, Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam, Japanese, Portuguese (Brazil) and Arabic. Further editions are underway in French, Kannada, and Urdu languages. Mapping of alternatives, documentation, shared/collective learning and outreach are major strategies used by the network members to advance alternatives to privatization and commercialization of water. For the past 5 years, the network has produced many studies, compilations, and materials, both in print and online version (www.waterjustice.org), which were used in education and information campaigns around the world. These are part of RPW’s long-term strategy to deconstruct the ideology of privatisation and Public-Private Partnerships and aid in bringing conceptual clarity on PuPs, alternatives, and processes of democratisation.

On the other hand, there are also other initiatives on mapping alternatives and collective learning such as the Municipal Services Project (MSP), the Development Roundtable Series in the Philippines, people-to-people exchanges between the trade unions from Japan and the Philippines, and the Virtual Course on Water Management and Governance (educational programme for water professionals) that is being developed in India, to name a few.

This workshop will therefore be a space:

- to share information on these various initiatives
- distill the lessons learned—what has worked and not worked in terms of strategies and methodology, and
- discuss ways to move forward, in particular, developing/establishing mechanisms to share each others’ work, how to collaborate and work together, and possible joint activities.

The workshop also aims to introduce people to waterjustice.org and remunicipalisation.org, which are both collective undertakings that are available for future joint work. Among the concrete outcomes of the seminar one could dream of is that a group of people decide to dedicate some time to remunicipalisation.org to make sure that many more cases of (campaigns for) remunicipalisation get included, so it becomes a vibrant info tool and source of inspiration – similarly with waterjustice.org on alternatives.