

Summary of the thematic workshop

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Our idea on important points

- Don't aim super goals directly.
- Next one step for improvement is just important.
- First, we should do what we can do.
- Practical and pragmatic
- Share and exchange the information and experience

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Summarization (Vietnam-1)

- **Representative issue:** (a) Inadequate legal framework for water management (b) Inadequate water resources plan and other technical guidelines(c) Inadequate fund (d) Rooms for improving technical affairs
- **Representative proposed actions and Challenges:**
 - For issue (a)**
 - (1) Improving Law on Water resources, including ordering the mandate of water-related organizations, developing necessary decrees
 - Need to solve the disputes on the mandate of water resources management,

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Summarization (Vietnam-2)

For issue (b)

Formulate and approve planning as technical documents for IWRM, water allocation and water rights

- Strengthening RBOs and sub-RBOs, main body of developing plans and guidelines, is highly needed.
- Structure of RBOs should be more developed.

For issue (c)

Improving water fee collection

For issue (d)

Training, Investment in advanced technology

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Summarization (Philippines-1)

- **Representative issues:** (a) Philippines has sophisticated schemes such as water rights system in general, but they have a problem in implementing the schemes, (b) inadequate coordination of multiple water-related agencies
- **Representative proposed actions and Challenges:**
 - For issue (a)**
 - (1) Information and Education Campaign
 - (2) Strict implementation of the law, rules, regulations
 - Cooperation with other organizations such as National Police may be one of the challenges
 - (3) RBO establishment for effective water rights system
 - Financial and manpower issue may be critical.

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Summarization (Philippines-2)

(4) Introduction of raw water pricing policy in Laguna de Bay

- Agreement from lake water users is the challenge for the proposal

For issue (b)

(1) Review mandates, roles, plans and programs of water-related agencies to find overlap and other inconveniences

(2) RBO establishment for coordination and cooperation

- Support from other agencies is the key.

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Summarization (Thailand-1)

□ **Representative issues:** (a) No regulation for governing water use, and (b) Inadequate water resources data and information for making mutual decision in allocating water (related to public-private participation)

□ **Representative proposed actions and Challenges:**

For issue (a)

(1) Consultation and dialogue with stakeholders to create a social process for preventing and mediating water conflicts

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(2) Develop regulation (substitute for law) in a pilot basin

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Summarization (Thailand-2)

For issue (b)

- (1) Collection of data on water uses in a basin
 - Cooperation from water users, especially farmers, may be one of the challenges for realizing this proposal.
- (2) Share other information on water resources including knowledge of the areas such as hydrology, socio-economic, or environment at river basin level
 - This proposal will need personnel who has adequate knowledge

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Summarization (Indonesia-1)

- **Representative issues:** (a) Water conflict, (b) Issues on water guarantee on sustainable water availability, (c) Technical issues
- **Representative proposed actions and Challenges:**

For issue (a)

 - (1) Establishment of the Apex Body for water resources management at all administrative levels
 - (2) Review the Water Allocation Priority regarding the water balance analysis
 - Firstly, enactment of effective Government Regulation for the new Water Resources Law is the key for the above 2 issues.

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Summarization (Indonesia-2)

For issue (b)

- (1) River basin development and management planning to ensure the water allocation
- (2) Implementation of cost recovery concept for improving O&M of infrastructures
 - Enactment of new GR is the key for establishing basin Apex Body or introducing cost recovery concept.

For issue (c)

- (1) Training for staffs

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Summarization (Sri Lanka-1)

- **Representative issues:** (a) Lack of proper water resources planning, and (b) Improper water management due to technical reasons

- **Representative proposed actions and Challenges:**

For issue (a)

- (1) Developing Water Resources Master Plan for Sri Lanka for next 25 years
 - Promotion of participation from some sectors for set up the planning is the challenge.

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Summarization (Sri Lanka-2)

(2) Strengthening the Apex Body

- Promoting participation of senior level officers is the challenge for effective Apex Body

For issue (b)

(1) Introduce water allocation concept

- Farmers' awareness may be one of the challenges for this proposal in order to change their attitude for water use.

(2) Implement O&M policy such as IMT or PIM for different level of irrigation system appropriately

- How to involve farmers and Government in O&M may be the challenge for introducing new O&M policy.

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Summarization (Lao PDR-1)

□ **Representative issues:** Weak coordination among water-related agencies at national level and basin level

□ **Representative proposed actions and Challenges:**

(1) Consider how to strengthen the coordination body at national level including WRCC analysis and re-arrangement of line agencies

(2) Establish RBO and develop water resources plan at the basin level

- How to get more attention to the coordination body from other water agencies may be the key.

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In the future...(1)

- We expect you and your organizations' intensive actions for realizing the proposals shown in the thematic workshop
- Continuing internal discussion in the home countries is important.
- We may request your organizations to report the progress of the proposals in the NEXT NARBO General Meeting (maybe held in 2008)

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In the future...(2)

- One of the objectives of NARBO is “exchanging experience among RBOs and their associated water sector agencies”. Thus, we also expect you more intensive exchanging actions for improving water situation.
- NARBO secretariat will make efforts helping your exchanging actions through NARBO website (<http://www.narbo.jp/>), NARBO Newsletter, and other tools.

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Gratitude for participants and others

- ❑ Thank you very much for long-term and intensive discussions, which leads effective information exchange and sharing for us.
- ❑ Thank you very much for taking the role of host organization of this workshop.

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See you
