



Network of Asian River Basin Organizations

What is NARBO?

NARBO is the Network of Asian River Basin Organizations. Announced at the 3rd World Water Forum in March 2003, NARBO was officially established in February 2004 to promote integrated water resources management (IWRM) in monsoon areas of Asia.

Goal and Objective

The goal of NARBO is to help achieve IWRM in river basins throughout Asia. The objective of NARBO is to strengthen the capacity and effectiveness of RBOs in promoting IWRM and improving water governance, through training and exchange of information and experiences among RBOs and their associated water sector agencies and knowledge partner organizations.

Scope of Activities

- Advocacy, raising awareness, sharing information, good practices and lessons learned on IWRM through – the NARBO web site, publications, case studies, electronic newsletter, guidelines and sourcebooks, and media relations.
- Capacity building of RBOs in implementing IWRM and improving water governance through - training courses, workshops, performance benchmarking activities, advisory visits, scholarship programs, RBO exchange visits, staff exchange programs, and twinning programs.
- Technical advice on planning, conservation, development, and the proper and efficient operation and maintenance of water resources facilities.
- Fostering regional cooperation for improved management of water resources in transboundary river basins.

Membership

43 organizations have already signed up as members of NARBO. Membership is open to organizations which implement or promote IWRM, including river basin organizations, national and federal/provincial/local governmental organizations, regional and inter-regional knowledge partners and bilateral and multilateral development cooperation agencies.

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