

Network of Asian River Basin Organizations (NARBO)

ACTION PLAN 2008-2009

Key Result Areas:

- A. Advocacy, Raising Awareness, and Exchange of Information and Good Practices on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)
- B. Capacity Building in River Basin Organizations (RBOs)
- C. Network Support

| A. Advocacy, Raising Awareness, and Exchange of Information and Good Practices on IWRM | | | | |
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| Activity | Remarks | Implementation Plan | Lead Agency | Note |
| <p>Activities led by the NARBO Secretariat (JWA, ADBI, ADB):</p> <p>1. NARBO Website (http://www.narbo.jp)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information, news and reminders on NARBO activities • Provide information on introducing IWRM in river basins in Asia, including publications, case studies, articles on important IWRM topics • Link to NARBO member websites, e-newsletters, online databases, and other related sites | <p>Managed by JWA in collaboration with ADB and ADBI and with input from NARBO members</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue regular updates • Introduce on-line forum to enhance information and knowledge sharing | <p>JWA</p> | <p>Members are encouraged to provide stories, cases, articles, and links</p> |
| <p>2. NARBO e-Newsletter</p> <p>Share good practices, lessons learned, IWRM-related activities, etc.</p> | <p>Prepared quarterly by JWA and distributed through e-mail and the website</p> | <p>Prepare stories and materials on priority topics of interest to NARBO members</p> | <p>JWA</p> | <p>Members are encouraged to send in contributions</p> |

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| <p>3. Guidelines and Online data base Provide guidelines and other useful reference materials on IWRM practices, cases, lessons learned, champions, standards and manuals, annual reports, topics of interest</p> | Managed by JWA, ADBI, and ADB through website and CDs | Formulate guidelines and continue collecting and updating information from members and partners | ADBI, JWA, Knowledge Hub | Members are encouraged to provide materials |
| <p>4. NARBO Annual Report Summarize NARBO's activities and results annually</p> | Prepared by JWA with inputs from members, and distributed through hardcopies and the website | Distribute annual report in May of following year | JWA | Members to submit their annual reports no later than end March |
| <p>5. NARBO Promotion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase governments, public, and media interest in NARBO activities and increase NARBO membership • Disseminate key messages on introducing IWRM in river basins and RBO work • Promote NARBO's objectives and activities | Managed by JWA and ADB | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote NARBO work through media, country visits, regional events, and knowledge networks • Invite RBOs in development projects to join NARBO • Invite knowledge partner organizations to join NARBO • Encourage national NARBO networks in countries with many RBOs | JWA, ADB, Chair, NARBO Indonesia | Members are encouraged to contribute to the promotion and dissemination work, and to increase NARBO membership. NARBO Indonesia to pilot country RBO network. |
| <p>6. NARBO General Meeting Organize every two years, including study visit in host river basin, IWRM workshops, and general meeting</p> | Managed by JWA, ADBI, and ADB in collaboration with the host RBO | Organize the 4 th NARBO General Meeting in the 1 st quarter of 2010 | Chair, Vice-Chair, NARBO Secretariat | Members are encouraged to participate and share their knowledge |
| <p>7. Knowledge Networking Facilitate and support regional water knowledge hubs under the Asia-Pacific</p> | Managed by ADB and JWA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the new regional knowledge hub on river basin | ADB, JWA, Knowledge | ADB and JICA TA projects to |

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| Water Forum | | <p>organizations and management in Indonesia in developing knowledge products and services for government and RBO clients in the region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot a Roadmap Advisory Service to help RBOs prepare long-term IWRM investment programs • Chart and analyze regional progress of introducing IWRM in river basins • Collaborate with the other APWF regional water knowledge hubs on IWRM in river basins • Enhance dissemination of IWRM experience in basins within Indonesia through new dissemination unit (by JICA) | Hub , JICA | <p>support the knowledge hub are expected to start in 2nd quarter of 2008. Other donors to be encouraged to provide complementary assistance. Involve ICHARM, K-Water, YRCC, NAHRIM, IRTCES and other hubs in collaboration.</p> |
| <p>Activities led by NARBO Member Organizations:</p> <p>1. NARBO members' websites Develop and maintain websites with useful information and knowledge products on introducing IWRM in their respective river basins</p> | Managed by member RBOs | Develop, maintain, and update the website on a regular basis | Members | Members to develop and maintain modern websites |
| <p>2. NARBO members' Annual Report Prepare annual report with overview of RBO's objectives, targets, activities, lessons learned, and performance improvements in introducing IWRM in their respective river basins</p> | Prepared by NARBO members annually, and sent to NARBO Secretariat at JWA no later than March of the following year | Prepare annual report and send to NARBO Secretariat | Members | Members are encouraged to invest in useful annual reports |

| B. Capacity Building in River Basin Organizations (RBOs) | | | | |
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| <p>Activities led by the NARBO Secretariat:</p> <p>1. IWRM Training Program Develop the capacity of NARBO member staff in understanding and implementing IWRM in their respective river basins</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managed by NARBO Secretariat Conducted once or twice a year | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NARBO Technical Advisory Committee to guide an overhaul of the program design Redesigned program to be conducted in 4th quarter 2008 | JWA, ADB, ADBI, Technical Advisory Committee, Knowledge Hub | Members to facilitate their staff to apply and contribute registration fee |
| <p>2. Workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize IWRM workshops on topics of interest during the NARBO general meeting Organize thematic workshop series, based on demand, to deepen understanding on priority topics | Lessons learned from thematic workshops on water rights, facility management and disaster management will be used in designing the subsequent workshop series | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct 4th workshop on Sustainable management for Water Resources Infrastructure in 1st qtr 2008 Conduct 2nd workshop on disaster management by 2nd qtr 2008, and others tbd Conduct workshop on Climate Change Adaptation by NARBO Indonesia and Regional Water Knowledge Hub | JWA, ADB, ADBI, NARBO Indonesia, Knowledge Hub | Members to attend and contribute knowledge on issues and solution strategies |
| <p>3. Performance Benchmarking supported by peer reviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a demand-based performance benchmarking service for RBOs to assess and improve their performance Introduce a river basin performance benchmarking methodology | Managed by ADB and IWMI, with IWMI providing training and certification service for peer reviewers, facilitation of peer reviews, and support for pilot-testing of basin benchmarking methodology, in collaboration with the Knowledge Hub | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand implementation of RBO performance benchmarking based on experience gained in pilot phase, to X RBOs Conduct pilot test of river basin performance benchmarking in X river basins | ADB, IWMI, Knowledge Hub | Number of participating RBOs and basins to be determined during 3 rd NARBO GM |
| <p>4. Advisory visits to RBOs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit RBOs to learn from their | Where possible linked to RBO | Continue and enhance benefits | JWA, ADB, | Knowledge Hub to |

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| experience in implementing IWRM, and promote knowledge generation and sharing | exchange visits initiated by members | from such visits, with feedback received during 3 rd NARBO General Meeting | ADBI, Chair, Knowledge Hub | join visits for piloting Roadmap Advisory Service for RBOs |
| 5. Scholarship Programs Explore opportunities for member RBO staff to join existing scholarship programs for IWRM courses | By JWA, ADBI, ADB and knowledge partner members | Share information on IWRM courses and existing scholarship programs, through NARBO website | JWA, ADB, ADBI | Including online distance learning programs |
| Activities led by NARBO Member Organizations: | | | | |
| 1. Regional Water Knowledge Hubs under APWF Provide demand-based knowledge and capacity development services that meet NARBO member clients needs | By concerned APWF regional water knowledge hubs, each of which will develop a network of clients and partners on their topic (knowledge domain) | Member RBOs to explore developing client and partner relationships with relevant APWF hubs for specific services they need | Members, APWF Knowledge Hubs | Use development project budgets to pay for services provided by the hubs |
| 2. Twinning Programs Organize mutually beneficial programs for knowledge sharing and capacity development, involving exchange visits, staff exchange, and joint projects | Initiated, arranged and financed by RBO members themselves | Explore further programs based on member interest, and learning lessons from existing programs between RBOs from Indonesia and JWA and K-Water | Members | NARBO Secretariat can facilitate initial contacts |
| 3. ISO certification Explore opportunities to gain ISO certification for good performance in achieving standards of excellence | Members to exchange information and experience | ISO certified member RBOs in Indonesia (PJT 1 and 2) can provide information to other members | Members, PJT 1, 2 | NARBO Secretariat can post information on the website |

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| <p>4. Transboundary Water Management</p> <p>Explore opportunities to foster transboundary water resources management (within and between countries) through information sharing and exchange of experience</p> | <p>To be conducted by interested member RBOs and riparian authorities who <u>jointly</u> agree to explore such collaboration</p> | <p>Contribute good practice cases as inputs for regional study on charting progress in IWRM in river basins in the region</p> | <p>Members, Knowledge Hub</p> | <p>The Mekong River Commission Secretariat has been approached as candidate APWF regional knowledge hub for this topic</p> |
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| C. Network Support | | | | |
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| <p>1. Technical Advisory Committee</p> <p>Provide guidance to ensure quality of NARBO's IWRM Training Program, and on strategic direction of NARBO's activities</p> | <p>Guidelines for the TAC to be finalized in 2008</p> | <p>TAC to be established in 2nd quarter of 2008 to guide the overhaul of NARBO's IWRM Training Program</p> | <p>ADB, ADBI, JWA, Chair</p> | <p>Heads of regional water knowledge hubs to be involved</p> |
| <p>2. Charting Progress and Facilitating Investment for IWRM</p> <p>Catalyze further investments in IWRM and demonstrate good practices in introducing IWRM in river basins across the region</p> | <p>Regional TA project formulated by ADB to help member RBOs</p> | <p>Implement TA project through regional water knowledge hub in Indonesia over period 2008-2010</p> | <p>ADB, Knowledge Hub</p> | <p>Update to be provided to 3rd NARBO General Meeting</p> |
| <p>3. Collaboration with International Networks</p> <p>Collaborate with GWP, INBO, CapNet, If-net, Aguajaring, and others as needed.</p> | <p>JWA, ADBI, and ADB to manage</p> | <p>Coordinate activities as needed</p> | <p>JWA, ADBI, ADB</p> | <p>Share IWRM experience</p> |