

# About Thematic Workshop

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My name's Michitaro Nakai, NARBO Associate of Asian Development Bank Institute.

Nice to see you. I'm very glad to have an opportunity to hold this workshop in Hanoi.

First, I appreciate RRBO and its officials to receive the role of secretariat of this workshop.

RRBO officials have contributed to the preparation for this workshop so much during these several months.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Now, I would like to make a short presentation about this workshop.

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## What is thematic workshop ?

- Focused and specific theme
- Small scale & profound discussion
- Improvement from the pragmatic and practical viewpoint
- Simple style
- Series of workshops

In this thematic workshop, we take up focused and specific theme, to make a discussion deeply. For that purpose, the scale of this workshop is small. In other words, we wish this simple style. And, the objective is to seek the ways of improvement from the pragmatic and practical viewpoint. “Pragmatic” and “Practical” are important points. Furthermore, we will hold series of workshops, against one theme, more than once. Because, it is necessary to discuss several times against complex issues. As mentioned after, the number of this thematic workshop on water allocation and water right will be 4 times.

This time, we take up the issues on water allocation and water right. After, we will hold other thematic workshops with taking up other themes, but these concepts will not be changed.

## The reason to choose the theme

- Many member organization have highly interest in policy, institution and legal issues on water resources management.
- Especially, water allocation has been recognized as one of the most important issues in member countries
- Therefore, we took up the issues on water allocation and water right as a theme of 1<sup>st</sup> thematic workshop.

So, why do we take up the issues on water allocation and water right as a theme of this workshop.

We had researched the needs of NARBO member countries. According to that research, we recognized that many member organization have highly interest in policy, institution and legal issues on water resources management. Within the issues, water allocation has been recognized as one of the most important issues in member countries.

Therefore, we took up the issues on water allocation and water right as a theme of 1<sup>st</sup> thematic workshop.

## The reason to choose the theme

- In some Asian countries, recently, industrial development and population increase have been significant.
- Therefore, water demand for municipal use has been increased
- On the contrary, irrigation water use is still large.
- As a result, water allocation became one of the big issues from the viewpoint of the national strategy.

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Therefore, it is significant to study the water allocation issue, share the information about the status of water allocation among NARBO member countries.

Thematic Workshop  
on  
Water Allocation & Water Right

Venue : Hanoi, Vietnam

1st Recipient Organization :

***Red River Basin Organization (RRBO)***

Date : December (tentative)

Period : 4days (2days discussion  
2days site visit)

The outline of this workshop is written in this slide.

## Objectives

- to share information of current status of participating countries
- to make clear the problems in participating countries
- to approach toward improvement in cooperation with participants

So, what is the objectives of this workshop?

- 1) To share information of current status of participating countries regarding water allocation and water right issue
- 2) To make clear the problems in participating countries
- 3) To approach toward improvement in cooperation with participants

## Planned Program

4 times workshop will be held (Planned to be twice a year)

1<sup>st</sup>: To make clear and arrange the issues in participants countries

2<sup>nd</sup>: To analyze the cause of the issues and suggest plans for improvement

3<sup>rd</sup>: Review the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop and suggest plans for improvement

4<sup>th</sup>: To draft the report

Now, we planned to hold 4times workshops.

It will be held twice a year, so in 2006, we will hold this workshop twice.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> workshop, the objective is to make clear and arrange the issues in participating countries.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop, it is to analyze the cause of the issues and make a suggestion about plans for improvement.

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop, we will review the outcome of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> workshops and after that, we will suggest plans for improvement further

In the 4<sup>th</sup> workshop, we will plan to draft the report about the improvement of the water allocation and water right issues.

## Request from NARBO secretariat

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Now, we have some requests for you.

First, it is about the request about the participants.

It is quite desirable that these members will be stable because we make a point of continuity though officials often transferred to other section. We want to discuss one theme among same members. Due to that, we can get a good outcome from this workshop.

Of course it can't be helped to change the part of members because of transfer or other reasons, but is so we request you to make a detailed explanation about this workshop.

## Request from NARBO secretariat

- There is no common and only way to improve the issues on water allocation and water right. It is important to consider and discuss the issues by yourself.
- We request the participants to discuss about their issues based on the outcome of the workshops between each workshop.
- In the 2<sup>nd</sup> thematic workshop, we will request participants to introduce the discussion in their countries.

And next, it is about the discussion in your country. It is the most important point.

We request the participants to discuss their issues based on the outcome of the workshops in your country between each workshop. There will be about 6 month.

Because, there is no common or only way to improve the issues on water allocation and water right. In addition, this issue has close relation to the history, custom and people's life. So, it is important to consider and discuss this issue in participant's countries.

It is desirable that, I didn't write down in this slide, study group will be organized in your country.

At any cost, we request you to share the outcome of this workshop in your country. In this outcome, the issues on water allocation and water right will be arranged, so once you had better consider the causes of the issues among your countries.

Also, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> thematic workshop, it will be held about 6 month after, we will request participants to introduce the discussion in their countries.

## Contents of 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop

- Session1: Water allocation issue
- Session2: Water right system
- Session3: Drought management
- Field Trip

Then, I introduce the contents of this workshop briefly.

Today, session 1, whose theme is water allocation issue, will be held after this opening session.

Tomorrow and the day after tomorrow, we will attend field visit.

RRBO officials will be glad to make an explanation about the field trip in the end of today's program.

On 9<sup>th</sup>, it will be a little busy, session 2 & 3 will be held, respectively water right system and drought management.

After this speech, we will receive the lecture from RRBO official and Mr. Ian Fox of ADB.