

Network of Asian River Basin Organizations (NARBO)

ACTION PROGRAM 2013-2015

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			
Activities	Implementation Plan	Lead Agency	Notes
<p><i>Activities led by the NARBO Secretariat:</i></p> <p>1. NARBO Website (http://www.narbo.jp)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides information, news and reminders on NARBO activities; and information on introducing IWRM in river basins in Asia, including publications, articles on important IWRM topics • Provides links to NARBO member websites, e-newsletters, online databases, and other related sites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue regular updates • Introduce on-line forum by using Facebook or other innovative methods to enhance information and knowledge sharing 	<p>JWA, CRBOM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members to provide stories, cases, articles, and links

<p>2. NARBO e-Newsletter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publishes good practices, lessons learned, IWRM-related activities, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft and prepare stories and materials on priority topics of interest to NARBO members • Prepare and distribute quarterly through e-mail and the website 	<p>JWA, CRBOM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members to send contributions
<p>3. Guidelines and Online data base</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides guidelines and other useful reference materials on IWRM practices, success stories, cases, lessons learned, champions, standards and manuals, annual reports, topics of interest through website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make use of UNESCO's "IWRM Guidelines at River Basin Level" and "IWRM Experience of Japan" and contribute to make additional edition • Formulate guidelines and continue collecting and updating information from members and partners • Provide useful reference material 	<p>ADB, JWA, ADB, CRBOM, Knowledge Hubs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members to provide reference materials
<p>4. NARBO Annual Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publishes NARBO activities and events; and members' updated profile 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute annual report in May of following year 	<p>JWA, CRBOM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RBO Members to submit their annual reports no later than end March
<p>5. NARBO Promotion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increases international organizations, governments, public, media, and private sectors interest in NARBO activities and increase NARBO membership • Disseminates key messages on introducing IWRM in river basins and RBO work • Promotes NARBO's objectives and activities • Programs for building awareness for stakeholders (young generation, gender) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote NARBO work continuously through media, country visits, regional events, and knowledge networks • Promote NARBO at the 2nd Asia-Pacific Water Summit and the 7th World Water Forum and major international conferences • Invite RBOs in development projects to join NARBO • Invite knowledge partner organizations and stakeholders of 	<p>Chair, Vice Chairs, Senior Advisors, NARBO Secretariat, Indonesia NARBO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members to contribute to the promotion and dissemination work, and to increase NARBO membership • NARBO Indonesia and CRBOM to pilot in-country RBO network

	<p>IWRM to join NARBO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage national NARBO networks in countries with many RBOs • Contribute international activities such as UN and OECD Water Governance Initiative should be enhanced. 		
<p>6. Contribution to discussion on Post-MDGs and Post-HFA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to discussion on Post-Millennium Development Goals (MGDs) and Post Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) by view point of IWRM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to discussions by offering NARBO's experience and view at HELP (High-level Expert Leaders Panel) meetings and other related international initiatives 	<p>Chair, Vice-Chairs, Senior Advisors, NARBO Secretariat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members to contribute by offering case study and good example and supporting NARBO's view in county.
<p>7. Interaction with other region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing interaction on IWRM with other region such as Europe and Africa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summarize Asian Experience and disseminate by active participation to international conferences 	<p>NARBO Secretariat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members to contribute by offering case study and good example • NARBO secretariat introduces case studies and advanced technologies by enhancing collaboration with academia and other international networks
<p>8. NARBO General Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes study visit in host river basin, IWRM workshops, and general meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize the 6th NARBO General Meeting in the 2nd quarter of 2015 	<p>Chair, Vice-Chairs, Senior Advisors, NARBO Secretariat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members to participate and share their knowledge • Schedule of the 7th World Water Forum should be considered
<p>9. Ownership to NARBO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote ownership of NARBO for securing sustainable activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize activities based on demand and meet expectation of members • Actions to enhance ownership of member organizations to be conducted 	<p>Chair, Vice-Chairs, Senior Advisors, NARBO Secretariat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members to offer active opinions

<p>Activities led by NARBO Member Organizations:</p> <p>1. NARBO members' websites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides useful information and knowledge products on introducing IWRM in their respective river basins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop, maintain, and update the website on a regular basis 	<p>Members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members to develop and maintain modern websites
<p>2. NARBO members' Annual Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compiles overview of RBO's objectives, targets, activities, lessons learned, and performance improvements in introducing IWRM in their respective river basins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare annual report and send to NARBO Secretariat at JWA no later than March of the following year 	<p>RBO Members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RBO members to invest in useful annual reports
<p>3. Localization of IWRM Guidelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance customizing "IWRM Guidelines at River Basin Level" supported by NARBO to enhance implementation of IWRM on the grounds by providing contextualized descriptions of how the IWRM Process can progress within the existing structures and constrains of their own river basin. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start making customized "IWRM Guidelines " by using concept of 'IWRM Spiral' and use it for capacity development activities in organization. 	<p>Members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NARBO secretariat supports making customized guideline.
<p>4. National Chapter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing establishment National Chapter • Share what they have learned at NARBO's events with staff in their organization to enhance implementation of IWRM on the grounds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote to establish Local NARBO in their countries by organizing the network of RBOs and related organizations in their countries 	<p>Gov Members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NARBO secretariat supports to establish National Chapter.
<p>5. Ownership to NARBO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to NARBO more by active participation with their own resources • Making use of what they have learnt at NARBO's event on the grounds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Result of NARBO activities should be summarized, and shared in member organization by organizing local workshop 	<p>Members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NARBO secretariat supports any activities to enhance ownership.

B. Capacity Building in River Basin Organizations (RBOs)

Activity	Implementation Plan	Lead Agency	Note
<p>1. IWRM Training Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develops the capacity of NARBO member staff in understanding and implementing IWRM in their respective river basins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8th IWRM training will be held for middle level staff in 3rd quarter of 2013 in Sri Lanka Conduct at least once a year Next series of IWRM Training including the introduction of e-learning should be conducted from 2014 	<p>JWA, ADB, ADBI, CRBOM, Knowledge Hubs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members to facilitate their staff to apply and contribute registration fee A program links to proficiency activities. IWRM GUIDELINES at River Basin Level and “Experience of IWRM in Japan” are used as main materials
<p>2. Workshops and conferences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covers IWRM topics of interest and is held during the NARBO general meeting Separate thematic workshop series held outside the general meeting deepen further understanding on selected priority IWRM topics Result of the events should be contributed to the discussion on Water Security, Post-MDGs and Post HFA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct workshop on IWRM case study by NARBO secretariat and NARBO member organization with support of partner organizations based on the result of demand from member organizations such as climate change adaptation, water quality management, and water-related disasters. Organize series of NARBO IWRM Executive Retreat and International Seminar on Corporate RBOs in Asia 	<p>JWA, ADB, ADBI, CRBOM, Indonesia NARBO, Knowledge Hubs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members to attend and contribute knowledge on issues and solution strategies Result of thematic workshops and conferences should be summarized, and shared in member organization by organizing local workshop and reported at international conferences to promote NARBO NARBO secretariat introduces case studies and advanced technologies by enhancing collaboration with academia and other international networks.
<p>3. Leadership Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct NARBO-IWC (International WaterCenter) joint program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct joint leadership program with IWC in 2013 and following year 	<p>NARBO secretariat, IWC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members to dispatch staff to leadership program and promote active participation

<p>4. Performance Benchmarking supported by peer reviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a demand-based benchmarking service for RBOs to assess and continuously improve their performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage and develop the implementation of the NARBO RBO performance benchmarking service • Form and maintain a group of trained and certified peer reviewers • Maintain tools and documentation capturing experience gained and lessons learned, • Report progress and benefits 	<p>CRBOM with support from ADB and other partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRBOM to manage 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 Hubs
<p>5. Twinning Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mutually beneficial programs for knowledge sharing and capacity development, involving exchange visits, staff exchange, and joint projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance making LOI for implementing the program • Explore further substantial outputs in using current scheme for mutual benefits 	<p>Members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiated, arranged and financed by RBO members themselves • NARBO Secretariat can facilitate initial contacts
<p>6. IWRM Proficiency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a framework for IWRM Proficiency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot project of IWRM Proficiency for individual and accreditation for organization and scale up 	<p>NARBO Secretariat, Members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support of UNESCO-IHE • Members to cooperate to pilot project
<p>7. Advisory visits to RBOs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes study visits by RBOs to learn from their experience in implementing IWRM, and to promote knowledge generation and sharing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage members to promote such visit through newsletter and website 	<p>JWA, ADB, ADBI, CRBOM, Knowledge Hubs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge Hubs to join visits for piloting Roadmap Advisory Service for RBOs • Where possible linked to RBO exchange visits initiated by members
<p>8. Scholarship Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduces information about higher education institutions, research and training organizations or any scholarships which relate to IWRM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share information on IWRM courses and existing scholarship programs, through NARBO website 	<p>JWA, ADB, ADBI, CRBOM, Knowledge Partner members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May include online distance learning programs

<p>9. Transboundary Water Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explores opportunities to foster transboundary water resources management (within and between countries) through information sharing and exchange of experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute good practice cases as inputs for regional study on charting progress in IWRM in river basins in the region • Case study of other region and advanced technology which support achieving transboundary water resources management • Collaboration with Academic Society on this field 	<p>Members, Knowledge Hubs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NARBO secretariat introduces case studies and advanced technologies by enhancing collaboration with academia and other international networks.
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C. Network Support

Activity	Implementation Plan	Lead Agency	Note
<p>1. Steering Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides guidance on strategic direction of NARBO's activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SC meetings shall be convened by Secretary General if necessary 	Chair, Vice-Chairs Senior Advisors, NARBO Secretariat,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heads of regional water knowledge hubs and experts from NARBO members to be involved
<p>2. Knowledge Networking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitates and supports regional water knowledge hubs under the Asia-Pacific Water Forum Provides demand-based knowledge and capacity development services that meet NARBO member clients needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve collaboration with APWF regional water knowledge hubs and other partners such as WEPA (Water Environment Partnership in Asia) and AWCI (Asia Water Cycle Initiative) to help RBOs and projects for IWRM in river basins Member RBOs to explore partner relationships with relevant knowledge hubs for specific services they need Collaborate with RBOs in other regions in improving water security in their basins for the future Collaborate with other organizations such as Asia Water Information System, GEO (Group on Earth Observations), AWCI and Academic Community in exchanging data or others for climate change adaptation in IWRM. Conduct on-demand trainings or workshops on Leadership. 	CRBOM, other Knowledge Hubs, Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge Hubs to develop a network of clients and partners on their topic (knowledge domain) Use development project budgets to pay for services provided by the hubs

<p>3. Investments and Capacity development in Water Security in River Basins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accelerates economic growth and to improve the living standards in river basins through efficient, effective, and sustainable water resources management, environmental conservation, and water-related disaster risk mitigation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance RBOs to improve water security in each basin based on the LoI between ADB and JWA Implement TA project by JWA in other basins to improve water security through ADB TA scheme Result of TA7547 to be shared with NARBO Help identify investment needs in preparation for future feasibility studies for projects to increase water security in three pilot river basins in the region Strengthen the capacity of government agencies and other stakeholders concerned for the implementation of the future investment programs 	<p>ADB, JWA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional TA project formulated by ADB to help member RBOs Update to be provided to the 6th NARBO General Meeting
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<p>4. Sharing knowledge on River Basin Management in Asia Pacific.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make use of the 2nd Asia-Pacific Water Summit, the 7th World Water Forum and other international conferences on IWRM • Disseminate information, observations and experience made, as well as news, opinions, ideas, or open questions for discussion • Emphasize innovative approaches, successful achievements, benefits, and valuable lessons learnt • Support personal networking among RBO leaders and practitioners • Consider and activate contributions by APWF water knowledge hubs and other actors, including universities and business schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide NARBO members in networking and communication, • Recommend on good networking and knowledge-sharing practices • Prepare inventory of IWRM-related knowledge, projects and partners • Support pilot implementation and disseminate good practice • Expand knowledge products and services to clients in the region • Perform other services consistent with the 10 key operating principles of APWF regional knowledge hubs 	<p>CRBOM, Knowledge Hubs, Other partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be elaborated.
<p>5. Collaboration with International Networks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GWP, INBO, CapNet, If-net, AWCI, WEPA and others as needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate activities as needed 	<p>JWA, ADBI, ADB, CRBOM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share IWRM experience to benefit NARBO members