

### 3<sup>rd</sup> NARBO General Meeting, Solo, Indonesia

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### Workshop 1: Measuring the Performance of RBOs and River Basins

21 February 2008, 9:15 am – 12:00 noon

#### Introduction

Performance improvement is important to River Basin Organizations (RBOs). There is recognition of the need to manage IWRM in river basins at the lowest appropriate level, with RBOs increasingly regarded as an institution playing a vital leading and facilitating role. With the greater role for RBOs comes the need to manage and improve their performance. NARBO's performance benchmarking service was launched in September 2005 after a one-year participatory design process. Since then, the service has been piloted by 4 RBOs, including a peer review process. The pilot peer reviews were conducted for Jasa Tirta 2 in Indonesia (October 2006), Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka (December 2006), Laguna Lake Development Authority in the Philippines (January 2007), and the Red River Basin Organization in Viet Nam (May 2007). A fifth pilot will be completed in February 2008 in the Citarum river basin, Indonesia.

NARBO is also working on introducing a methodology for benchmarking the performance of river basins, and this is also being piloted in the Citarum river basin, Indonesia.

#### Why You Should Come

The workshop will enable you to review the outcome and experiences from the pilot testing phase of the RBO performance benchmarking service and peer review process. The workshop aims to provide recommendations for expanding this NARBO program to more RBOs and basins in the region. Candidate RBOs/basins can express or reconfirm their interest during the workshop. A report on the pilot phase will be shared with participants, and conclusions and recommendations will be presented to the NARBO General Meeting on 22 February.

After opening remarks by ADB's Wouter Lincklaen Arriens, two presentations will be made to set the scene. The first, by Arlene Inocencio of IWMI, will summarize the experiences and lessons gained during the pilot application of the RBO performance benchmarking and peer reviews. The second presentation, by ADB's Christopher Morris, will summarize the outcome of recent research on methods to benchmark performance of river basins. There will be opportunity for clarifying questions after each presentation. A five minute discussion will allow the participants to raise points of clarification and to identify issues for further discussion after each presentation. The workshop then continues with one hour facilitated discussion involving a panel of experts and the participants in the audience. Facilitation will be done by ADB's Ian Makin. The workshop will then wrap up with take-away messages from the panelists, and a synthesis of lessons and way forward for reporting to the General Meeting.

#### Proposed Panelists

1. Mr. K.W. Ivan de Silva (MASL, Sri Lanka)
2. Mr. Tjoek Walujo Subijanto (PJT1, Indonesia)
3. Mr. Edgardo Manda (LLDA, Philippines)
4. Mr. Djendam Gurusinga (PJ2, Indonesia)
5. Mr. H. Hutagalung Waldemar (PJT2, Indonesia)
6. Ms. Sukontha Aekaraj (MONRE- Thailand)
7. Ms. Salmah Zakaria (NAHRIM, Malaysia)
8. Mr. Jan Yap (Consultant, World Bank, Indonesia)
9. Ms. Arlene Inocencio (IWMI)

#### Resource Persons

Wouter Lincklaen Arriens (ADB) (Chair)  
Ian Makin (ADB) (Facilitator)  
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