

Thematic Workshop on Water Quality

Background

Deterioration of water quality is common and top environmental problem in Asia. With recognition in international water community, there have been many discussions on how to reverse the downward trend in quality of surface and ground water. IWRM process can be a solution for this challenge.

NARBO, recognizing the need to take a leading role in addressing the challenge, is organizing a thematic workshop series on water quality from the view point of IWRM.

What is thematic workshop?

Thematic Workshops are organized in response to members' needs for NARBO activities, focusing on the specific themes. The workshops are carried out with a small group of participants to deepen discussion.

The concept of the thematic workshop is (1) emphasizing pragmatic practical viewpoint, (2) intending deep and continuous discussions, (3) themes are focused, specific and important issues related to IWRM, and (4) Small scale and simple style. Also, we attach great importance to the self-reliant effort for problem solving by participating countries themselves.

Objectives

This workshop focus public water and objectives are below

- *Share water quality issues, solutions and information*
- *Build a network of water quality information*
- *Identify water quality issues in river basins and make action plans*
- *Release the collected issues and solutions of water qualities in Asia*

Methods

- *3-4 times series, from 2010 to 2012*
- *Fixed members aim to make action plans forwarded by organization*
- *Make a suggestion of water quality issues and solutions in Asian countries.*

Schedule (Draft)

Nov 2010 Launching the series of workshop, to introduce and share the issues

2011 1st workshop – to identify the issues and discuss t

2nd workshop – to make action plans

3rd workshop – to present action plans and make a suggestion

After this series of workshops, in Asia pacific summit 2010 and in World water forum 2012, we would like to suggest of water quality issues and solutions in Asian countries