

First Announcement

4th General Meeting of the

Network of Asian River Basin Organizations (NARBO)

I. Date, Place and Venue

Date: 9-11 November, 2010

Place: Makassar (Ujung Pandang), Indonesia

Venue: TBD

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III. Background

NARBO, announced at the 3rd World Water Forum in March 2003, was officially established in February 2004 in Indonesia to promote and achieve integrated water resources management (IWRM) in

- Advocacy and raising awareness for IWRM among river basin organizations (RBOs), water sector apex bodies, and leading water sector agencies in the region, mainly through regional workshops.
- Sharing of information, good practices, and lessons learned for IWRM among the participating organizations, mainly by operating databases and a website for IWRM exchanging information, and by sending a newsletter by web site and holding (sub) regional workshops.
- Supporting NARBO members to improve water governance, including the enabling policy, institutional, and legal framework for IWRM, and the formulation of the action plans.
- Building capacity of RBOs in implementing IWRM, mainly through staff exchange and training among participating organizations.
- Supporting RBOs with technical advice in regard to the efficient O&M of water facilities, to improve IWRM.
- Fostering regional cooperation for improved management of water resources in trans-boundary river basins.

As of July 2010, there are 72 NARBO member organizations.

IV. Outline of the 4th NARBO General Meeting

Background on NARBO General Meetings

NARBO general meetings are held every two years in accordance with the NARBO Charter, and normally cover a three-day program that starts with a study visit on IWRM issues in the river basin managed by the host RBO. The second day features workshops on important IWRM-related topics. The general meeting itself is held on the third day and includes (i) report activities and results over the last two years; (ii) presenting and adopting the work

plan for the next two years; (iii) selecting the constitutional body for the next two years; and (iv) accepting new members. Amendments to the charter, as needed, are also approved during the meeting.

Participants

Participants shall consist of:

- Up to two representatives, one of which is senior, from existing RBO member organizations
- Staff of member organizations, as approved by the NARBO Secretariat, who will contribute to the workshops on Day 2
- One senior staff representative from the following organizations:
 - Existing non-RBO member organizations
 - Pre-registered member organizations
 - Organizations interested to join NARBO
 - Observers

Observers need endorsement from the NARBO Secretariat. They are allowed to observe and participate in the general meeting, except during discussion of the NARBO Charter revision (if there are any), and in the selection of new NARBO constitutional body.

Registration

Registration form will be distributed to possible participants with 2nd announcement and posted on the NARBO website.

Tentative Program

Tentative program will be distributed to possible participants with 2nd announcement and posted on the NARBO website.

- 8 Nov (Day 0) Arrival and Registration
- 9 Nov (Day 1) Study visit on IWRM Issues in Jeneberang River Basin
- 10 Nov (Day 2) IWRM Workshops
 - Session1 (Plenary session in the morning) : Leadership
 - Session2 (Parallel session in the afternoon) : Water quality
 - Session3 (Parallel session in the afternoon) : Climate change
- 11 Nov (Day 3) General Meeting
- 12 Nov (Day 4) Checkout and Departure

V. Feedback on NARBO Activities

Last February 2010, NARBO Secretariat conducted a survey to member organizations on issues and needs in promoting IWRM, contributions to NARBO activities, and topics for

discussion at the 4th General Meeting. This survey is essential to conduct the 4th General Meeting. Survey results will also be reflected in the NARBO Action Program 2010-2011. NARBO members are requested to submit accomplished survey forms to the three aforementioned contact persons of NARBO Secretariat by 21 July 2010.

VI. Financial Matters

Member organizations are encouraged to bear their own expense for participation in the meeting, or a part of the costs. The NARBO Secretariat will provide targeted financial support¹ for NARBO member RBOs and government organizations, subject to available budget. Other member organizations are expected to make their own arrangements to finance the cost of their participation. The NARBO Secretariat's funding is expected to cover the following cost items:

Cost Items Eligible for Support	
Air fare	Round trip restricted economy fare via the most direct and economical route between the international airport of point of origin and the International Airport in Makassar.
Accommodation fee	8, 9, 10, 11 November (4 nights); not exceeding \$60/night
Subsistence allowance	US\$ 15 per day (breakfast and lunch will be provided)
Miscellaneous	Lump sum US\$ 40

The above cost items will be paid or reimbursed at the venue. Reimbursements will be given only upon submission of the following: (i) original copy of the official receipt of ticket purchase; (ii) original copy of boarding pass(es); and (iii) photocopy of air ticket(s). Accommodation fee for supported participants would be paid directly to the hotel by NARBO secretariat.

Also, participants are expected to buy their air ticket in advance and inform the NARBO Secretariat of the flight details (Cost of the ticket, flight number, arrival and departure time) as soon as possible.

¹ Subject to availability of funds, NARBO can provide financial support for up to two representatives from RBO member organizations; except for Indonesia and Viet Nam whereby NARBO can provide support to only 1 representative per RBO. Both countries have a relatively higher number of RBO member organizations.