

**Outcome of the Session**  
**“Developing Capacity of River Basin Organizations” for the better water management**  
**in Asia**

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Network of Asian River Basin Organizations (NARBO) aims to facilitate the better water management based on the understanding of characteristics of Asian monsoon region. For this purpose, a session on “Developing Capacity of River Basin Organizations” was held in Bali, Indonesia on August 31st 2005 by Indonesian NARBO.

Through this session, we confirm that following viewpoint, function and capacity are needed for River Basin Organizations (RBOs);

1. Water resources management should be undertaken at a basin level with understandings of the geography, meteorology, history of water use, regional cultures and customs and various value judgments of the basin. Accordingly, its approach should differ from basin to basin. This means that there is no sole guideline that everyone has to follow. RBOs have to develop the original and pragmatic approach through their effort to establish the original water resources management that best fits to the basin.
2. River Basin Organizations (RBOs), who should play the important role as advocators in the basin, are the practitioners of water resources management that are well versed in the situation in the basin. RBOs have to continue effort to get the confidence from residents in the basin with much close relationship between governments, stakeholders and residents.
3. Therefore, RBOs are requested to make their effort for development of capacity and to be the professional on water resources management with high level of capability in technical, social and spiritual.
4. In order to achieve above matters, various experiences, profound knowledge, information and training for capacity development, are absolutely necessary to be strengthened among Asia. Accordingly, it is desirable to expedite information exchange, sharing knowledge and experiences, conducting training for RBOs.
5. It should be enhanced that the network activities at the ownership point of view the quite effective vehicle to attain capacity development. In this sense, the network consists of RBOs in monsoon Asia is quite significant because it is true that monsoon Asia region has a lot in common in water usage, water resources management and water issues. For this reason, NARBO which is the networking for Asian River Basin Organizations is established and shall be reinforced.
6. It is, however, rather difficult to do capacity development of RBOs without supports from the governments for its institution, system and financial aspect. Of course, supports from various kinds of bodies like from academic fields and development cooperation agencies collaboration / cooperation among countries are equally important.

We, RBOs gathered here at “Session on Developing Capacity in River Basin Organization”, and confirm to try to do our best for capacity development for people and country. Also we insist that the strong/possible assistance from the government and related organizations are essential.