

# Summary of the thematic workshop

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# Our idea on important points

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- ❑ Don't aim super goals directly.
- ❑ Next one step for improvement is just important.
- ❑ First, we should do what we can do.
- ❑ Practical and pragmatic
- ❑ Share and exchange the information and experience

# Summarization (Vietnam-1)

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- **Representative issue:** (a) Inadequate legal framework for water management (b) Inadequate water resources plan and other technical guidelines(c) Inadequate fund (d) Rooms for improving technical affairs
- **Representative proposed actions and Challenges:**  
**For issue (a)**  
(1) Improving Law on Water resources, including ordering the mandate of water-related organizations, developing necessary decrees
  - Need to solve the disputes on the mandate of water resources management,



# Summarization (Vietnam-2)

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## **For issue (b)**

Formulate and approve planning as technical documents for IWRM, water allocation and water rights

- Strengthening RBOs and sub-RBOs, main body of developing plans and guidelines, is highly needed.
- Structure of RBOs should be more developed.

## **For issue (c)**

Improving water fee collection

## **For issue (d)**

Training, Investment in advanced technology

# Summarization (Philippines-1)

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- **Representative issues:** (a) Philippines has sophisticated schemes such as water rights system in general, but they have a problem in implementing the schemes, (b) inadequate coordination of multiple water-related agencies
- **Representative proposed actions and Challenges:**  
**For issue (a)**
  - (1) Information and Education Campaign
  - (2) Strict implementation of the law, rules, regulations
    - Cooperation with other organizations such as National Police may be one of the challenges
  - (3) RBO establishment for effective water rights system
    - Financial and manpower issue may be critical.



# Summarization (Philippines-2)

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(4) Introduction of raw water pricing policy in Laguna de Bay

- Agreement from lake water users is the challenge for the proposal

## **For issue (b)**

(1) Review mandates, roles, plans and programs of water-related agencies to find overlap and other inconveniences

(2) RBO establishment for coordination and cooperation

- Support from other agencies is the key.

# Summarization (Thailand-1)

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- **Representative issues:** (a) No regulation for governing water use, and (b) Inadequate water resources data and information for making mutual decision in allocating water (related to public-private participation)
- **Representative proposed actions and Challenges:**
  - For issue (a)**
    - (1) Consultation and dialogue with stakeholders to create a social process for preventing and mediating water conflicts
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    - (2) Develop regulation (substitute for law) in a pilot basin
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# Summarization (Thailand-2)

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## **For issue (b)**

(1) Collection of data on water uses in a basin

- Cooperation from water users, especially farmers, may be one of the challenges for realizing this proposal.

(2) Share other information on water resources including knowledge of the areas such as hydrology, socio-economic, or environment at river basin level

- This proposal will need personnel who has adequate knowledge

# Summarization (Indonesia-1)

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- **Representative issues:** (a) Water conflict, (b) Issues on water guarantee on sustainable water availability, (c) Technical issues
- **Representative proposed actions and Challenges:**  
**For issue (a)**
  - (1) Establishment of the Apex Body for water resources management at all administrative levels
  - (2) Review the Water Allocation Priority regarding the water balance analysis
    - Firstly, enactment of effective Government Regulation for the new Water Resources Law is the key for the above 2 issues.



# Summarization (Indonesia-2)

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## **For issue (b)**

(1) River basin development and management planning to ensure the water allocation

(2) Implementation of cost recovery concept for improving O&M of infrastructures

- Enactment of new GR is the key for establishing basin Apex Body or introducing cost recovery concept.

## **For issue (c)**

(1) Training for staffs

# Summarization (Sri Lanka-1)

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- **Representative issues:** (a) Lack of proper water resources planning, and (b) Improper water management due to technical reasons
- **Representative proposed actions and Challenges:**
  - For issue (a)**
    - (1) Developing Water Resources Master Plan for Sri Lanka for next 25 years
      - Promotion of participation from some sectors for set up the planning is the challenge.

# Summarization (Sri Lanka-2)

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## (2) Strengthening the Apex Body

- Promoting participation of senior level officers is the challenge for effective Apex Body

### **For issue (b)**

## (1) Introduce water allocation concept

- Farmers' awareness may be one of the challenges for this proposal in order to change their attitude for water use.

## (2) Implement O&M policy such as IMT or PIM for different level of irrigation system appropriately

- How to involve farmers and Government in O&M may be the challenge for introducing new O&M policy.

# Summarization (Lao PDR-1)

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- **Representative issues:** Weak coordination among water-related agencies at national level and basin level
- **Representative proposed actions and Challenges:**
  - (1) Consider how to strengthen the coordination body at national level including WRCC analysis and re-arrangement of line agencies
  - (2) Establish RBO and develop water resources plan at the basin level
    - How to get more attention to the coordination body from other water agencies may be the key.



# In the future...(1)

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- We expect you and your organizations' intensive actions for realizing the proposals shown in the thematic workshop
- Continuing internal discussion in the home countries is important.
- We may request your organizations to report the progress of the proposals in the NEXT NARBO General Meeting (maybe held in 2008)

## In the future...(2)

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- One of the objectives of NARBO is “exchanging experience among RBOs and their associated water sector agencies”. Thus, we also expect you more intensive exchanging actions for improving water situation.
- NARBO secretariat will make efforts helping your exchanging actions through NARBO website (<http://www.narbo.jp/>), NARBO Newsletter, and other tools.





# Gratitude for participants and others

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- Thank you very much for long-term and intensive discussions, which leads effective information exchange and sharing for us.
- Thank you very much for taking the role of host organization of this workshop.

See you

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