

Step up to the next phase of NARBO activities

-Report of the 6th General Meeting of NARBO-

NARBO is recognized as a 'Regional Public Goods in Asia' which is promoting implementation of IWRM in the field. Now, we have an international target on IWRM by SDGs 6.5, and achieving implementation of IWRM in the field is strongly needed as the challenging target. In this context, NARBO is expected to take a leading role in building the platform to share the knowledge and experience in order to achieve the target and further improve IWRM in the field. Based on this background, next phase of NARBO activities was to implement the above role and shift our direction by focusing more on the field.

NARBO secretariat together with Steering Committee members has held the deep discussions on concrete activities by considering the situations surrounding NARBO since last year. Then, we prepared the draft of 'Action Program 2016-2019' and proposed the partial revision of NARBO Charter to address the changing situations and consulted it to all member organizations in advance. Furthermore, we've introduced the nomination system of NARBO officials to be a more transparent procedure and to enhance more involvement of member's opinions into NARBO management.

After the consultations to Steering Committee Members and all the NARBO members, NARBO held the 6th NARBO General Meeting (6GM) at the Ministry of Public Works and Housing, Jakarta, Indonesia from 22 to 24 February, 2017 hosted by Ministry of Public Works and Housing and Perum Jasa Tirta II Public Corporation (PJT2). Over 100 participants from NARBO members joined the 6GM. We welcomed H.E. Mr. Fahimullah Ziaee, Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Natural Resources, Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL), Afghanistan and H.E. Mr. Udaya R Seneviratne, Secretary, Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment, Sri Lanka as high-level officials to the meeting.

Day 1 of the 6th GM was a day of field visit. Participants visited 'NARBO FOREST' which was afforested during the 2nd NARBO General Meeting in February, 2016. 'NARBO FOREST' is located at the green belt area of the Jatiluhur Reservoir operated and managed by PJT2. 'NARBO FOREST' is a symbol of the spirit of River Basin Organizations (RBOs) of NARBO and its implementation of IWRM by working in the field with the consideration of environment and consensus building. Participants were welcomed by Mr. Djoko Saputro, President Director of PJT2, and explanation of 'NARBO FOREST' and role of PJT2 were introduced. Participants recognized how well 'NARBO FOREST' has been maintained by PJT2. After that, all the participants planted young trees at 'NARBO FOREST', thinking of the spirit of IWRM and NARBO. Some participants planted a tree in 2004, and they were deeply moved to visit the forest again. Participants also visited the Jatiluhur Dam which supplied raw water for domestic use and power generation and was famous for 'Morning Glory' spillway and learnt the business of PJT2, its operation and management of the dam.



Day2 is the day of the workshop. Mr. Imam Santoso, Director General, Directorate of Water Resources, Ministry of Public Works and Housing (PU), Republic of Indonesia welcomed the participants on behalf of the host organization. Mr. Keiichi Yamamoto, Deputy-Director General, Water Resources Department, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), Japan offered a speech and welcomed the achievements of NARBO activities and told their expectations to NARBO, expressing of the support by Japanese government. Following the speech, on behalf of PU, Mr. Santoso awarded NARBO and NARBO secretariat organization for its dedicated contribution to NARBO management and presented the certificate of appreciation.





Prof. Toshio KOIKE, University of Tokyo and Director, International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management (ICHARM) offered the keynote address and talked about International Flood Initiative (IFI) and IWRM. Prof. Koike stressed the necessity for NARBO to take concrete actions to build resilience to disaster and achieve sustainability. He also mentioned that it was indispensable for NARBO to build the platform to share knowledge and experience and enhance implementation of them in the field. After the keynote speech, workshops were held to discuss governance, sustainability, 'Water-Food-Energy NEXUS' and promotion of IWRM. NARBO officials took the roles of moderators. Members and guest organizations made reporting and had in-depth discussions.

Day 3 is the day of the real General Meeting. NARBO secretariat explained the achievements of NARBO activities in 2012-2016 under the current 'Action Program 2013-2015'. Member organizations evaluated the achievements of NARBO, especially activities in international society on water and commented to NARBO activities and asked for more activities on RBO Performance Benchmarking for capacity development of RBOs and agreed to the past activities. Following the report of past activities, NARBO secretariat proposed 'Action Program 2016-2019' and partial revision of NARBO Charter. All the proposals were unanimously approved by member organizations. As the final deliberation, Secretary General proposed the nomination of the following NARBO officials, and it was also approved unanimously. On behalf of new NARBO officials, Mr. Imam Santoso offered his inauguration speech by expressing his endeavor to lead NARBO, and it was well welcomed and received by all members.

Chairperson	Mr. Imam Santoso	Director General, Directorate of Water Resources, Ministry of Public Works and Housing, Republic of Indonesia
Vice Chairperson	Mr. Udaya R Seneviratne	Secretary, Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment, Sri Lanka
	Dato' Dr. Md. Nasir bin Md. Noh	Deputy Director General 1 (Business Sector), Department of Irrigation and Drainage (DID), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Malaysia

After the completion of the approval process, H.E. Basuki Hadimoeljono, Minister of Public Works and Housing, Republic of Indonesia, offered closing remarks and stated the great success of the 6GM and his expectations to NARBO and committed the continuous support to NARBO as Indonesia. The 6GM ended with great success and achievements, and a summary of the 6GM will be shared at the international conferences to tell practitioners voices in Asia to the world to contribute to the improvement of IWRM and achievement of international targets on water.

Presentation slides are available at NARBO website

(http://www.narbo.jp/data/01_events/gm06_program_1.html), and photo of the 6th GM will be available at NARBO's Facebook

(<https://www.facebook.com/Narbo-is-the-Network-of-Asian-River-Basin-Organizations-195368717237558/>).



Brief introduction of new NARBO officials are shown [here](#)