

(7) General Office for River Basin Organization!
Department of Water Resources (DWR)
Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD)

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1. About the organization

(1) Name of the organization and postal address of the office

General Office for River Basin Organization
Department of Water Resources (DWR)
Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD)
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(2) The representative of the organization

Mr. Vu Van Thang – General Director of Department of Water Resources – Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

(3) Purposes and roles of your organization

a) Historical background of the organization

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- Development plans, train in the formulation of investment project, preside the appraisal and implement investment in projects on repairing and upgrading water resources facilities in compliance with assignments of Minister;
- Develop operation processes of inter-provincial water resources facilities and steers the safe operation of water resources facilities;
- Take part in the planning, plans, projects on developing dike facilities and facilities for flood and storm control and prevention.
- Steer the prevention, control and management of drought, inundation, salty water invasion.

(4) Outline of the organization

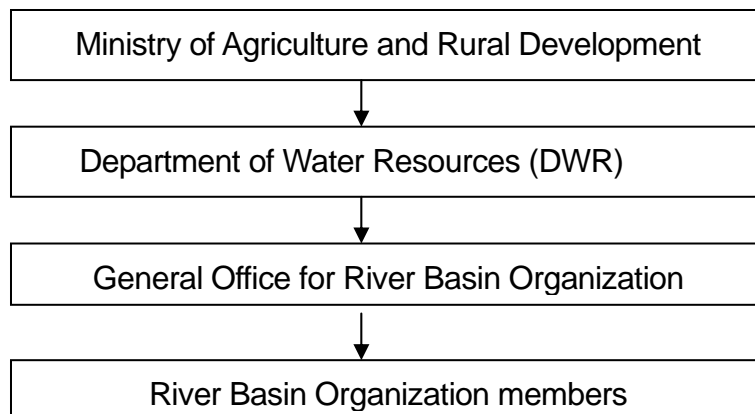
1) Number of staff:

18 members

2) Amount of the annual budget in 2008:

500.000.000 VND

3) Organizational chart



4) Ongoing projects

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(5) Main events in 2008

- Together with General office for river basin planning management promote bilateral co-operation between NARBO and river basin organizations of Vietnam. In 2008, Department of water resources introduced and proposed Vu Gia - Thu Bon river basin planning management Board, Ca river basin management Council, Cau, Day Sub-river basin planning management Board to NARBO as its official members.
- To enhance capacity building for staffs doing river basin management work, in 2008, Department of water resources has organized mission to China to visit and work at Hoang river basin management Board, to get to know water fee policy at Ministry of

water resources. Members of this mission are delegated from whole river basin management Boards and member of Hong – Thaibinh river basin planning management Board took part in. It can be said that, this is one of promised events for future bilateral cooperation between Vietnam and China in the field of river basin management.

- Coordinating with Japan water agency to enhance experiences exchange, training for staffs of both countries.

2. About NARBO activity

(1) The contact person and organization's web-site

1) The name, position, phone & fax number, e-mail address of the contact person

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2) The organization's website URL (English and local language respectively)

Website: www.mard.gov.vn/thuyloi

(2) Activities your organization implemented in 2008 as the member

- Coordinating with Committee of river basin management to enhance information exchange, propaganda for activities of river basin management to people and concerned agencies as well as enhancing international cooperation in river basin management in Vietnam.
- Coordinating with line agencies in MARD to set up project: “plan for preventing and controlling natural disaster, responding and mitigating negative impacts of climate change.
- Coordinating with appropriate authorities to organize workshop on impacts of climate change on water resources of 07 big river basins in Vietnam.
- Coordinating with appropriate authorities to organize workshop on impacts of climate change on inundation of some big cities in central area of Vietnam.
- Taking part in national consulting workshop on water quality of Vietnam Mekong River Commission.
- Joining and coordinating with international organizations such as ADB, AFD, WB, JICA... to deploy research projects about impacts of climate change on hydraulic structure systems.
- Coordinating with Units in Department of water resources to build water law.
- Researching solutions for water supply for Islands.

(3) Resolutions and expectations for NARBO activities in 2008

1) Your organization's resolutions

- Coordinating closely with Ministries, Agencies, provincial Department of Agriculture and Rural development to execute functions and Tasks on river basin management.
- Coordinating with Department of Agriculture and Rural development of provinces to set up water resources planning projects, water supply and rural environmental sanitation planning, detail flood control planning for rivers...
- Organizing some field trips to provinces to know about present situation of water use development of regions in river basins, from whence setting up solutions and implementing integrated water resources planning and management in the future.
- Coordinating with line agencies in MARD, concerned Ministries and Agencies in flood and storm control and disaster mitigation.
- Disseminating and propagandizing information on Website of Department of water resources and other means of communications. Publishing reports about activities as well as documents, decrees which are related to water resources management.
- Coordinating with river and sub-river basin planning and management Boards aim at setting up solutions to implement integrated water resources planning management of Basins.
- Maintaining relations and taking part in all activities of Asian river basin organizations network positively.

2) Expectations of NARBO activities

- Often providing information about activities of Asian river basin organizations network.
- Arranging field trips to countries which their river basin management is at high level in order to study, exchange experiences.
- Supporting and helping organization's members in training staffs.

3. Questions to RBO members

(1) Areas which your organization has improved the performance in 2008

Climate change impacts negative on water resources and other areas. It's complicated issue to need having a lot detail investigation programs.

(2) The way in which your organization was able to do so

To strengthen more cooperative information exchange between NARBO countries.

(3) In what way NARBO has helped your organization

Vietnam GO of NARBO is coordinating with line agencies in MARD to set up project: "plan for preventing and controlling natural disaster, responding and mitigating negative impacts of climate change.