

International Seminar on Corporate River Basin Organizations in Asia

22-24 June 2011, Malang, Indonesia

Second Announcement

A Wider Choice. Across Asia, a variety of small and large river basin organizations (RBOs) are now helping governments and stakeholders to implement integrated water resources management (IWRM) in river basins and thereby increase water security. Most of the RBOs operate within the structures of regular government departments, however a growing number of governments has opted for a corporate or quasicorporate model to provide RBOs greater autonomy in their management, capacity development, and revenue generation. Decision-makers who are considering how to establish new RBOs or to strengthen existing ones now have a wider choice of models and examples to determine effective solutions that suit the local conditions.

Unpacking the Models. NARBO will for the first time convene an international workshop with the objective to explore the benefits that corporate RBOs can deliver to governments and basin stakeholders in Asia, and the necessary conditions for corporate RBOs to function effectively. Supported by a background paper presenting existing cases and a proposed analytical framework for decision-makers, the participants will discuss and learn about:

- 1. Strengths and weaknesses of existing types of RBOs in Asia
- 2. Application and performance of corporate and quasi-corporate RBOs
- 3. How governments can determine an appropriate RBO model.

Who will Participate? The seminar is organized to help interested government and RBO decision-makers in Asia determine appropriate models for new and existing RBOs to implement IWRM in their river basins and thereby increase water security. NARBO will invite RBO champions to present corporate and quasi-corporate cases. Specialists from the academe and development partners are welcome to contribute to the discussions as resource persons.



What will Happen? The Seminar will kick off with a study visit in the Brantas River Basin on 22 June 2011, and working sessions will be held on 23-24 June. The organization will be managed by Perum Jasa Tirta 1 Public Corporation (PJT 1, the RBO for the Brantas and Solo River Basins) and the Center for River Basin Organizations and Management (CRBOM, serving as the regional knowledge hub). Participation is open to NARBO members and non-members. Requests for financial support will be reviewed by the NARBO Secretariat on a case-by-case basis.

Details of the Seminar

Program

Day 1 (22 June): Study Visit to the Brantas River Basin and PJT 1 Office Day 2 (23 June):

- Strengths and weaknesses of existing types of RBOs in Asia
- Application and performance of corporate and quasi-corporate RBOs

Day 3 (24 June):

- ❖ How governments can determine an appropriate RBO model
- Way forward

Where will It Happen? Assembly of the Study Visit to the Brantas River Basin and PJT 1 Office on Day 1 is at the Hotel Santika Premiere Malang and Malang Regent's Park Hotel in Malang city center. Program sessions in Days 2 and 3 are held in the Selorejo Hotel & Resort. Most participants are booked at either Hotel Santika Premiere Malang or Malang Regent's Park Hotel (for the night of 21 June), and Selorejo Hotel & Resort (for the nights of 22-24 June).

Hotel Santika Premiere Malang

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Malang Regent's Park Hotel

Jl. Jaksa Agung Suprapto 12-16, Malang, Indonesia Tel: +62-341-363388, Fax: +62-341-354888

Selorejo Hotel & Resort

Jl Raya Selorejo, Ngantang - Malang, Indonesia Tel:+62-341-521085, Fax: +62-341-521084

Organizers PJT 1 and CRBOM

Logistics Airport transfer is provided by organizers from and to Malang or Surabaya airports to the hotel based on participants' flight details. Snacks and lunch on 20-24 June are provided by the organizers. Local transportation for the study visit and seminar documents is also provided by organizers and NARBO.

Participation Interested participants are requested to send registration (form attached) **not later than 7 June 2011** to **both** contact persons below. Invited participants need not submit registration forms.

Financial Support Self-financing is encouraged. Requests for financial support will be reviewed by the NARBO Secretariat on a case-by-case basis.

Visa Arrangements Participants are expected to make their own necessary visa arrangements to enter Indonesia. The organizers can provide invitation letters as needed.

Contact Persons For further queries, please contact Mr. Fahmi Hidayat (CRBOM) at hidayat.f@qmail.com, and Mr. Koichi Takano (ADB) at ktakano@adb.org.

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Registration Form*

Name: (Mr. / Ms.)
Position:
Organization:
Country:
Email Address:
TEL: FAX:
Please describe your interest or relevance to corporate or quasi-corporate RBOs
Do you need financial support? (Please check either below):
() No, I will attend by my own cost (or by other finance source).
() Yes, I need financial support.
Do you participate in the Study Visit on 22 June 2011? (Please check either below):
() Yes, I will attend the Study Visit.() No, thank you.
Do you need accommodation? (Please check either below):
() Yes, I need.
() No, thank you.
Please send your registration by email or fax not later than 7 June 2011 to both contact persons below:

- Mr. Fahmi Hidayat, PJT I and CRBOM Email: hidayat.f@gmail.com or Fax: +62 341 551 976 (c/o PJT I); and
- Mr. Koichi Takano, ADB Email: ktakano@adb.org or Fax +63 2 636 2444.

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