



TO SELECTED PARTICIPANTS ONLY
FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

**The 2nd Thematic Workshop
on Water-Related Disaster and Its Management in Asian Countries**

Date of workshop	October 7th –10th , 2008
Place of workshop	Metro Manila, Philippines
Host Organization	Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA), Philippines

1. Background

Natural disasters (e.g. floods, droughts, landslides, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, tsunami, typhoons, hurricanes, cyclones and other extreme weather phenomena) have hit monsoon Asia in recent years. These disasters have inflicted catastrophic losses to human lives and to the economies of countries which NARBO member organizations belong to.

Conducting thematic workshops has been considered at The 3rd NARBO General Meeting in Indonesia in February 2008 as one of the important activities of NARBO. Based on the updated NARBO Action Plan of 2008-2009, NARBO will carry out a series of workshops on the theme of **Water-Related Disaster and Its Management in Asian Countries**.

In the series of workshops, participants will discuss the conditions and experiences on water-related disaster management of represented countries; and evaluate the issues, challenges, and strategies. The goal of the workshop is to develop capacity of key organizations for water-related disaster management by (i) providing basic concepts and principles; (ii) sharing country challenges and strategies; and (iii) formulating an action plan.

We believe that, in this thematic workshop, participants can discuss actively and share different experiences and information, by identifying the problems of each country and

find its solution. This workshop includes field visits namely, “advisory visit by other River Basin Organizations (RBOs)” and “exchange visit between RBOs”, so that participants can discuss actively its main issues on site.

The series of workshop will be held in a small group. This workshop will be attended by about 9 participants from 9 different countries ((Bangladesh,) Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam), keynote lecturers, some domestic participants from the Philippines and NARBO Secretariat.

This workshop will provide you good opportunities for sharing information and considering Water-Related Disaster and Its management.

2. Description of the Workshops

The workshops are planned as follows:

(i) 1st workshop, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, November 26-29, 2007 (Completed)

Objectives:

- identify and analyze the characteristics and issues on water-related disaster management
- identify strategies and solutions to address the issues

(ii) 2nd Workshop, Metro Manila, Philippines, October 7-10, 2008

Objective:

- **deeply analyze again the issues on water-related disaster management**
- **investigate and evaluate the strategies and solutions to address the issues**

(iii) 3rd Workshop, selected participant’s country, January 2009 or December 2008

Objective:

- present and discuss the action plan by participants

3. Workshop Program (planned)

Day 0 (October 6) Arrival at Metro Manila

Day 1 (October 7) Keynote lecture and presentation from each country representatives

Day 2 (October 8) presentation from each country representatives (Continued)

Day 3 (October 9) Site visit and related discussion

Day 4 (October 10) Group discussion and assignment for the next (last) workshop

4. Target Participants

The target participants for the 2nd workshop shall have the following qualifications

- in principle, to be able to attend both the 2nd and the 3rd Workshop;
- middle to senior level officials currently engaged in water resources management and have influence on disaster management activities and decisions;
- willing and committed to take responsibility within the organization to promote and pursue disaster management approaches for water-related disasters; and
- good command of English language to be able to share experiences and participate in workshop discussions.

5. Preliminary Assignments for the Workshop

Participants should write a report on assigned subject; and submit it to NARBO Secretariat by its deadline. This will be announced later.

Participants should conduct internal discussion within their respective organizations on a particular subject in order to (i) disseminate information; (ii) get position of their organization on sensitive issues; and (iii) elicit support from their organization.

6. NARBO Support

In accordance with the guidelines announced at The 2nd General Meeting, the NARBO Secretariat may support all necessary workshop expenses, including: (i) airfare, (ii) accommodation, (iii) miscellaneous travel expense. The guidelines are posted on NARBO website (http://www.narbo.jp/data/05_gl.htm). NARBO Secretariat, however, expects and encourages participants to finance their participation from their organization's budget, other donor institutions, or from projects.

7. Second Announcement

The detail information on venue, travel and detail program of activity will be informed by the second announcement.

8. Liaison

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