



TO SELECTED PARTICIPANTS ONLY
SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Date of workshop	<i>October 7th -10th, 2008</i>
Place of workshop	<i>Metro Manila, Philippines</i>
Host Organization	<i>Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA), Philippines</i>

In this 2nd announcement, important and revised parts of 1st announcement are described. If you want to know information which has already announced, please see the 1st announcement.

1. Background

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

Conducting thematic workshops was 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**, which has been continued since last year.

In addition, governments around the world have committed to take action to reduce disaster risk, and have adopted a guideline to reduce vulnerabilities to natural hazards, called **the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015 (HFA)**. The HFA assists the efforts of nations and communities to become more resilient to, and cope better with the hazards that threaten their development gains.

The HFA is the key instrument for implementing disaster risk reduction, adopted by the

Member States of the United Nations. Its overarching goal is to build resilience of nations and communities to disasters, by achieving substantive reduction of disaster losses by 2015 – in lives, and in the social, economic, and environmental assets of communities and countries. The HFA offers five areas of priorities for action, guiding principles and practical means for achieving disaster resilience for vulnerable communities in the context of sustainable development.

2. Venue

The Legend Villas (<http://www.legendvillas.com.ph/>)

60 Pioneer corner Madison Streets, Mandaluyong City 1550, Philippines

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* The participants can stay at the same hotel, and the secretariat will book it.

* Car transportation between airport and hotel will be provided by Philippines Secretariat in line with your flight schedule.

3. Selected Participants

The following participants will participate in this Workshop:

No	Name	M/F	Country	Organization	Category
1	Elakanda Sudharma	M	Sri Lanka	Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka (MASL)	RBO
2	Fida Hussain	M	Pakistan	Ministry of Industries & Production	RBO
3	Srisunee Wuthiwongyothin	F	Thailand	Policy and Planning Bureau, Department of Water Resources	GOV
4	Alicia E. Bongco	F	Philippines	Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA)	RBO
5	Xayviliya Ounakone	M	Lao PDR	Water Resource Coordination Committee Secretariat	GOV
6	Hermawan	M	Indonesia	Jasa Tirta II Public Corporation (PJT II)	RBO
7	Ahmad Darus	M	Malaysia	Department of Irrigation and Drainage (DID)	GOV
8	Nguyen Huu Thoa	M	Vietnam	Water Resources Department – General Office for River Basin Management	GOV
9	A. H. M. Kausher	M	Bangladesh	Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB)	GOV

4. Workshop Program (planned)

The brief program of this Workshop is shown below and detailed one is shown in Annex1.

Day 0 (October 6) Arrival at Metro Manila

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

Day 2 (October 8) Keynote lecture and 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

5. Preliminary Assignments for the Workshop

The participants should complete a report on assigned subject and submit it to NARBO Secretariat **no later than September 22, 2008.** Please see Annex 2 for the details.

In addition, the participants are required to prepare for their presentation at the Workshop according to their preliminary assignments. Each participant will have 30 minutes for presentation and 20 minutes for discussion. Outline of country and/or river basin which he/she manages should be included at the beginning of the presentation for about 5 minutes.

The 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) per diem and (iv) 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.

The NARBO Secretariat's funding is expected to cover the following cost items:

Cost Items Eligible for Support (next page)

Air fare	Round trip restricted economy fare via the most direct and economical route between the international airport of point of origin and Ninoy Aquino International Airport in Manila
Accommodation	October 6-10 (5 nights)
Per diem	Amount in line with the guideline (5 days)
Miscellaneous	Amount in line with the guideline

The above cost items will be reimbursed at the venue. Reimbursements will be given only upon submission of the following: **(i) original copy of the official receipt of ticket purchase; (ii) original copy of boarding pass(es); and (iii) photocopy of the air ticket.**

Also, the participants are requested to buy their air ticket in advance and **inform the NARBO Secretariat of the details of the air ticket (Cost of the ticket, flight number and itinerary) soon after ticket purchase.**

7. Liaison

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