



Introduction
2nd Thematic Workshop
on
Water Allocation and Water Rights

Date of workshop	5 th - 9 th June, 2006
Venue	Manila, Philippines
Recipient Organization	National Water Resources Board (NWRB) Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA)

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Participants: 26 persons including NARBO Secretariat

The “Core Working Group” for the workshop, which mainly consists of the participants of the 1st thematic workshop.



1. Background

1.1 Concept of the thematic workshop

NARBO has held the thematic workshop as the new attempt since 2005, which has the following features.

- Pragmatic and practical viewpoints are emphasized.
NARBO mainly consists of water related government agencies and river basin organizations, which are in charge of practical water resources management. Thus, it is desirable to hold the activities that can contribute to the practitioners of water-related organizations. Therefore, pragmatic and practical viewpoint is very important.
- Deep and continuous discussions are intended.
Firstly, in order to achieve an effect of the workshop, two-way communications are strongly recommended. For that purpose, we emphasize the discussions among the participants rather than typical workshop programs such as special lectures. In addition, it is necessary to discuss water-related issues continuously with spending sufficient time because they are often very complex. Therefore, the number of the thematic workshop will be several times against one theme, more than once, in order for the continuous discussion.
- Focused, specific and important themes related to IWRM are taken up.
In order to make discussions deeply, focused and specific themes are desirable, which also should be important ones in implementing IWRM.
- Small scale and simple style are preferable.
In order to make discussions deeply, it is desirable that the scale of the workshop should be small. Therefore, the number of participants per one country will be planned to be limited. Also, we intend to hold as many activities as possible though the financial resources of NARBO secretariat are quite limited. Therefore, the cost per one workshop should be reasonable.

The objectives of the thematic workshop are; (i) sharing information on current status of participating countries, (ii) clarifying the problems in participating countries, and (iii) approaching the way for improvement in cooperation with participants. Also, the number of the thematic workshop will be several times against one theme, more than once, in order for the continuous discussion.

With regard to the thematic workshop, **we attach great importance to the self-reliant effort for problem solving made by participating countries themselves.** In other words, we have to adopt the methods that participants themselves come up with the way for approaching improvement in line with each participant's country's situation. Due to that, participants are strongly recommended not only to make efforts on the workshops but during the interim period between each workshop to make internal discussions. Additionally, workshop outcomes, which will be prepared by participants themselves, are greatly expected to lead to the action plans for water resources management in each participating country.

1.2 Thematic workshop on water allocation and water rights

According to the outcome of the research in 2004, NARBO secretariat recognized that the NARBO members had had keen interest in the issues on water allocation and water rights. Thus, the issues on water allocation and water rights were taken up as the theme of the 1st thematic workshop. This workshop will be planned to be held a total of 4 times in two years, and the expected outcome of each workshop is as follows.

- 1st- To identify the issues in participating countries
- 2nd- To analyze the causes of the issues and suggest the approach to improvement
- 3rd- To review the 1st and 2nd workshop and suggest the approach to improvement
- 4th- To draft the report to make a suggestion

The 1st thematic workshop on water allocation and water right was held in December 2005, in Hanoi, Vietnam. 24 participants from 6 countries attended the workshop, and participants were able to identify and share the issues on water allocation and water rights with discussion. The final outcome of this workshop was uploaded onto the NARBO website.

1.3 About 2nd workshop

The 2nd thematic workshop on water allocation and water rights will be held following up with the 1st. With regard to the 2nd workshop, it will be emphasized **to discuss the causes of the issues and the approach to improvement**, which will be carried out on the basis of the information obtained from the 1st. In addition, **National Water Resources Board (NWRB) and Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA)** take the role of the 2nd recipient organizations with NARBO secretariat.

2. Workshop program

- Date: 5th-9th, June, 2006
- Venue: La Mesa EcoPark Conference Room
- Expected Participants: 26 persons including NARBO Secretariat
- Main contents to be covered

Approximate agenda

- Day0 Preparatory meeting among Core Working Group (held in the hotel)
- Day1 Opening Remarks, Lecture, Session 1&2 and presentation from Japan
- Day2 Field Visit and Discussion
- Day3 Field Visit and Discussion
- Day4 Session 3, Closing Remarks

Sessions

- Session1 Situation of internal information dissemination and discussion
- Session2 Country presentation & discussion on issues & causes
- Session3 Country presentation & discussion on proposals, processes/procedures and evaluations

Field Visit

Wednesday 7th Ayala Land Filtration Plant, Putatan, Muntinlupa, National Power Corporation, Kalayaan, Laguna

Thursday 8th Angat Dam and Reservoir, Bulacan

Lecture

(Tentative) History of Japanese water resources policy, presented by Mr. Koji Nukina, Deputy Director, Water Resources Planning Division, Department of Water Resources, MLIT

3. Hotel accommodation and others

Hotel

Sulo Hotel, Matalino Road, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines

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Transportation

The transportation from the airport to the hotel is arranged by organizing committee. The participants will pay the expense (about \$18) from the miscellaneous travel fee.

Training Fees

For implementation of this activity, following expenditures to NARBO members, especially for Government organization and RBO members from overseas to Philippines can be supported from NARBO secretariat and resource organizations in case participants from Southeast and South Asia hope. The self-financing by participants is highly expected.

- 1) Airfare of international flight for participants from overseas (Between the international airport of recipient country and the nearest international airport of participants), if participant needs them,
- 2) Accommodation fee (actual cost or max. \$60 per day) and per diem (max. \$15 per day) if he/she needs them,
- 3) Incidental cost (\$40), which includes the cost for internal transportation and visa application, if he/she needs it, and,
- 4) For implementation of this workshop, cost for the OC as secretariat fee will be provided from NARBO secretariat based on the "Guideline on Financial Support by NARBO secretariats".