

Introduction

3rd Thematic Workshop

on

Water Allocation and Water Rights

Date of workshop	27 th November – 1 st December, 2006
Venue	Bangkok, Thailand
Recipient Organization	Department of Water Resources (DWR), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE)

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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

1.3 About 3rd workshop

The 3rd thematic workshop on water allocation and water rights will be held following up with the 1st and 2nd workshops. With regard to the 3rd workshop, it will be emphasized **to proceed to preparation for high-quality action plans with review of the former workshops and discussion**. This time, **Department of Water Resources (DWR)**, Ministry of National Resources and Environment (MONRE), Thailand, takes the role of the 3rd host organizations with NARBO secretariat.

2. Workshop program

The following is the tentative agenda.

27 th Nov (Day 0)		Arrival at the recipient country Preparatory meeting (18:00 -)
28 th Nov (Day 1)	9:00 – 10:30 10:30 – 12:00 13:00 – 16:00 16:00 – 17:30	Opening Session Special lecture & Session 1 (Situation of internal discussion will be presented by participants) Session 2 (Country presentation) Presentation by ADBI & Others
29 th Nov (Day 2)		Field visit and discussion
30 th Nov (Day 3)	9:00 - 16:00	Session 3 (Country Presentation)
1 st Dec (Day 4)	9:00 – 10:00 10:00 – 12:00 13:00 – 15:00 15:00 – 16:00	Explanatory session Session 4 (Discussion) Session 5 (Short presentation on the revision of the discussion material) Closing session
2 nd Dec		Back to the home country



3. Participants

Firstly, with regard to the thematic workshop, NARBO secretariat attaches importance to the continuity of discussions, so the attendance of same members is highly desirable. Therefore, we intend to form the **“Core Working Group”** for the workshop, which mainly consists of the participants of the 1st thematic workshop (See the attachment). **It is also strongly recommended that the members of the “Core Working Group” attend the rest two thematic workshops in principle.** In addition, the number of participants per one country excluding recipient country should be less than 2 because the scale of the thematic workshop is planned to be small as mentioned above. The number of participants from the host country can be more than two as appropriate.

4. Hotel accommodation and others

Hotel

Century Park Hotel, 9 Ratchaprarop Road, Pratunam-Victory Monumant, Bangkok, Thailand
HP: <http://www.centuryparkhotel.com/>
Tel: (66) 02-246 7800, 02-640 0630

Workshop Fees

For implementation of this activity, following expenditures to NARBO members, especially for Government organization and RBO members from oversea 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 oversea (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”.

Remarks

NARBO secretariat requires participants attending the pre-meeting on Day 0, 27th November, in the evening. Regarding the support for hotel accommodation, NARBO secretariat basically shoulders the fees of 27th November - 2nd December. However, **we will support the hotel fee of 26th November if you cannot get to Bangkok Airport by 16:00, 27th November, in order to facilitate your participation in the pre-meeting.** Please note this.