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Thematic Workshop on Water-Related Disaster and Its Management in Asian Countries

Application Deadline: 10 October 2007

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 of NARBO member organizations, including Indonesia, Bangladesh, Viet Nam, and Philippines.

The NARBO General Meeting in Indonesia last February 2006 has considered the conduct of thematic workshops as one of the important activities of NARBO. Based on the updated NARBO Action Plan of 2006-2007, NARBO will carry out a series of three workshops on the theme of **Water-Related Disaster and Its Management in Asian Countries**.

The series of workshops 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. The workshops include field visits to (i) assess damaged sites, recovery conditions, and works for water-related disaster prevention; and (ii) assess activities for recovery of community organizations and other stakeholders. After the series of workshops, NARBO hopes to come up with a knowledge product on disaster management that will be useful to its member organizations.

The first of the three workshops is planned to be held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia on 26-29 November 2007.

2. Description of the Workshops

The workshops are planned as follows:

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

Objectives:

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

(ii) 2nd Workshop, selected participant's country, 1st half of 2008

Objective:

- evaluate strategies and solutions to address the issues

(iii) 3rd Workshop, selected participant's country, last half of 2008

Objective:

- present and discuss participants' action plan

3. Target Participants

The target participants for the 1st workshop are member organizations of NARBO, preferably river basin organizations and government agencies. Target participants shall have the following qualifications:

- 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.

The maximum number of participants is 25.

A maximum of 12 participants, representing at most 6 countries, will be selected from the 1st workshop and will comprise the core group. The core group will be the main participants for the 2nd and 3rd workshops. The criteria to select the core group are as follows: (i) balance of country representations; (ii) relevance of workshop to country conditions; (iii) participant's availability to attend both the 2nd and 3rd workshops; (iv) participant's performance in the 1st workshop.

4. Workshop Assignments

Participants will write a report on assigned subject; and promptly submit the same to NARBO Secretariat before the actual workshop. Participants will conduct internal discussion within their respective organizations on a particular subject in order (i) to disseminate information; (ii) to get position of their organization on sensitive issues; and (iii) to elicit support from their organization.

5. NARBO Support

In accordance with the guidelines announced at the NARBO Second General Meeting, the NARBO Secretariat may support all necessary workshop expenses, including: (i) airfare, (ii) accommodation (Dormitory of Sabo Technical Centre of Ministry of Public Works in Yogyakarta), (iii) miscellaneous travel expense, and (iv) secretariat fee of the recipient organization. NARBO Secretariat however expects and encourages participants to finance their participation from their organization's budget, other donor institutions, or from projects.

6. How to Apply

Applicant should submit **Application Form "Format-1, Format-2"**, to the NARBO Secretariat not later than 10 October 2007 by fax or e-mail.

Applications from Indonesian NARBO member organizations should be coursed through the Indonesian NARBO, and not the NARBO Secretariat. Indonesian NARBO will screen and approve such applications.

7. Country Reports

Selected participants are required to

- prepare the country report (full paper and powerpoint presentation), and
- send the country report to the NARBO Secretariat or recipient organization for dissemination.

Participants will give powerpoint presentations (15-20 min) during the workshop. The Terms of Reference for preparation of country reports are in **Annex-1**.

Deadline of paper submission is one week prior to the workshop.

8. Selection of Participants

The Secretariat will notify the selected applicants. As a general rule, there will be a maximum of two persons from one country (preferably one from RBO, and the other from government).

9. Contribution by Knowledge Partners

Knowledge partners of NARBO are expected to contribute to the workshop by providing information, knowledge, experience, or financial support. Knowledge partners may contact the NARBO Secretariat in this regard.

10. Second Announcement

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

11. Liaison

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