

## **2nd Meeting of OECD Water Governance Initiative**

### **a) What is OECD Water Governance Initiative ?**

The OECD (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) Water Governance Initiative is an international multi-stakeholder network of members from the public, private and non-for-profit sectors gathering twice a year to share good practices in support of better governance in the water sector, and it was officially launched in March 2013. Objective of OECD Water Governance Initiative is to i) Provide a multi-stakeholder technical platform to share knowledge, experience and best practices on water governance across levels of government, ii) Advise governments in taking the needed steps for effective water reforms through peer-to-peer dialogue and stakeholder engagement across public, private and non-profit sectors, and iii) Provide a consultation mechanism to raise the profile of governance in the Global Water Agenda. The 1st phase activity focused on the launch of the document about water governance at the 7th WWF which will be held in Korea in April 2015. OECD has proposed to develop 'Water Governance Indicator' supported by case studies not only in OECD member countries but also non-OECD member countries.

NARBO received an invitation letter which asking for cooperation to OECD Water Governance Initiative in March 2013 and sent an endorsement letter to OECD in May 2013.

### **b) What was discussed at the 2nd meeting and ways forward.**

Dr. Keizrul bin Abdullah, Chairperson of NARBO and Mr. Tadashige Kawasaki, secretariat of NARBO in JWA joined the 2nd meeting which was held at the Headquarters of OECD in Paris, France from 2 to 3 November 2013. Approximately over hundred participants, let's say stakeholders OECD Water Governance Initiative from government, international organization, river basin authority and NGO joined. OECD explained the background and roadmap of OECD Water Governance Initiative for 7th WWF. Each participant told about water governance by viewpoint of each position. NARBO introduced how we've contributed to improve IWRM at river basin level in Asia and useful tools to improve IWRM at field level such as RBO Performance Benchmarking.

OECD proposed to develop 'Water Governance Indicator' in 4 themes such as i) Stakeholder engagement, ii) Performance of water and sanitation, iii) Basin governance and iv) Integrity and transparency by dividing to 4 groups, and each group has a lead organization appointed by OECD. NARBO became a member of group 1 and 3 to contribute to the discussion and development of indicator by offering NARBO and Asian experience on IWRM.



Dr. Keizrul who expressed his view

Meeting of OECD Water Governance Initiative will be held twice a year to develop water governance indicator which was held at the 7th WWF in April 2015. Teleconference and group meeting were held to boost the development work by each group. NARBO was expected to contribute by sharing the viewpoint of practitioners at field to be more useful and add value to OECD. 14 indicators of RBO Performance Benchmarking will be introduced to OECD one of the practical indicators on IWRM and to be incorporated and referred to OECD Water Governance Initiative.