

## **'Pride of NARBO'**

Letter for future NARBO - Recommendations at 1<sup>st</sup> NARBO SC Meeting in Sri Lanka-

### **Background / Rationale**

The Network of Asian River Basin Organization (NARBO) conducted the 5<sup>th</sup> General Meeting in Chiang Mai, Thailand in May, 2013, and NARBO's Charter was agreed by consensus of all member organizations. In the Section 4, Article 4.6 stipulates as follows.

#### Article 4.6 Steering Committee

- (1) The Steering Committee may be convened by the Secretary General after consultation to Chairperson. Its task is to advise the strategic direction of NARBO activities.
- (2) The Steering Committee shall consist of Chairperson, Vice- Chairpersons, Senior Advisors, Secretary General, Vice-Secretary Generals and experts invited by Secretary General.

10 years have passed since establishment of NARBO. Thanks to the effort and appropriate instructions of NARBO officials, NARBO has achieved very good results by conducting many activities to promote IWRM in Asia, and NARBO chairperson was invited to one of the member of the OECD Water Governance Initiative and High-level Expert and Leaders Panel on Water and Disasters (HELP/UNSGAB). Expectation to NARBO is getting higher than before, and NARBO needs to improve the quality of activities and to be more influential. At the same time, budget and human resources of NARBO are limited, and NARBO also needs to consider the effective management. Seeing the future, we'll join some important events such as the 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum. However, middle-term and long-term strategy of NARBO activities by considering the sustainability of our activities are necessary.

Having these situations in our mind, 1<sup>st</sup> Steering Committee meeting (1<sup>st</sup> SC) is convened by the Secretary General, and the meeting will be held back-to-back with the 8<sup>th</sup> NABRO IWRM training on 5 December, 2013 in Thulhiriya, Sabaragamuwa Province, Sri Lanka

### **What we agreed**

SC meeting was convened by the secretary general based on NARBO charter, and majority of SC members joined. SC meeting consisted on sessions such as i ; Long term and Middle term strategy of NARBO, ii ; Financing matters of management of NARBO, iii ; Action Program 2013-2015 and iv ; Role of SC members and secretariat. List of the participants is attached as Annex 1. Intensive and fruitful discussion was made among SC members and secretariats for NARBO future. Many useful and important recommendations were stated by SC members, and we agreed following points as summaries of the 1<sup>st</sup> SC meeting.

1. Focusing on RBO Leaders RBO Deputy Leaders and also Young Leaders
2. Enhance communication by making training alumni and social media / with internal affair of members
3. Establishment of 'NARBO Foundation' (Legal Entity)

4. Private sector involvement
5. New cost sharing scheme
6. SC to promote result of NARBO to ADB & other organization
7. 'After 10 years' - Result of NARBO & President Meeting-
8. Role of SC members and secretariat

### **Way Forward**

Based on the agreement, SC members and secretariat take actions to meet international standard quality of management. Especially, NARBO secretariat immediately considers conducting 'Presidential Meeting' with ADB, ADBI and JWA before the NARBO's 10th birthday.

Attachment 1

## **Program of the 1<sup>st</sup> NARBO Steering Committee Meeting and list of the participants**

### **I. Program**

08:15-08:30 Registration

08:30-08:40 Opening Remarks by Secretary General and Chairperson

08:40-08:45 Agreement of the Agenda

08:45-09:00 Progress of NARBO activities -Report of NARBO activities after the 5<sup>th</sup> GM-

09:00-09:15 Comments from NARBO officials

09:15-13:00 Discussion 1

- Long-term and Middle term Strategy
- Implementation of 'Action Program 2013-2015'
- 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NARBO

(10:40-11:00 Coffee Break)

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-14:30 Discussion 2 -Expectation to NARBO -

14:30-15:45 Discussion 3 -Role of NARBO Officials, NARBO Secretariats and NARBO Members

15:45-15:55 Summary of the discussions

15:55-16:00 Closing

### **II. List of Participants**

#### **NARBO Officials**

##### **Chairperson**

Dr. Keizrul bin Abdullah, Malaysia

##### **Vice-Chairpersons**

Mr. K. W. Ivan de Silva, Secretary, Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources Management, Sri Lanka

Ms. Dolora Nepomuceno, Assistant Manager, Laguna Lake Development Authority, Philippines

Mr. Herman Idrus, President Director, Perum Jasa Tirta II Public corporation , Indonesia

##### **Secretary General**

Mr. Jyuichi Kamimura, Vice-President, Japan Water Agency, Japan

##### **Senior Advisors**

Mr. Mochammad Amron, Indonesia

Mr. Tjoek Walujo Subijanto, Indonesia  
Mr. Wouter Lincklaen Arriens, Netherland

Vice-Secretary General

Mr. Kenji Someya, Director, Japan Water Agency, Japan

Experts

Mr. Donclement Sudharma Elakanda, Director, Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources Management, Sri Lanka

NARBO Secretariat team for 1<sup>st</sup> SC and 8<sup>th</sup> IWRM Training

Mr. Dennis Von Custodio, Asian Development Bank  
Mr. Tomonobu Sugiura, Asian Development Bank  
Mr. Tomotaka Higuchi, Asian Development Bank Institute / Japan Water Agency  
Mr. Isnugroho, Center for River Basin Organizations and Management  
Mr. Keisuke Hatano, Japan Water Agency  
Mr. Tadashige Kawasaki, Japan Water Agency (Moderator)