

Baselines

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Network of Asian River Basin Organizations (NARBO)

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Introduction

The world community has recognized the importance of managing water resources in a more integrated manner. Over the past decades, a series of regional and global water conferences, including the World Water Forums in 1997, 2000, and 2003, have underlined the need to adopt and operationalize the approach of integrated water resources management (IWRM), which is defined by the Global Water Partnership as “*a process to improve the planning, conservation, development, and management of water, forest, land, and aquatic resources in a river basin context, to maximize economic benefits and social welfare in an equitable manner without compromising the sustainability of vital environmental systems.*”

By focusing on the management of water and related resources in a river basin context, it is implied that IWRM will be undertaken at basin level with the involvement of stakeholders at the basin level. The water conference in Dublin in 1992 referred to the need to manage water resources *at the lowest appropriate level*. This has become one of the basic principles underpinning the IWRM approach, and it has led to increased recognition that river basin organizations (RBOs) can realize IWRM at the basin level. Since Dublin, the world community has also recognized the importance of promoting gender and development work as part of the IWRM approach to ensure that women participate in water management at all levels.

Many forms of RBOs have been established in recent decades, and countries have developed various governance approaches for RBOs, for example, river basin commissions in the People’s Republic of China, river basin parliaments in France, river basin committees in Australia, river basin authorities in the United States and Sri Lanka, a lake basin development authority in the Philippines, water resources public corporations in Japan and Indonesia, inter-state RBOs like the river basin tribunals in India and the Murray-Darling Basin Commission in Australia, and international RBOs in the Mekong basin, the Syr and Amu Darya basins, and in the Tumen basin.

Some RBOs were established decades ago and have ceased to exist, while many new RBOs have been established recently. Some RBOs have a large

technical capacity, employing thousands of staff, while others may employ just a handful, like the newly established river basin committees in Southeast Asia. While there are many differences between these RBOs, they share a common mission, which is to operationalize IWRM in their respective river basins.

A network to assist RBOs in Asia in their work of introducing and operationalizing the IWRM approach does not yet exist. Consequently, RBOs lack opportunities for exchanging information and experience on their operations, and access for their staff to training and capacity building that draws on the technical and non-technical experience in managing water resources in Asia.

The need for partnerships for action to achieve IWRM was recognized at the 3rd World Water Forum held in Kyoto, Osaka, and Shiga, in the Lake Biwa and Yodo River Basin, Japan, in March 2003, where it was noted that several developed and developing countries in Asia have already established RBOs to implement IWRM. The 3rd World Water Forum highlighted the need to support these RBOs through knowledge sharing and capacity building, especially in developing countries.

The 3rd World Water Forum also emphasized the contributions that IWRM can make to improve the water security of the poor, by incorporating the needs of the poor explicitly in water policies and management practices at all levels.

Recognizing the need for networking and capacity building in the implementation of IWRM, the Water Resources Development Public Corporation of Japan (recently reconstituted as the Japan Water Agency), the Asian Development Bank, and the Asian Development Bank Institute decided at the 3rd World Water Forum in March 2003 in Kyoto, Japan, to collaborate in launching a Network of Asian River Basin Organizations (NARBO), and a letter of intent was signed at the Forum on 21 March 2003.

Note: This Charter is intended to guide NARBO in its start-up phase, during which membership by RBOs and partner organizations will be promoted and initial activities started to meet immediate needs of RBOs for training and exchange of information and experience. It is expected that the Charter will be reviewed and revised by the NARBO General Meeting when membership has

grown, a program of activities is agreed and under implementation, and membership fees can be introduced.

Section 1. Denomination and Working Language

- (1) This new initiative is entitled the Network of Asian River Basin Organizations (hereafter NARBO).
- (2) The language to be used is English.

Section 2. Goal and Objective

The goal of NARBO is to help achieve IWRM in river basins throughout Asia.

NARBO's objective is to strengthen the capacity and effectiveness of RBOs in promoting IWRM and improving water governance, through training and the exchange of information and experience among RBOs and their water sector agencies and knowledge partner organizations in Asia and to advise on the establishment of RBOs in Asia.

Section 3. Activities

To promote IWRM in Asia, the focus of NARBO's activities will be as follows:

- (1) Activities for the whole of NARBO

The activities joined by all members of NARBO will be as follows:

- (a) Advocacy and raising awareness for IWRM among RBOs, water sector apex bodies, and leading water sector agencies in the region, mainly through regional workshops.
- (b) Sharing of information, good practices, and lessons learned for IWRM among the participating organizations, mainly by operating

databases website and other communication facilities for IWRM exchanging information, and by sending a newsletter by email as well as posting on the web site and holding (sub) regional workshops.

(2) Activities for regional areas of NARBO

RBOs, national and federal governmental organizations with expertise in IWRM, regional and interregional knowledge partner organizations for IWRM, and bilateral and multilateral development cooperation agencies, will be requested to support RBOs in Asia in the following types of activities.

- (a) Supporting NARBO members to improve water governance, including the enabling policy, institutional, and legal framework for IWRM, and the formulation of the action plans.
 - (b) Building capacity of RBOs in implementing IWRM, mainly through staff exchange and training among participating organizations.
 - (c) Supporting RBOs with technical advice in regard to the planning, conservation, development, and the proper and efficient operation and maintenance of water resources facilities, to improve IWRM.
 - (d) Fostering regional cooperation for improved management of water resources in transboundary river basins.
- (3) The scope of IWRM activities to be supported by NARBO will be approved by the NARBO General Meeting.
- (4) Major NARBO's activities will focus on Asia.

Section 4. Organizations

Article 4.1. Membership

- (1) Membership will be open to the following types of organizations.

- (a) RBOs, defined as organizations that have been officially recognized by the government of their country as having a mandate to promote and implement IWRM at the river basin level.
- (b) National and federal/ provincial / local governmental organizations in charge of water administration in the countries which implement or are interested in promoting and implementing IWRM at the level of river basins. This includes water sector apex bodies and leading water agencies.
- (c) Regional knowledge partner organizations with expertise in promoting and supporting IWRM, such as international RBOs and research and training organizations.
- (d) Inter-regional knowledge partner organizations with expertise in promoting and supporting IWRM.
- (e) Bilateral and multilateral development cooperation agencies promoting and supporting activities related to IWRM at the level of river basins.
- (f) Water related organizations who support NARBO's Goal and Objective by offering their resources can be considered as associate members.

(2) Among these, the organizations under (1.a) are considered as RBO members, (1.b to 1.e) are considered as partner members and (1.f) are considered as associate member. Partner members will participate in NARBO as promoters and supporters of IWRM and RBOs, and as knowledge partners to RBOs.

(3) If other organizations wish to join NARBO, it needs to be recommended by an existing NARBO member or government agency concerned, notified to the Secretary General (see "Article 4.4.") and approved in the NARBO General Meeting (see "Article 4.2.").

Note: (1.c) and (1.d) include regional and inter-regional nongovernment organizations (NGOs) with expertise in promoting and supporting IWRM. For participation of national NGOs, (3) will apply. Participation as an observer in NARBO General Meetings is also possible (See “Article 4.2 (2)”).

(4) Application for membership in NARBO

- (a) An application to join NARBO should be submitted to the Secretary General with a recommendation from a NARBO member or the government.
- (b) The Secretary General evaluates the application and confers with the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairpersons with his/her comments.
- (c) The Chairperson makes the final decision.
- (d) The Secretary General notifies the result to the applicant organization.
- (e) When the applicant receives the approval, the applicant organization becomes the member.
- (f) The new member is introduced to the NARBO members.

(5) Withdrawal from NARBO

- (a) The following are grounds for a member to cease to be a NARBO member:
 - (i) The member applies for withdrawal from NARBO membership;
 - (ii) The member organization is abolished; and
 - (iii) The member organization undertakes activities contradictory to the principles of NARBO.

- (b) When a member matches to one of these grounds, the Secretary General evaluates the ground and confers with the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairpersons with his/her comments.
- (c) The Chairperson makes the final decision.
- (d) The Secretary General notifies the result to that organization.

(6) Member's obligation

- (a) Members will participate in NARBO activities of their interest with commitment to use their own resources as far as possible and to work effectively in partnership with other organizations that are collaborating in the network. Members will support the objectives of NARBO and will comply with its rules and regulations.
- (b) Members are obliged to submit its Action Report which was conducted according to NARBO Action Program to the Secretary General two months before the next General Meeting. The report will be submitted in English.
- (c) Associate members are obliged to submit a report which summarized their activities and contribution to NARBO in the duration of the General Meeting to the Secretary General to facilitate favorable screening by NARBO secretariat for renewal of their membership. Associate members have no voting rights.

Article 4.2. NARBO General Meeting

(1) Venue and Date

- (a) The NARBO General Meeting is held, in principle, every three years.
- (b) In principle, the General Meeting is held in the Chairperson's country, except as otherwise determined by the Chairperson. The dates are proposed jointly by the Chairperson and the Secretary General.
- (c) An extraordinary NARBO General Meeting can be convened at the request of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary General or NARBO Secretariat before the next General Meeting, if there is a specific reason or if there are important issues to be solved urgently.
- (d) The decision of the venue and date is the same as the decision for a General Meeting.
- (e) The venue, date and agenda of General Meeting shall be distributed with an appropriate advance notice.

(2) Participation

Members, technical advisory committee members, and observers may attend the NARBO General Meeting. Observers need endorsement from the NARBO Secretariat and the local organizing committee hosting the NARBO General Meeting.

(3) Agenda of the NARBO General Meeting

- (a) Three year action report and future action program of NARBO
- (b) Reports by members on matters related to activities of NARBO
- (c) Report of financial statement of NARBO

(d) Selection and replacement of Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons, Secretary General and Vice-Secretary Generals

(e) Approval and revision of the Charter

(4) Approval

The approval of the NARBO General Meeting is based on consensus among the attending members. Member organizations who cannot participate in the NARBO General Meeting can submit an authorization letter to NARBO Secretariat in advance.

Article 4.3. Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons

(1) Nomination and Selection of the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairpersons

(a) The Chairperson and the Vice-Chairpersons are nominated by the Secretariat based on the recommendations of the nomination committee and selected by the NARBO General Meeting.

(b) In case the Chairperson is or becomes unable to perform his / her function as Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson appointed by the Secretariat will exercise the function and responsibility of the Chairperson until a Chairperson is selected at the next NARBO General Meeting.

(c) The Chairperson will be deemed to be unable to perform his/her function as Chairperson if (i) The Chairperson declares that he/she is unable to perform his/her function as Chairperson; or (ii) The Secretariat recognizes that the Chairperson is unable to perform his/her function as Chairperson.

(d) In case a Vice-Chairperson is or becomes unable to perform his/her function as Vice-Chairperson, an Acting Vice-Chairperson is nominated by the Secretariat and appointed by the Chairperson for a period extending until a Vice-Chairperson is selected at the next NARBO General Meeting.

(e) A Vice-Chairperson will be deemed to be unable to perform his/her function as Vice-Chairperson if (i) A Vice-Chairperson declares that he/she is unable to perform his/her function as Vice-Chairperson; or (ii) The Secretariat recognizes that the Vice-Chairperson is unable to perform his/her function as Vice-Chairperson.

(2) Responsibility of Chairperson

The Chairperson leads the NARBO General Meeting and guides NARBO activities until the next General Meeting.

(3) Responsibility of Vice-Chairperson

(a) Assist the Chairperson

(b) Substitutes for the Chairperson when he/she is not available

(4) NARBO Senior Adviser

(a) Secretary General may invite the Chairperson to become NARBO Senior Adviser at the completion of Chairpersons term. A senior expert who had made a significant contribution to NARBO works and demonstrated leadership may also be invited to become NARBO Senior Adviser. NARBO Senior Adviser is expected to advise the Chairperson and Secretariat in promoting and enhancing NARBO activities.

(b) A NARBO Senior Adviser is expected to serve for a period of 3 years, with possible extension.

Article 4.4. Secretariat

(1) Responsibilities of the NARBO Secretariat

(a) Initiatives and Activities of NARBO

- (i) Collection of relevant information and coordination with related organizations, including participation in relevant meetings
- (ii) Preparation of the documents needed for and writing reports of the NARBO General Meeting
- (iii) Preparation of three-year action report and action program
- (iv) Promotion of establishment of National Secretariat
- (v) Operation and management of the NARBO web site and other communication facilities
- (vi) Advice on the enabling policy, institutions and efficient operation to improve IWRM and on the establishment and capacity building of RBOs in implementing IWRM (subject to available resources of NARBO to provide advice through cost-effective means)
- (vii) Organization of other NARBO initiatives and activities

(b) Logistics Service for NARBO

- (i) Contacts and coordinates the members
- (ii) Handles the administration, including registration of members, accounting, document preparation, etc.

(2) Composition and Location of the NARBO Secretariat

- (a) The NARBO Secretariat is composed of the Japan Water Agency (JWA), the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), both in Japan, the Asian Development Bank (ADB), in the Philippines and Center for River Basin Organizations and Management (CRBOM) in Indonesia.

(b) The Headquarters of the Secretariat is located in JWA and its branches are located in ADBI, ADB and CRBOM. Secretariat staff is nominated by the Secretary General in consultation with JWA, ADBI, ADB and CRBOM.

(c) Any organization in the NARBO Secretariat may resign its function at any time without condition.

(3) Nomination and approval of the Secretary General and the Vice-Secretary Generals.

(a) The Secretary General and the Vice-Secretary Generals are nominated by the Secretariat and approved at the NARBO General Meeting.

(b) In case the Secretary General or any Vice-Secretary Generals is or becomes unable to perform his/her function, an Acting Secretary General or an Acting Vice-Secretary General, as the case may be, is nominated by the Secretariat and appointed by the Chairperson for a period extending until the Secretary General or the Vice-Secretary General is selected at the next NARBO General Meeting.

(c) The Secretary General or a Vice-Secretary General will be deemed to be unable to perform his/her function if (i) he/she declares that he/she is unable to perform his/her function as the Secretary General or the Vice-Secretary General; or (ii) The Secretariat recognizes that the Secretary General or such Vice-Secretary General is unable to perform his/her function as the Secretary General or the Vice-Secretary General.

(4) Responsibilities of the Secretary General

(a) Initiates and manages NARBO's initiatives and activities.

(b) Convenes the NARBO Meeting and sets its agenda in consultation with the Chairperson

(c) Supervises the Secretariat's work

(5) Responsibilities of the Vice-Secretary Generals

(a) Supports the Secretary General

(b) Substitutes for the Secretary General when necessary

(6) Role and function of National Secretariat

(a) Shares what have gotten through NARBO effectively to member organization and collect experience, good practices, opinions and so on from member organization and tell to NARBO secretariat.

(b) Conduct events on IWRM with NARBO secretariat

* More roles and functions to be discussed by the Steering Committee.

Article 4.5. NARBO Patron

The Chairperson may invite a person of high public stature and influence to take on the role of NARBO Patron. A NARBO Patron is expected to represent and promote NARBO and its objectives and activities in the region and world, specifically to leaders, policy makers, media, and the general public. The patron may also be requested to advise NARBO on its work.

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.

Article 4.7. Nomination Committee

(1) The Nomination Committee may be convened by the Secretary General after consultation to Chairperson. Its task is to recommend candidates of Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Senior Advisors by considering the strategic direction of NARBO activities.

(2) The Nomination Committee shall consist of Senior Advisors, Secretary General, Vice-Secretary Generals and past Secretary Generals and experts invited by Secretary General.

Section 5. Resources

(1) Financial and human resources to support NARBO activities will be provided from the following sources:

(2) The Members of NARBO will voluntarily provide resources in cash and kind to support NARBO activities in which they are interested to participate.

(3) Costs of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Senior Advisors and the NARBO Secretariat will be provided by JWA, ADB, ADBI and CRBOM who will mobilize financial resources for this purpose and other sources by considering the situation of NARBO.

(4) ADB may be requested by the NARBO General Meeting to convene a NARBO Financial Support Group of interested bilateral and multilateral organizations to help support NARBO activities.

Network of Asian River Basin Organizations (NARBO)

ACTION PROGRAM 2016-2019

Key Result Areas:

- A. Capacity Development in River Basin Organizations (RBOs) & Network Support
- B. Advocacy and Raising Awareness on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)

A. Capacity Development in River Basin Organizations (RBOs) & Network Support

Activities	Implementation Plan	Lead Agency	Notes
<p>1. IWRM Training and Workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training courses contribute to the promotion of establishment of RBOs, capacity development of RBOs and improve IWRM at basin level through strengthening institutional capacity of RBOs and their staff - Thematic workshops under the umbrella of IWRM need to be organized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IWRM Training to be implemented on a regular basis • Programs to be developed with the Host Organization, the National Secretariat, Knowledge Partner Organizations and Academic Institutes by considering host country's interests and international agenda and to be used for 'IWRM Spiral' in "IWRM Guidelines at River Basin Level ("IWRM Guidelines")" and NARBO 'IWRM Indicator' • Result of activities must contribute to the development of IWRM projects and achieve international goals and targets on water such as shown in 6.5 of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and contribute to international initiatives such as OECD Water Governance Initiative, International Flood Initiative (IFI), Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF), ASEAN Working Group on Water Resources Management and so on • Collected case studies to contribute to the development of sequel to "IWRM Guidelines" and other guidelines which will be initiated by international organizations • Programs to contribute and be conducted in collaboration with ADB's TA9095 and the donor's program • Result of the training and workshop to be shared among staff in participants' organizations by holding the internal meetings supported by the National Secretariat • Effective method such as E-Learning to be explored for the training courses 	<p>NARBO Secretariat, National Secretariat, Knowledge Partners and the Host Organization</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'IWRM Spiral' in "IWRM GUIDELINES" and 'IWRM Indicator' are used as main materials for capacity development activities • NARBO Secretariat with National Secretariats to introduce case studies and advanced technologies by enhancing collaboration with academia and other international networks • Members to facilitate their staff to apply and contribute to registration fee and to sharing what they have learnt with their colleagues on an organizational basis • Leadership program by IWC to be considered • IWRM Certification to be linked with IWRM Training Courses and disseminated through National Secretariat

<p>2. RBO Performance Benchmarking</p> <p>- Provides a demand-based benchmarking service for RBOs to assess and continuously improve their performance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage and develop the implementation of the NARBO RBO performance benchmarking service and apply IWRM Indicator to RBOs who have strong interests in applying it. • Regular base monitoring should be conducted with support of CRBOM with NARBO Secretariat and the National Secretariat 	<p>CRBOM, NARBO Secretariat and National Secretariat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified indicator which fits with the country or basin situation to be developed and applied
<p>3. Communication and Interactions</p> <p>- Keeping and enhancing the NARBO network contributes to complementing ODA activities. Communication through multiple tools is the foundation of NARBO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NARBO Website (http://www.narbo.jp), NARBO Friends on Facebook & member's Website, e-Newsletter, publications and reports to be stimulated • Members to provide NARBO Secretariat with information, news and topics on IWRM frequently for NARBO website and Newsletter • Information on international discussions, publications and articles on IWRM and Water Governance to be disseminated through multiple methods • Active participation to the discussions on IWRM through SNS and more opportunities to be developed • Information related to NARBO also to be disseminated through member's websites and newsletters 	<p>All members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on Scholarship and other useful information also to be also shared
<p>4. Twinning Programs and Advisory Visits to RBOs</p> <p>- are the mutually beneficial programs for experience and knowledge sharing and capacity development, involving exchange visits, staff exchange, and joint projects</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mutually beneficial programs for knowledge sharing and capacity development, involving exchange visits, staff exchange, and joint projects to be developed and conducted through Twinning Programs • Enhance making LOI for implementing Twinning Program with facilitation of NARBO Secretariat and National Secretariats • Explore further substantial outputs in using current scheme for mutual benefits and develop IWRM projects and achieve international goals and targets on water 	<p>RBO members, National Secretariat and NARBO Secretariat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiated, arranged and financed by RBO members themselves • NARBO Secretariat and each National Secretariat can facilitate initial actions • Result of activities to be shared with other members through website and newsletters

<p>5. National Secretariat</p> <p>- are encouraged to be established aiming to achieve localized water resources management and foster domestic industry on water, supported by NARBO Secretariat and Steering Committee to enhance collection and dissemination of information and experiences on IWRM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The established National Secretariat to provide demand-based knowledge and capacity development services that meet NARBO member's and its clients' needs and support NARBO activities in their country and localized water resources management which fits with the region • Member organization in the country to support activities of National Committee in every aspect 	<p>National Secretariat, NARBO Secretariat and Steering Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration with institutes, universities and other international organizations and networks in the country will be considered
<p>6. Steering Committee (SC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SC meetings shall be convened by Secretary General if necessary • SC to provide guidance on strategic direction of NARBO's activities including role of National Secretariat, NARBO operation and management system, and Financial guidelines. SC has a function of Nomination of NARBO Officials • Notable experts in the region to be invited to SC meetings 	<p>The NARBO Secretariat and Steering Committee</p>	
<p>7. Nomination Committee (NC)</p> <p>- Nomination Committee needs to be established based on NARBO Charter</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nomination process of NARBO officials to be transparent and evaluation to be just and fair. • All member organizations to participate in the nomination process and to contribute by sending the nomination letter 	<p>NARBO Secretariat</p>	

B. Advocacy and Raising Awareness on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)

Activities	Implementation Plan	Lead Agency	Notes
<p>1. Workshops, Conferences and Seminars on IWRM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need to be held to cover the hot topics of IWRM and the details need to be decided by the demand and necessity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct workshops on the topics closely related with IWRM such as climate change and water-related disasters based on the suggestions/opinions from member organizations or proposals from knowledge partner organizations or international organizations including international initiatives • Opportunities and contribution to OECD Water Governance Initiative, High-level Expert and Leaders Panel on Water and Disasters (HELP), IFI, the 3rd Asia-Pacific Water Summit and the 8th World Water Forum to be considered for collaboration 	NARBO Secretariat, National Secretariat and Knowledge partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NARBO Secretariat with National Secretariats introduces case studies and advanced technologies by enhancing collaboration with academia and other international networks.
<p>2. Localization of IWRM Guidelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Needs to be formulated by considering UNESCO's "IWRM Guidelines" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NARBO Secretariat with National Secretariat and Knowledge Partner organizations to provide useful reference materials • Localized IWRM Guidelines to be shared with other regions through NARBO network 	NARBO Secretariat, National Secretariat and Knowledge partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HELP Davao's action programs to be considered for collaboration
<p>3. Ownership of NARBO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Needs to be promoted to secure sustainable activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members to active contribution and participation to NARBO activities based on NARBO Charter 	All members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members to offer proactive opinions and proposals for the step-up

<p>4. Contribution to achieve international goals and target related to water for sustainability and collaboration with international initiatives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share Practitioners' voices and experiences on the fields to the international level discussions • Take concrete actions to achieve goals and target on water in Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030), the 22nd session of the Conference of the Parties (COP22), the Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, (HABITAT III) and so on • Consider recommendations such as Green Growth and quality infrastructure investment in implementation of the project for the future collaboration opportunities • Enhance collaboration with UN-Water, ASEAN, GWP (Global Water Partnership), OECD, Donor agencies including ADB, JICA and the World Bank, international initiatives such as High Level Panel on Water (HLPW), HELP (High-level Expert and Leaders Panel on Water and Disasters), IFI, existing networks such as APWF, WEPA (Water Environment Partnership in Asia) and AWCI (Asia Water Cycle Initiative) to help RBOs and projects for IWRM in river basins. • Explore collaboration with research institutions, researcher groups and universities on climate change • Collaborate with RBOs and networks in other regions in improving water security in their basins for the future • Support pilot implementation and disseminate good practices 	<p>NARBO Secretariat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members to offer case studies that should be disseminated for international society as practitioners
<p>5. Transboundary Water Management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explores opportunities to foster transboundary water resources management (within the boundary and between the neighboring countries) through information sharing and exchange of experiences and offers good practices as inputs for regional study on charting • Enhance collaboration with international organizations, global initiatives and networks and Academic Society on this field 	<p>NARBO Secretariat</p>	

<p>6. Charting Progress and Facilitating quality Investment for IWRM</p> <p>- Accelerate sustainable economic growth and improve the living standards in river basins through efficient, effective, and sustainable water resources management, environmental conservation, and water-related disaster risk reduction with high standard of quality.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fostering water-related industry for sustainable quality operation and management of water-related facilities to be encouraged • use of NARBO events for developing IWRM project supported / implemented by donor organizations to be sought • Cooperation on ADB's TA for NARBO members and the result of past TA to be shared with members through NARBO • The capacity of government agencies and other stakeholders concerned to be strengthened for the implementation of the future investment programs 	<p>NARBO Secretariat and National Secretariats</p>	
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