

# NARBO

NETWORK OF ASIAN RIVER  
BASIN ORGANIZATIONS



Established in 2004

## Goal and Objective

The goal of NARBO is to help achieve Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in river basins throughout Asia. NARBO's objective is to strengthen the capacity and effectiveness of River Basin Organizations (RBOs) in promoting IWRM and improving water governance, through training and the exchange of information and experience among RBOs and their associated water sector agencies and knowledge partner organizations in Asia, and to advise on the establishment of RBOs in Asia.

## Activities

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### Information Sharing Activities

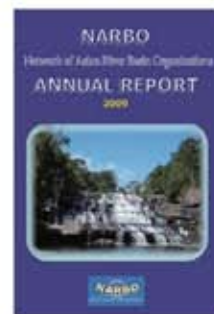
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News Letter



Web-site  
[<http://www.narbo.jp/>]



Annual Report

## Thematic Workshops

Thematic Workshops are organized in response to member's needs for NARBO activities, focusing on the specific themes. We have conducted workshops on Water Allocation and Water Rights, Sustainable Management for Water Resources Infrastructures and Water-Related Disaster and Its Management. Action programs which were summarized at each workshop as a result of the workshop were proposed to each organization, and it was incorporated into their activities.



Study visit

## RBO Performance Benchmarking

To stimulate performance improvement of RBOs and allow practical exchange of experience, Performance Benchmarking is carried out among NARBO members. On-line database and web interface for a NARBO Benchmarking Service are being developed.



Workshop on Performance Benchmarking

## IWRM Training

Training courses are organized for capacity development of RBOs in implementing IWRM among member organizations. Since 5th Training in Viet Nam, NARBO has been using "IWRM Guidelines at River Basin Levels" which was launched by UNESCO in 2009 as a main training textbook. Outcomes of the training have been contributed to establish IWRM plan in their river basins.



The 5th IWRM Training (Viet Nam)



## Twinning Program

NARBO's Twinning Program is a program to exchange staff among members to exchange information and experiences among members for improving water resources management. This program is very useful in exchanging technology and sharing practical solutions on IWRM. Twinning Program is one of the features of NARBO activities.



Discussion

## High level meeting and International Seminar

NARBO conducted international conferences such as '1st NARBO IWRM Executive Retreat on Leadership in River Basins' and 'NARBO International Seminar on Corporate RBOs in Asia' in 2011. Intensive discussions were made among high level officials, RBO leaders and champions. Basically, we agreed that i) Importance of good leadership and the value of dialogue and networking; and ii) Necessity of better documentation of experiences of basin-level IWRM in Asia and working together through NARBO in sharing knowledge and good practices.



1st NARBO IWRM Executive Retreat on Leadership in River Basins (Indonesia)

## General Meeting

NARBO General Meeting is held in every two years, and review the past two years activities and approve new action program and Management Team. Workshop and Study Visit to look for solutions on specific topics are also held. It is also an important opportunity to share knowledge and experience of each member organization and make the best use of the consultation to Knowledge Partners.



The 4th General Meeting (Indonesia)

# Organization

NARBO was announced at the 3rd World Water Forum in March 2003 and officially established in February 2004 to promote IWRM in riverbasins throughout Asia.



## Members' Countries

Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, People's Republic of China, Philippines, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Vietnam. [Total 16 countries]

## Category and Number of members

River Basin Organizations . . . . .	28	Government Organizations . . . . .	19
Regional Knowledge Partners . . . . .	19	Inter Regional Knowledge Partners . . .	9
Development Cooperation Agencies . .	1	[Total 76 organizations]	

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