

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL



It is my great pleasure to have the Second General Meeting. Two years has passed since NARBO was established in February 2004 to help achieve IWRM in river basins throughout monsoonal areas of Asia.

When NARBO was established, 43 organizations from 11 countries joined in NARBO. Over the past two years, the number of members has been increasing little by little. 10 organizations newly joined and now 52 organizations from 12 countries are involving in NARBO activities.

Since then, the secretariat has been facilitating activities such as sharing and exchange of information, training courses for IWRM, performance benchmarking, workshops and twinning programs.

The secretariat also tackled with other activities like holding the session at the Southeast Asian Water Forum and NARBO promotion activities.

At the Second General Meeting, the secretariat will propose "The Action Plan 2006-2007" based on the achievements and lessons learnt through last two-year activities.

We need to develop NARBO activities further according to the new action plan. The advantage of NARBO is that it is the network where each member participates in various activities with their own will under the ownership. For further development of NARBO, I'm really expecting all members will participate in NARBO more actively.

The secretariat, of course, will make every effort to develop more solid and practical activities.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the organizing committee, Perum Jasa Tirta II and Indonesian NARBO members for their great contributions to the Second General Meeting.

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