

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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