

Statute of the NARBO Technical Advisory Committee¹

1. Rationale

NARBO seeks expert advice to ensure that the quality and credibility of its annual IWRM Training Program will be at the level of a prestigious regional flagship program that will attract numerous participants who desire to join and successfully complete the program to benefit their work. NARBO can also benefit from periodic advice on the strategic direction of its activities to ensure optimal benefits to its members and a high standing among the water development community in the region.

2. Responsibility

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will advise NARBO's leadership and secretariat in the design of its IWRM Training Program and make specific recommendations on the objectives, target participants, qualifications of applicants, requirements for certification, and guidelines for organization of the program, including venue, host organizations, program scope and detailed content, assignments and ratings, program director and trainers, financing, and frequency. The TAC can also be requested to advise on other strategically important matters concerning NARBO activities.

3. Member

TAC members will be selected according to the theme to be consulted. Experts who may be invited by the Secretary General consistently include the following core members:

- Senior Advisors
 - Professor Tsuneaki Yoshida from the University of Tokyo, a founder of NARBO
 - NARBO Senior Advisor
- Selected NARBO members
 - Heads of organizations centered around Knowledge Partners
- Selected Regional Water Knowledge Hubs
 - Heads of Asia-Pacific Water Forum Regional Water Knowledge Hubs with direct relevance to NARBO's activities
- NARBO Chair, Vice-Chair, and Vice-Secretary Generals.

In addition, the Secretary General may call on other experts to join TAC meetings for specific advice as and when needed. These may for example include leading experts of the Global Water Partnership's Technical Committee, CAPNet, UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education, and others.

4. Meeting

It is expected that the TAC will meet generally once a year, and that the meetings are organized in conjunction (back-to-back) with NARBO events whenever possible, to reduce costs. The NARBO Secretariat will organize the meetings. TAC membership does not involve remuneration, and members are in principle expected to arrange their own financing to participate in the meetings. Additional meetings can be held using existing video-conferencing facilities. An internet-based discussion platform will be provided exclusively for the TAC members. Agenda and reports will be announced through the NARBO website.

5. Organization

A Chairperson at each TAC meeting will be selected from the TAC members.

¹ NARBO's Charter provides for the establishment of a Technical Advisory Committee to advise and support NARBO in its activities. The committee is convened by the Secretary General. (Article 4.5)