

The brief report of the workshop on NARBO Web Design and implementation

The workshop was held on August 7 and 8 for two days in Bangkok to develop new NARBO website. Sixteen participants came from Japan Water Agency (JWA), Asian Development Bank (ADB), International Water Management Institute (IWRI), International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) and RBO countries, namely Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, Philippines and Indonesia. Participants from RBO countries continued to attend the workshop just after the NARBO training course in Thailand.

On the first day, JWA, ADB, IRRI and IWRI made presentations with demonstrating their Websites to explain what features they have and what special techniques they use in constructing their websites. After the presentations, a lot of time spent was spent on who is the main target for NARBO website, what kind of information they need and the prerequisites regarding new NARBO website construction.

On the second day, based on the discussions in previous day, six chunks were proposed and lots of contents were classified under each chunk. These classified contents were also gave the priorities to develop. (i.e. low hanging fruit :LHF)

At the end of the workshop, NARBO Secretariat in JWA mentioned its schedule to develop new NARBO website based on the discussions and all other participants showed their intentions of cooperation.



Six Chunks and contents

Chunk	Contents
NARBO	Background (basic info), Charter, Action plan, Member list, Contact details (physical address), How to join (online application or registering interest)
Members	Members' profiles (basic info) such as organizational structure, contact details, mandate, statistics, maps, projects and programs, results, case studies etc.
News and Activities	What's coming up (LHF), What's new on this site, Newsletter (LHF), What has been done such as news about new legislation and other activities etc.
Opportunities	Case studies and analysis - identify topics, steps and format (coordinate with GWP), staff exchanges, benchmarking, twining program, RBO exchange visits etc.
Members only area	Message board (LHF), Discussion forum (chat-room), Opportunity details such as scholarship, funding, Call for collaboration
Others	Faqs / About website / site map, Website name / address, Counter