



1st Announcement

of the session on
'Better Governance: Inclusive Approach through good practices on water governance and IWRM'
at the 3rd Asia-Pacific Water Summit, Yangon, Myanmar

1. Date and Venue

Date & Time: 13:30-15:00, 11th December, 2017

Venue: Conference Room at the Sedona Hotel, Yangon, Myanmar

<http://www.sedonahotels.com.sg/yangon/>

2. Background

Water needs to be managed successfully with consideration of ecosystem and biodiversity for sustainable development. Concept of Ecohydrology, which is an interdisciplinary study on relationship with water and ecosystem to improve water security, is now being discussed. To make it happen smoothly, integrated and holistic approaches such as Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) have been discussed and implemented for the last few decades. The success of such approaches rely on our ability to address and solve complex problems, taking into account the contributions and views of all stakeholders concerned and empowering all levels to take required actions in a coordinated manner and applying appropriate and applicable approaches in structural and non-structural ways, in other words, maximizing our ability to ensure effective and equitable **Water Governance**. Please refer to the attached concept paper of the session for detailed backgrounds.

Based on the backgrounds, NARBO was appointed to the session coordinator of the session named 'Better Governance : Inclusive Approach through good practices on water governance and IWRM' proposed the session with United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

3. Purpose and outcome of the session

The session aims to explore Asian Water Governance which fits with Asian conditions and assist achieving SDGs 6, and practical actions on Water Governance in the field. At the end of the

session, summary document with 3 key messages will be made based on our agreement. This document aims at contributing to ‘Yangon Declaration’ and the discussion at the 8th World Water Forum.

Through the discussions at the session, the concept of water governance will be well understood as a foundation of sustainable development and a contribution towards the achievement of SDG6. Participants will gain knowledge of practical methodologies to improve water governance in practice. At the same time, the session will intend to nurture incentives to implement water governance at all levels through sharing of IWRM and appropriate technology experiences from different fields.

To encourage practical activities in the field, “IWRM Guidelines for Practitioners” with good practices, examples of which were collected from NARBO members, will be discussed at the Follow-up Workshop on 13 December, 2017.

6. Tentative Program

The program of the 3APWS is available at ‘<http://apwf.org/summit/myanmar2017/>’.

11 December, 2017 at Sedona Hotel, Yangon

Time	Contents	Remarks
13:30-13:35	Opening & Welcome remarks	MC : TBC
13:35-14:35	Remarks (Topics to be provided) - Myanmar (DWIR, MoTC & Ministry MOAI) (tbc) - OECD - UNESCO - PU, Indonesia - DPWH, Philippines - The World Bank - MLIT	Chair : TBC Moderator : TBC
14:35-14:50	Plenary Discussion	
14:50-14:55	Summary - Recommendations to ‘Yangon Declaration’	
14:55-15:00	Closing	

13 December, 2017

Field visit and Follow-up Workshop

Time	Contents	Remarks
08:00-08:30	Registration at Sedona Hotel	
08:30-12:30	Excursion to Field	
12:30-14:30	Workshop with Lunch	Moderator / Chair : TBC
14:30-17:00	Back to Sedona Hotel after excursion in Yangon	

* Schedule of the Field Visit and program of the workshop are subject to be changed.

7. Expected Participants

Our target is approximately 30 participants consisting of officials participating in the 3APWS, especially government officials, NGOs and civil society in Myanmar, delegations from international organizations (ADB, JICA OECD, UN-Water and the World Bank), international networks and research institutions, academia and civil societies.

8. Registration

Registration to the session will be posted on the NARBO website. Website will be opened soon.

9. Financial Support and Logistic Information

Participants are expected to cover the costs of their participation, including airfares and accommodations. General logistic information including the procedures for receiving the letters in support of visa applications, official hotel accommodations, etc. will be announced by the 3APWS secretariat.

10. Contact Person

Please contact following persons of NARBO secretariat if you have anything inquiries on procedures of the session at the 3APWS and its logistic support:

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