

The 1st step towards discussion on IWRM and Impactful Investments to water Efficient Infrastructure at the 3rd Asia-Pacific Water Summit

- Calling for your active participation in the side event at the seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific (MCED-7) hosted by ESCAP from 5-8 September, 2017

Investments to water is one of the crucial themes on sustainable development to achieve goals and target on water in SDGs. NARBO has been promoting the introduction, implementation and improvement of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) for achieving the sustainable socio-economic growth in the basin since its establishment. Voice of Asian Water Management Practitioners was released after the discussions at the 6th NARBO General Meeting and stressed the necessity of sustainable water management based on different local conditions such as variety of Asian cultures, histories, and existing national and local governance systems. Especially, NARBO is emphasizing on introduction of an appropriate and applicable technology to support a quality infrastructure and make possible sustainable socio-economic growth through water use. To make it happen, more attention should be paid to the socio-economic and financial aspects to IWRM.

The coming two big international conferences on water, the 3rd Asia-Pacific Water Summit (3APWS) and the 8th World Water Forum (8WWF), are the best opportunities to bring the issue of impactful investments to water for efficient infrastructures through strengthening IWRM and networking. The 3APWS will be held as one of the Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF) activities. The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) will scope the discussions on financing, while NARBO will scope discussions on IWRM and Governance at these conferences. Based on these backgrounds, these organizations agreed to hold the side event for promoting impactful investments in water efficient infrastructures through IWRM processes by using the platform of the seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific (MCED-7, <http://www.apministerialenv.org/index>) and to summarize regional voices, explore proactive actions and input the result to the high-level officials in charge of water policy making to be introduced at the 3APWS.

With the above-mentioned timeline in mind, we would like to call for your proactive participation in this side event. This event will be a great opportunity for recognizing the proactive and practical actions and to share perspectives on ways to meet the SDG targets, in particular, on the SDG 6.4, SDG 6.5, and SDG 11 through the promotion of impactful investments for water efficient infrastructure under the concept frame of quality infrastructure. and inputting valuable recommendations based on your experiences on IWRM to 3PWS and 8WWF. Details of the side event will be shared soon through the contact person of NARBO and NARBO's website.

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Outline of the side event (Details may change.)

Session title:

Invitation to the 3rd Asia-Pacific Water Summit: Impactful Investments in Water Efficient Infrastructures
(Strengthening Integrated Water Resource Management Processes and the Practitioners' Network)

Session convener: Japan Water Agency, National Water Resources Committee of Myanmar, NARBO, APWF,
ESCAP/EDD

Date & venue: 12:00-14:00, 7 September, 2017 at UNESCAP (UNCC Room CR3)

Contents of the event: Keynote remarks, panel discussion and plenary discussion

Expected participants: Participants of the MCED-7 and registered delegates.

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