

## Managing water in Asia's river basins: Charting progress and facilitating investment (ADB RETA 6470)

### Central Cebu, 2nd stakeholder consultation workshop Mananga, Kotkot, and Combado-Lusaran River Basins

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Montebello Villa Hotel, Cebu City

This workshop was the second in a series of two, both hosted by Metropolitan Cebu Water District (MCWD). It had participation by local government units (barangays and cities); province and central government bodies involved in planning, water supplies, agriculture, irrigation, environment, and public health; the Water Resources Center of University of San Carlos; and other stakeholders. Also, representatives from river basins in Indonesia (Bengawan Solo River Basin Organisation, BBWS-BS) and Viet Nam (Quang Nam Province) attended the workshop.

The programme included various background presentations; an overview of national IWRM implementation; experience from the Bengawan Solo Basin in Indonesia and the Vu Gia-Thu Bon Basin in Viet Nam; and an update about the *Cebu integrated river basin and water resources management and development master plan* (in preparation, by Department of Environment and Natural Resources, DENR, and the River Basin Control Office, RBCO).



Group discussions and plenaries were held in order to consolidate and expand the results of the first workshop. The **basin profiles** were reviewed; the **investment roadmaps** for IWRM-based, basin-level development were adjusted, and some fast-track and high-impact development initiatives were indicated; **institutional modalities** were discussed, as well as related **knowledge-base and capacity-building** needs; and the **social marketing plan** was re-visited and adjusted.

A concluding discussion was held about the **next steps**. A continued collaboration with ADB will highly facilitate implementation of viable development initiatives. There is a need to interact with the master planning (by DENR/RBCO), as well as with the ongoing preparation of the Regional Development Plan 2011-2016 (by National Economic Development Authority, NEDA). The value of basin-level dialogue in an IWRM perspective was acknowledged. There was broad support to working towards formation of a structure of council-type RBOs, subject to availability of secretariat services (perhaps provided by MCWD), and a certain budget for operation.

