

Bengawan Solo Water Council Meeting and 2nd Stakeholder Workshop Gresik (near Surabaya, East Java), 13-15 December 2010

Bengawan Solo Water Council (TKPSDA) has 32 members from government bodies (including BBWS-BS and PJT1) and 32 non-governmental representatives.

Day 1 was a regular Council meeting (held 3 times per year), with invited guests from Jica, peer advisers from Cambodia, the Philippines and Viet Nam, as well as CRBOM and ADB. The Council discussed its basin-level development planning (including its pola or roadmap) and heard reports from its 3 permanent commissions (that cover (1) water conservation; (2) water-sharing; and (3) water-related disasters and calamities). A review was made of past decisions by the Council, and whether they have been implemented. Presentations about basin-level planning were made by peer advisers from Cambodia and the Philippines. The Council agreed on next year's water allocation (which will be the same as this year's). It was decided to evaluate the scope for compensation for environmental services.

Day 2 convened representatives from the Council and its secretariat, Jica, ICHARM, pilot basins in Cambodia, the Philippines and Viet Nam, Java Water Resources Strategic Study (JWRSS), CRBOM and ADB. A review was made of impressions from Day 1, and the Council and its work was explained and discussed, based on presentations from the Council Secretariat (at BBWS-BS). Development of the Bengawan Solo Basin was further discussed, based on presentations by Jica and ICHARM. The first afternoon session addressed Indonesia's water security and related policy and planning implications, on the basis of presentations by CRBOM and JWRSS. The last session took a broad perspective on basin-level IWRM in general and investment roadmaps in particular, with presentations by the Vietnamese peer adviser and ADB. At the end of the day, an open dialogue was held with a panel of peer advisers from Cambodia, Indonesia, the Philippines and Viet Nam.

Day 3 was a study tour with stops at Petro Kimia Gresik (a fertilizer plant and a major water user), fish ponds at Sromo (Sidayu District, Gresik); Babat Barrage; and Bojonegoro Barrage (under construction, scheduled for completion in 2012). The briefings covered the present and planned regulation in the Lower Solo Basin, the problems caused by saltwater intrusion from the sea, and the advantages of 'long storage' (or in-stream storage), as provided by the barrages.

Typical topics for discussion during the programme included: Different approaches to roadmap formulation; roadmaps and master plans; the value of good data and knowledge; the way from (strategic) planning to implementation (using a roadmap); and public participation.

