

CONSULTATION WORKSHOP ON STREAMLINING AND STRENGTHENING THE NEIZWP AT IMPHAL

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Venue : Youth Hostel ,Imphal

Introduction:

The North East India Zonal Water Partnership (NEIZWP) is one of the zonal water partnership of India Water Partnership (IWP) to foster Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) as envisaged in Global Water Partnership (GWP). This initiative has greater significance as the North Eastern States experience a distinct geographical environment and technological development in water management and practices due to lack of access to knowledge, information and technology among the stakeholders despite having rich water resources.

The zonal partnerships are effectively vibrant as they have been providing a Collective Platform for all stakeholders and local actors for sharing knowledge and local experiences while exploring more appropriate ways to promote IWRM practices in the regions. The goal is to promote and integrate community initiatives to leverage global efforts on sustainable management of water as finite resource.

II. Purpose of the Workshop:

The workshop was facilitated for achieving the goal to ensure better understanding on the role of NEIZWP and to strengthen their capacity, capability and abilities for fostering a vibrant, effective, efficient and responsive partner of IWP.

III. Inauguration of the workshop:

The workshop was inaugurated with Shri. Dr. Brajakumar Singh, Research Officer, Directorate of Environment, GOM, Dr. Kh. Jugindro Singh, Associate Officer, Thoubal College, and Shri, Dr. Surja Kumar Bordoloi, Chairman RUWA, Assam in the dais.

Welcoming the participants, Shri L. Jelshyam expressed his thankfulness to the participants and explained the purpose of the consultation workshop. He also read out the introductory message of Dr. Veena Khanduri, Executive Secretary cum Country Coordinator, IWP which was received through Jelshyam for her inability to attend the consultation workshop.

IV. TECHNICAL SESSIONS :

The inauguration session was proceeded with technical session with presentation on “**Climate Adaptation, issues and strategies in Manipur**” by Dr. Brajakumar Singh, Research Officer, Directorate of Environment, Government of Manipur. Dr. Brajakumar focused on the increasing threat to human society due to increasing climate change phenomenon. The forest cover is reducing at the rate 80,000/-sq.kms per annum. Depletion of natural resources continues, sustainance of biodiversity are under great pressure. He highlighted changes seen in the last 100 years in the region: Increase in precipitation, drought, reducing river yields & flows, extreme floods, etc. Decreasing yield of rice, changing of cropping pattern; increase vector borne diseases, change in forest ecosystems and livelihood pressure due to population growth at 43% per decade. He noted that a responsive participation of all stakeholders is the challenge called for sustaining the earth.

Penal discussion :

Moderator: Dr. SK Bordoloi/LiangsiNuimai John

To lead the discussion, Mrs. LiangsiNuimai John of Nagaland state thanks to speaker for the challenges and measures to be taken climate resilient water management in the region. The participants also share their learning experiences on water issues, problems and interventional activities initiated at their respective region.

During the discussion, Mr. Albert Z.M shared the learning experience of UNDP project at Senapatidistrict, Manipur where communities address water resilient activities through a value chain management of waste biomass for energy, agro-forestry, water saving farming systems and off-farm enterprise. He advocates the need for involving communities and NGOs in implementing Climate Adaption projects undertaken by Government departments. Dr. Brajakumar articulated his welcome gesture to cooperate NGOs and individuals for exploring possibility of sharing responsibilities in the challenges. He further directed the Coordinator, NEIZWP to provide profile of the partner organizations for action.

V. The second session was followed by technical presentation from Mr. L. Jelshym on Sustainable water for livelihood Promotion and recommendation in NEIZWP vision document. He reiterates that the NEIZWP Vision Document observes various management gap in IWRM practices. A concretized effort is not maintained due lack of community consultation in local resource management. He advocates that micro-hydro project will boost employment among the young people in large scale. Therefore the Vision document recommended the following Approaches:

Penal discussion :

SK. Bordoloi:

Dr. S.K. Bordoloi extends thanks to Shri L. Jelshyam Singh, for the discourse. The members opined that (i) the organizational position of NEIZWP should be strengthen for enabling to take its role in government action plan for water management. The logical support from IWP/GWP would be paramount importance. Dr. Brajakumar Singh shared his opinion that the NEIZWP vision document is by and large met the required intervention areas under IWRM and climate change adaptation. However he suggested the need to define the priorities of the forum which could be taken into action.

VI. Technical session for Case study on “Water management and development” of Loktake Ramsar Lake in Manipur was presented by Shri. NG. Sanajouba Meetei of Lok lake Development Authority, Manipur.

He highlighted water potentiality, acuteness and severity upstream and downstream in the north eastern state, particularly Manipur. He focused the present management systems in water management, challenges and step forward to resolve the conflict. Panel discussion was followed with Shri SK Bordoloi as moderator.

The session was in fact is an eye opener. The problem in water management in Loktak Lake is challenging effort. Dr. Bijen Meetei, opines that the management of water in the lake is complex as it involves other department like National Hydro power cooperation, State Forest Department and LDA. He further suggested to find out possibilities of providing drinking water from the lake water with simple, applicable and low cost structures. Dr. Bordoloi assumed that the case study was a great example for the

Partner members of the NEIZWP and preparation of plan. The lesson learned could be taken into account in NEIZWP planning.

5. Suggested Administrative structure of NEIZWP:

1. Opening Zonal Secretariat at its own convenient, preferably at Imphal for catering administrative and management functions of the partnership.

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3. Constitution of Steering Committee of NEIZWP. Total member of the NEIZWP Steering Committee will be of 9 members and the 9th member will be unanimously co-opted member by the all state coordinators. One amongst the 9 members will be the **Zonal Coordinator**. Zonal Coordinator will be the chief functionary of NEIZWP.

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The list of the Steering committee of NEIZWP is as under:

1.SK. Bordoloi	Chairman, RUWA, Assam
2. Albert ZM	Vice Chairman, ZICORD, Manipur
3.L.Jelshyam Singh	Secretary, ARDO, Manipur
4. Romeo Chothe, Chandel Manipur	Treasurer
5. LiangsiNuimaiJoh, C-CERP, Nagaland	Member
6. Ricky, Bethany Sociey, Meghalaya	Member
7.H. Brajamanisingh, Manipur	Member
8.S. Brajakishore Singh	Member
9. SD Joyce, Manipur	Member

5. NEIZWP will have a Technical Advisory Body a part from the steering Committee consisting of the following members.

1. Albert ZM	Vice- Chairman
2. L. Jelshyamsingh	Secretary
3. Brajamanisingh	Expert
4. Ng. Sanajaoba Singh	Expert
5. LingsiNuimai John	Member

6. NEIZWP will have State Committee. The functions of the State Committee shall be (i) to strengthen partners role for effective collaboration with NEIZWP and with other institutions and government agencies.

The Committee will consist of the following members:

1. State Coordinator	= 1.
2. State Secretary	=1.
3. State Assistant coordinator	=1.
4. State Joint Secretary	=1.
5. State finance secretary	=1.
6. State treasurer	= 1.

7. Suggestions/recommendations as derived from group exercise during the workshop

- *Awareness programs for conservation of water sources.*
- *Capacitybuilding on IWRM for NEIZWP member organizatios.*
- **Strengthening** *Positionof NEIZWP in relation to various stakeholders like government departments National and , international institutions like GWP*
- **MIS improvement of NEIZWP** *-website and very interactive periodical newsletter for mediationfor trengthening network through regular contact meeting and workshop.*
- **Pilot research** *and development IKT on water resources and management.*
- **Convergence** *of NEIWP projects to Rural Livelihood Mission, NREGs, IWMP, etc of the government.*

List of the Participaing Member organizations:

1. SK. Bordoloi, Chairman, RUWA Assam
2. LiangsiNuimai John, Secretary, C-CERP.
3. L.BhanuPratapsingh , Project coordinator, RDS.
4. Albert ZM, CEO, Zougam Institute for Community Resource & development, (ZICORD),Manipur
5. Bidan, Secretary, MAWED,
6. SK Aunglun, Secretary, SRDO
7. Romeo Yunglan, Secretary. UTDP
8. NgairungNapu, UTDP
9. S. Nando Singh, DPD
10. Jamvol Anal, RDA
11. LS. Salony, PDS
12. Mrs. SD Joyce, CTS
13. Jerome, SEEDS
14. Asem, Brajamohal Singh, SEDO
15. Tikensingh, BDRSW
16. A. Bharjitsingh, ODESH
17. Dr. Jugindrosingh, Associate Professor,Thoubal college
18. Ng. Sanajaoba Meitei
19. Dr. Brajakumarsingh, Directorate of Environment, Govt of Manipur.
20. Dr. Brajamani, KVK
21. A. Sidheshwory, WWAGS
22. M. Bala Devi. WWAGS
23. Kh. Romita, Assistant Program officer,
24. Miss. H. Kabita Devi, Staff
25. Miss.Ch. MeipakpiDevi,staff
26. Md. Warish Shah, Staff
27. JS Chamdil anal, RDA
28. S. Brajakishwore Singh, Secy, UPRA VTI
29. S. Devakishwor Singh, Mangal Sustainable Solution
30. A. MonshidaChanu, SEDO
31. M. Boy Singh, ROWS