



**Mekong River Commission
Basin Development Plan Programme**



Basin Development Plan 2nd Regional Stakeholder Forum:

*“Unfolding Perspectives and Options for Sustainable Water Resources
Development in the Mekong River Basin”*

15 -17 October, 2009,

Rimkok Resort and Hotel, Chiang Rai, Thailand

As of October 13, 2009

Background

The 2nd Regional Stakeholder Forum of the Mekong River Commission Basin Development Plan Programme Phase 2 (BDP2) is an annual forum for riparian countries in the Mekong River Basin (MRB)¹, non-state stakeholder groups, development partners, and researchers to discuss challenges and opportunities in water and related resources development and management in the MRB, and provide directions for sustainable basin development.

The 1st Regional Stakeholder Consultation entitled “Working with the Mekong River Commission for Sustainable Development of the Mekong River Basin” was held in March 2008 in Vientiane, Lao PDR². The Consultation hosted more than 120 participants who discussed the mandate and expected role of the MRC in sustainable basin development and the approach that BDP2 would like to follow for the basin development planning in its draft Inception Report. It also facilitated dialogues on how the BDP2 can deliver a relevant planning process in the changing development context of the region, and build ownership of the BDP process and its outputs through genuine stakeholder participation.

¹ The Mekong River Basin is shared by China, Myanmar, Lao PDR, Thailand, Cambodia and Viet Nam

² Please see the proceedings of the Consultation at <http://www.mrcmekong.org/programmes/bdp/bdp-publication.htm>

Central in the BDP process is a basin-wide integrated assessment of the proposed water resources developments in the Lower Mekong Basin (LMB)³ to assess how these developments can be achieved in a sustainable and equitable manner. Based on this assessment, shared views and directions will be developed and implemented by the LMB countries, balancing the Basin's sustainability and national interests.

Since the 1st Regional Stakeholder Consultation, the BDP process has been moving forward this direction, benefiting from cooperation with many stakeholder groups. There is now a better understanding of the Basin's resources, the interests of its people and the potential implications of water resources development through various MRC activities such as:

- The analysis of water and related resources development plans;
- The modeling of the impact of hydropower dams on fish migration;
- The assessment of people's vulnerability to water resources development;
- The assessment hydrological changes caused by different levels of water resources development in the MRB, and the cumulative assessment of economic, environmental and socio-economic impacts of these hydrological changes;
- A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of mainstream dams that examines opportunities and risks associated with this major development in LMB;
- Implementation of the Stakeholder Participation and Communication Plan for LMB basin development planning and the stakeholder engagement at MRC governance level.

The resulting new knowledge of the MRB should be shared and discussed widely by national agencies, local authorities and communities, civil society organizations, academia and development partners, to determine the acceptable options for the further development of some of the Mekong water and related resources. A critical challenge is to reach and reflect the voices of those poor and marginalized populations, whose livelihoods depend on the Basin's natural resources.

The BDP annual regional stakeholder forum serves to facilitate these discussions and dialogues. It builds on similar processes at the national and local level in each of the LMB countries and aims at building a common understanding and regional consensus on how the Basin's water and related resources can be developed and managed, which is a valuable source of information to influence national decision making.

Forum Objectives

Under the theme "*Unfolding Perspectives and Options for Sustainable Water Resources Development in the Mekong Basin*", the **primary objectives** of the 2nd BDP Regional Stakeholder Forum are:

1. To share emerging knowledge of the water resources development in the MRB and promote a better understanding of the water related issues for sustainable basin planning;

³ The Lower Mekong Basin is shared by the four MRC Member Countries: Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Viet Nam

2. To present and seek stakeholders' inputs to the approaches for the cumulative assessment of the economic, environmental and social implications of different levels of water resources development in the MRB;
3. To facilitate dialogues on opportunities and challenges and what would be acceptable options for sustainable water resources development in the LMB; and
4. To strengthen partnerships between MRC/BDP2 and stakeholder groups.

Expected Outcomes

The Forum aims at the following outcomes:

1. Shared knowledge and understanding on critical water resources development issues in the Mekong River Basin and how the Basin's water and related resources can be developed and managed;
2. Inputs from a large variety of stakeholders to the proposed approach and methodology for the assessment of basin-wide development scenarios and the preparation of the IWRM-based Basin Development Strategy.

Participants

The invited participants to the Forum will be senior officials of the Governments of the MRC Member States and Dialogue Partners; representatives River Basin Organizations (RBOs) and provinces in the LMB; NGOs and civil society groups; MRC Development Partners; environmental and social experts; professional associations; research groups; developers of hydropower and other water resources development projects and their advisers; international financial institutions; and the media.

The Forum will ensure a balanced representation by the groups identified above. Participation capacity is limited to between 120-150 participants. Therefore, please register early to ensure a seat for your participation.

Those interested in attending or being represented are kindly requested to send their completed Registration of Interest, using the attached form at their earliest convenience but before **30 September 2009**.

Date, Venue and Indicative Agenda

The Forum will be held on 15-16 October 2009 at Rimkok Resort & Hotel in Chiang Rai, Thailand. The Forum will be a two-day event. A field visit to an important ecological site near Chiang Rai would be organized, depending on the number of participants interested. This would require one additional day and take place on 17 October 2009.

The meeting will be conducted in English. Simultaneous translation from English into Khmer, Lao, Thai and Vietnamese languages will be provided.

The indicative Agenda with some explanatory information on the sessions is provided in the Attachment to this announcement. *Stakeholders are encouraged to provide suggestions for other issues to be covered in this Forum.* An updated Agenda will be provided in a 2nd announcement of the Forum, towards the end of September 2009.

Exhibition

The Forum will organize an exhibition of MRC programmes and the BDP process and outputs. Some available MRC and BDP publications and brochures will be distributed.

Other organizations are invited to present their relevant work in the exhibition.

The implementation of the Forum is made possible by the financial support of the Governments of Denmark, Sweden and Australia. There is no fee for participation. Limited financial support to assist travel and participation is available for participants from government agencies, representatives of community groups and national NGOs.

Registration of Interest:

2nd BDP Regional Stakeholder Forum,
***“Unfolding Perspectives and Options for Sustainable Water Resources
Development in the Mekong River Basin”***

Chiang Rai, Thailand, 15-16 October 2009

Name:

Organization/association:

Type of your organization/association:

Address:

Tel/Fax:

Email:

Request for a simultaneous translation/language?:

Area of particular interests:

Suggestions for topics:

Indicate interest in field visit on 17 October 2009:

Indicate interest in the exhibition at the Forum:

Indicate if reservation for hotel room in Chiang Rai is needed:

Indicate if airport pick up is needed. Please identify your flight number/date/time:

Indicate if request a sponsorship for travel support/reason?:

Please return at your earliest convenience, but before 21 September 09 to Ms.

Chitlatda Keomuangchanh, MRC BDP Programme, email:

chitlatda@mrcmekong.org, or fax: +856 21 263 264.

Note: The Forum will only assist participants reserve the accommodation at Rimkok Resort & Hotel only at the rate of 1,000 THB per night. For further detail please visit <http://www.rimkokresort.com>.

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Tentative Agenda

Day 1 – 15 October, 2009

Time	Programme	Presenter
08:00-08:30	Registration	Administration
Opening Session: Welcome, Objectives of the 2nd Regional Stakeholder Forum		
08:30-08:50	Welcome Remarks	Dr. Saksith Trideth, Permanent Secretary, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, MRC Joint Committee Member for Thailand and Mr. Jeremy Bird, the Chief Executive Officer, MRC
08:50-09:00	Basin Development Planning From the 1 st Stakeholder Consultation to the 2 nd Stakeholder Forum	Mrs. Pham Thanh Hang, MRC BDP Coordinator
09:00-09:05	Forum structure	Dr. Vitoon Viriyasakutorn, Forum Facilitator
09:05-09:35	Zero Hour <i>“Voices to be Heard”</i> Without trying to constraint the discussions, the Forum provides 30 minutes time at the beginning of the Forum to let stakeholders freely vent their ideas, concerns, expectations and even frustrations on what needs to be addressed in the Forum and should be taken into account by the Countries’ decisions and the MRC in the basin development planning process.	

<p align="center">Session 1: <i>The Mekong River Basin: Emergence of Knowledge on Development Challenges and Opportunities</i></p> <p>Objective: This session serves to share the emerging knowledge generated by different stakeholders and the MRC regarding critical water-related themes in the MRB. This promotes a better understanding of the water related issues and well-informed discussions of the development challenges and opportunities in the LMB.</p> <p>Facilitator: Mr. John Dore Water Advisor AusAID Mekong Region Water and Infrastructure Unit Australian Embassy</p>		
09:35-09:40	Remarks by facilitator	Facilitator
09:40-09:50	Mekong water resources development: emerging trends and plans	Mr. Ton Lennearts, Chief Technical Advisor, MRC BDP
<p align="center"><i>Theme 1: Mekong hydropower development in the context of regional electricity demand and fisheries productivity</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Mr. John Dore</p>		
09:50-10:05	Hydropower development for poverty reduction in Laos - opportunities and challenges	Mr. Chansaveng Boungong Director of Power Development Division, Department of Electricity, Ministry of Energy and Mines, Lao PDR
10:05-10:20	Market opportunities for electricity supply in the Mekong region and alternative energy production options	Dr. Tira Foran, Researcher, M-POWER
10:20-10:35	Mekong fisheries and basin development planning	Mr. Xaypladeth Choulamany MRC Fisheries Programme Coordinator
10:35-10:50	Coffee break Special session at the exhibition hall Short film display: <i>“Laos Dams – Powering the Future”</i> by 101 East Ajazera	Administration
10:50-11:20	Plenary discussion on Theme 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions and Answers • Perspectives from stakeholders • How can the BDP process take the multiple issues into account? 	Facilitator

<p><i>Theme 2: Irrigated agriculture development in LMB - opportunities and risks in the context of changing land use and new investments</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Mr. Suon Seng Center for Development Oriented Research, Cambodia</p>		
11:20-11:35	Global food crisis, future prospects of food supply and demand and the role of irrigated agriculture in LMB	Dr. Andrew Noble, Regional Director IWMI Southeast and Central Asia, Lao PDR
11:35-11:50	Changing land use in Cambodia, implications for poverty reduction and challenges with the current agricultural land concession – the case study of 3S in Cambodia	Mr. Sok Saing Im, Water Resources Planning Specialist, Department of Water Resources, MONRE, Cambodia
11:50-12:10	Thailand water transfer and diversion scheme for irrigation development and poverty reduction - opportunities and risks and lessons learned	Royal Irrigation Department, Thailand
	Followed by lessons learned from the greening Esarn Project and way forward to the future	Dr. Buapan Prompakping Faculty of Humanity Khon Kaen University, Thailand
12:10-12:40	Plenary discussion on Theme 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions and Answers • Perspectives from stakeholders • How can BDP process take into account the issues? 	Facilitator
12:40-14:00	Lunch	Administration
<p><i>Theme 3: Understanding climate variability and climate change in the planning process</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Dr. Geoffrey Blate Climate Change Coordinator WWF Greater Mekong Thailand Country Programme</p>		
14:00-14:05	Remarks from the facilitator	Facilitator
14:05-14:20	Climate variability and change and impacts on the Mekong Basin	Dr. Jorma Koponen, Senior Specialist, Helsinki University of Technology
14:20-14:35	Living with uncertainties : Tonle Sap and social vulnerability to potential changes in the Mekong’s flow regime	Dr. Hossein Jalilian, Cambodia Development Research Institute (CDRI)
14:35-14:50	Climate change: understanding of likely impacts, vulnerabilities and adaptation options in the Vietnam Mekong Delta	Dr. Nguyen Van Sanh, Can Tho University, Viet Nam
14:50-15:20	Plenary discussion on Theme 3:	Facilitator

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the key issues related to climate change in the LMB? • How should climate change be integrated into the Basin planning process? 	
Session 2 <i>Cumulative Impact Assessment of Transboundary Economic, Environment and Social Implications of Water Resources Development</i>		
<p>Objective: To present and seek suggestions from stakeholders on the planned approach to carry out the cumulative assessment of the economic, environment and social impacts of different levels of water resources development in the MRB, and how the assessment results and stakeholder opinions can be used to influence decision-making on water resources development in the Mekong Basin. This session will also introduce the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of mainstream hydropower dams that supports the BDP scenario assessment.</p> <p>Facilitator: Dr. Robert Mather Head of Country Group 1, IUCN-The World Conservation Union Asia Regional Office, Bangkok, Thailand</p>		
15:20-15:35	Basin-wide development scenarios: objectives, definition, approach to assessment and the use of results for basin-wide discussions and decision making	Dr. Phoumin Han, Economist, MRC BDP Programme
15:35-15:50	SEA of mainstream hydropower dams – objectives and scope as derived from stakeholder consultations	Mr. Voradeth Phonekeo, Coordinator MRC Sustainable Hydropower Initiative
15:50-16:15	Questions and Answers Introduction to the parallel sessions	Facilitator
16:15-16:30	Coffee break Special session at the exhibition hall Short film display “ <i>The Mekong: The River of Southeast Asia</i> ” by Living River Siam (SEARIN)	Administration
<p>Parallel Session 2.1: Improving modelling for a sound understanding of future water availability and hydrological changes</p> <p>Objective: To present and discuss the approach and tools for the modeling and the assessment of the hydrological changes of the basin-wide development scenarios, some interim results, and areas for improvement of the BDP assessment.</p> <p>Facilitator: Dr. Chaiyuth Suksri, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand</p>		

16:30-16:45	Hydrological assessment of basin-wide development scenarios – tools, results and next steps	Dr. Thanapon Piman, Modeller, MRC BDP Programme
16:45-17:00	Uncertainties to be addressed in the hydrological assessment of development scenarios	Dr. Jeffrey Richey, Washington University, Washington USA.
17:00-18:00	Plenary discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of models, tools and the results • Other hydrological issues to be considered 	Facilitator
<p>Parallel Session 2.2: Assessment of economic implications</p> <p><i>Objective:</i> to present and discuss the approach and tools for assessing the economic impacts of the basin-wide development scenarios, some interim results, and areas for improvement of the BDP assessment.</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Dr. Larry Hass, Chief Technical Advisor, Initiative for Sustainable Hydropower, MRC</p>		
16:30-16:45	Economic impact assessment of basin wide development scenarios	Dr. Phoumin Han, Economist, MRC BDP Programme
16:45-17:00	Fishery valuation and Assessment Methodology	Dr. Ashley Hall, Senior Fishery Expert
17:00-17:15	Other Approach in Economic Assessment by the local in upstream of Mekong in Cambodia; A case study of Sambor Hydro Dam study sites and its richest biodiversity area	Mr. Keo Tai, Programme Coordinator, Community Economic Development (CED), Cambodia
17:15-18:00	Plenary discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic impact assessment approach • Issues to be considered and use of results 	Facilitator
<p>Parallel Session 2.3: Assessment of environment implications</p> <p><i>Objective:</i> to present and discuss the approach, tools, and available data and information at the MRC to assess the impacts of water resources development on the Mekong’s wetlands and aquatic resources.</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Dr. Robert Mather Head of Country Group 1, IUCN-The World Conservation Union Asia Regional Office, Bangkok, Thailand</p>		
16:30-16:45	Environmental impact assessment of basin wide development scenarios	Mr. Phetsamone Southalack, Environment Specialist, MRC BDP Programme

16:45-17:00	Other approaches and practical experience for cumulative environmental impact assessment	Dr. John Soussan, Stockholm Environment Institute
17:00-17:15	The Impacts of Upstream Development to Wetland and Biodiversity resource in Tonle Sap	Ms. Thorn Riguen, Mekong Project Officer, Fisheries Actions Coalition Team (FACT), Cambodia
17:15-18:00	Plenary discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental impact assessment approach • Issues to be considered and use of results 	Facilitator
<p>Parallel Session 2.4: Assessment of social implications</p> <p><i>Objective:</i> to present and discuss approach, tools, and available data and information at the MRC to assess the social impacts of water resources development on different population groups in the LMB.</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Mr. Suan Seng, Center for Development Oriented Research, Cambodia</p>		
16:30-16:45	Social impact assessment of basin wide development scenarios	Mr. Suparek Janprasart, Sociologist/Socio-economist, MRC BDP Programme
16:45-17:00	Understanding social implications of water resource development – A case study	Mr. Mark Dubois, Research Fellow, WorldFish Center
17:15-18:00	Large scale hydropower projects and their impacts to local communities	Ms. Ikuku Matsumoto Country Director, Laos International Rivers South East Asia
17:00-18:00	Plenary discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social impact assessment approach • Issues to be considered and use of results 	Facilitator
Reception Dinner		
19:00-19:30	A 30 minutes speech “What is IWRM? From Rio to MRC Basin Development Planning - repeating the same mistake or the way for a sustainable transboundary basin management	Dr. Apichart Anukulampai, the pioneer supporter of IWRM in Thailand
20:00-20:30	Reception dinner and cultural show	Administration

Day 2 – 16 October, 2009

Time	Programme	Presenter
08:30-08:45	Key messages from Day 1	Mrs. Pham Thanh Hang, MRC BDP Coordinator
08:45-08:50	Structure of Day 2 and remarks from the facilitator	Facilitator
Session 3 <i>Understanding the Distribution of benefits and costs, the potential winners and losers</i> Objective: To facilitate dialogues in which stakeholders will openly share their views regarding the directions for the development of the Mekong water and related resources, and the associated opportunities and challenges. The MRC will share the process and initial approach towards an IWRM-based Basin Development Strategy, undertaken by the four LMB countries to provide their joint statement on how they will work together for well-coordinated, sustainable and equitable development of the Mekong's water and related resources. Facilitator: Dr. Andrew Nobel, Regional Director, IWMI Southeast and Central Asia, Lao PDR		
08:50-09:05	Contribution of the Lancang hydropower cascade to economic development and the downstream water regime - the perspective of the Chinese Government	Mr. Zhou Shichun, Senior Engineer, General Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Planning and Design, the Chinese Government Representative
09:05-09:20	Capture fisheries, dams, mitigations measures and alternative sources of fish production	Dr. Alan Brooks, World Fish Centre
09:20-09:40	From assessments to the Strategy for basin development and to implementation. Path being followed by MRC BDP	Mr. Nguyen Hong Toan on behalf of the Advisory Group for the preparation of the Basin Development Strategy
09:40-09:55	Articulating the promises and impossibilities – Vision of the MRC Basin Development Planning and its draft IWRM Strategy	Professor Dr. Surichai Wunkeaw, Director, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Chulalongkorn University, TBC
09:55-10:45	Round table dialogue: <i>outcomes will be brought forward for the Panel discussion</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perspectives from stakeholders on options for sustainable basin development and expectations from the IWRM-based Basin Development Strategy • Understanding the distribution of benefits and costs, the potential winners and losers 	Facilitator in each of the tables

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issues for consideration in the process to prepare, adopt and implement the Basin Development Strategy by the MRC Member Countries and stakeholders 	
10:45–11:00	<p>Coffee break</p> <p>Special session at the exhibition hall A launch of short film “<i>Mekong Tipping points</i>” Stimson Center, Washington DC, USA</p>	Administration
11:00	Introduction of the panel discussion and panel members	Facilitator
11:05-12:30	<p>Panel Discussion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Panel member speech (5 minutes each) – different perspectives on options for sustainable basin development and demand/expectations from the IWRM-based Basin Development Strategy and how it can be realized Questions to and answers by the Panelists on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The key issues brought up from each Roundtable dialogue The issues brought up by all participants at the beginning of the Forum Plenary discussion 	<p>Panel members: Representative from Socio-economic and Planning Division from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam, civil society organization and development partner</p>
12:30-14:00	Lunch	Administration
<p>Session 4 <i>Strengthen Partnership and Stakeholder Engagement</i></p> <p><i>Objective:</i> To provide an update on key assessment and planning processes of interest to stakeholders in the region. These processes could include (i) the BDP process and progress in the implementation of the Stakeholder Participation and Communication Plan (SPCP); (ii) other regional processes toward shared visions on MRB development and management; and (iii) the upcoming process for the preparation of the MRC Strategic Plan 2011-2015.</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Dr. Richard Friend Anthropologist/Social Scientist</p>		
14:00-14:15	BDP Stakeholder Participation and Communication Plan - the ambitions and lessons learned with the implementation to date	Mr. Suparerak Janprasart, Sociologist/Socio-economist, MRC BDP Programme
14:15-14:30	BDP process at the sub-basin level, the role of RBOs, and the coherence between sub-basin, national and basin planning	RBC/RBO representative, TBC

14:30-14:45	Preparation of the MRC Strategic Plan 2011-2015 – Process and expected involvement of stakeholders	Mr. Khy Lim, Communication Officer, MRC International Coordination and Communication Section
14:45-15:00	Multi-stakeholder platform - would it be able to inform and influence decision making?	Mr. John Dore, Water Advisor, AusAID Mekong Region Water and Infrastructure Unit
15:00-15:30	Plenary discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholder feedbacks to strengthen the key MRC processes: the preparation of MRC 2011-2015 Strategic Plan and BDP process 	Facilitator
15:30-15:45	Coffee break Special session at the exhibition hall New book launch “ <i>Power and Responsibility: The Mekong River Commission and Lower Mekong Mainstream dams</i> ” by Oxfam Australia and Australian Mekong Center Sydney University	Administration
Session 5 <i>Ways Forward</i> <i>Objective:</i> To take stock of key views and recommendations brought forward during this 2 nd Regional Stakeholder Forum, and for the MRC/BDP2 to share how these recommendations can be incorporated in the BDP and other MRC processes. <i>Facilitator:</i> – Dr. Chayanis Krittasudthacheewa, Deputy Director, Stockholm Environment Institute, Asia		
15:45-16:30	Feedback from the MRC/BDP on the recommendations received and the way forward	MRC BDP Programme
16:30-17:00	Remarks by CSOs and other stakeholders on opportunities for synergies and partnership	Representatives from CSOs, NGOs, academia, media, etc.
17:00-17:15	Remarks by MRCS	Mr. Jeremy Bird, CEO MRCS
17:15-17:30	Closing remarks	MRC Joint Committee from Lao PDR, Cambodia, Viet Nam and Thailand

Day 3 - 17 October 2009

Field visit

Time	Activities
08:00	Depart Rimkok Hotel to Golden Triangle – the famous border line where the demarcations of the three countries Laos, Myanmar and Thailand meet on

	the Mekong River.
09:10	Arrive the Golden Triangle Travel to Wat Phrathat Pu Khao , a historical temple located on the top of the hill <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiking to the top of the hill, Wat Phrathat Pu Khao • Enjoy the bird eye view of the Ruak river where it water meets the Mekong • Walk down the hill and pay respect to Bhuddha of Chiang Saen, a landmark of the Golden Triangle
10:30	Travel to Don Sao Island by boat, at the Laos side from the Golden Triangle port. Visiting local villagers and souvenir market at Don Sao.
11:40	Travel back to the Golden Triangle port
11:40	Lunch at Imperial Golden: enjoy the panoramic view of the Golden Triangle with a range of Thai buffet
13:00	Travel to Chiang Saen Port #1
13:20	Discuss with the Chiang Saen Port Officer on navigation issues, trade commercial and tourism potential
14:30	Travel to Nong Bong Kai (Chiang Saen Lake), International RAMSAR Site and non-hunting area. A well-known site for bird watching
16:00	Depart from Chiang Saen Lake
17:00	Arrive Rim Kok Hotel

Exhibitions

- **Short Films (at coffee breaks)**
 - Short Film “Laos Dams – Powering the Future” 15 minutes, from Aljazeera
 - Short Film ‘Livelihood Impacts during Flood in Northern Thailand” from International River Southeast Asia (SEARIN)
 - A launch of the short film “Mekong Tipping Point” 9 minutes, from Stimson Center, South East Asia, Washington DC, USA
 - Latest Forecast Mekong Video from DRAGON Partnership (TBC)
- **Photo Exhibition**
 - “Water, Life and Changes” the photos were selected from more than 220 journalists of the 6 Mekong Countries. Organized by IPS Asia Pacific
- **MRC**
 - MRC Basin Development Planning
 - Stakeholder Participation
 - National planning on hydropower and irrigation
 - Human resources and the recruitment of the MRCS
- **New Book Launches**

- *Power and Responsibility: The Mekong River Commission and Lower Mekong Mainstream dams*” by Oxfam Australia and Australian Mekong Center Sydney University
- *Contested Waterscapes in the Mekong Region*, Mekong Programme on Water Environment and Resilience (M-POWER)
- **Information booths**
 - World Fish Center
 - World Wild Life Fund Thailand
 - DRAGON Partnership
 - M-POWER
 - Oxfam Australia and Australian Mekong Center, Sydney University
 - Nam Ngum River Basin Sustainable Programme (NNRBSP)
 - Structurally Enhanced View of Economic Basement project (SEEBASE) for Australia's Sedimentary Basins

List of Recommended Publications

- The Agreement on the Cooperation for the Sustainable Development of the Mekong River Basin 5 April 1995
Available at http://www.mrcmekong.org/agreement_95/agreement_95.htm
- Consultation Proceeding - Stakeholder Consultation on MRC’s Basin Development Plan Phase 2 (BDP2) and its Inception Report
Available at http://www.mrcmekong.org/free_download/BDP-consultation.htm
- BDP2 Inception Report
Available at http://www.mrcmekong.org/free_download/BDP-consultation.htm
- Scoping and planning of the assessment of basin-wide development scenarios and Terms of Reference
Available at <http://www.mrcmekong.org/programmes/bdp/bdp-publication.htm>
- Assessment methodologies
- Incomplete consultation 1st draft of the IWRM-based Basin Development Strategy for Lower Mekong Basin and Supporting information
<http://www.mrcmekong.org/programmes/bdp/bdp-publication.htm>
- Results of hydrological modeling of the basin-wide development scenarios, MRC BDP2
Working in progress. Will be posted asap.
- Stakeholder Participation and Communication Plan for Basin Development Planning in the Lower Mekong Basin (SPCP), MRC BDP, July 2009
Available at <http://www.mrcmekong.org/programmes/bdp/bdp-publication.htm>
- Draft –Stakeholder Analysis for the MRC Basin Development Plan Programme Phase 2 (BDP2) – MRC BDP2, March 2009, a complimentary document to the SPCP
http://www.mrcmekong.org/free_download/BDP-consultation.htm
- Hydropower sector review for the joint Basin Planning Process, MRC BDP2, March 2009
Working in progress. Will be posted asap.

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