

# Ideas emerging from the Consultation & Instructions for group work



# Ideas emerging: Key issues from Consultation



## Environmental and socio-economic impacts

- Barriers to fish migration (follow up of Expert meeting)
- From flow impacts to including sediments, water quality, biodiversity and socio-economic factors

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## Mitigation of impacts

- Realistic fish barrier mitigation options in Mekong (hard and soft)
- Resettlement
- Benefit sharing
- Navigation locks

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## Integrated water and energy planning

- Moving beyond IWRM as conceived today, including energy issues in the BDP
- The regional power picture
- Energy efficiency and alternative production forms

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## Multi-stakeholder involvement

- At all levels, including the local level

## Considering the full picture

- Costs and benefits of HP development
- Including the 'wider', non-monetary values

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## Role of the private developers

- A “responsible private sector”- concerned with environmental and social development (CSR)
- Seeking cooperation with all stakeholders
- Asking for standards

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**Not only construction, also operation of dams**

- Multi-operator
- Multi-country

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MRC "Value added"  
Specific recommendations



## Sharing information

- Data, analyses, EIA
- Transparency

## Getting the baseline information



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## Role in regional governance

- The only legitimate 'trans-boundary' player
- Living up to the 1995 Agreements
- Continuing and deepening dialogue with China
- Building the link:  
developers – national governments – MRC regional

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## Development of standards and guidelines

- IHA protocol adapted to Mekong (ECSHD)
- International standards

## Monitoring impacts of HP development

- Towards adaptive management

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## Provision of tools and knowledge

- BDP/DSF, SEA, CIA, EIA methodologies
- SEA for mainstream dams

## Capacity building

## Creating forums for HP discussions

- *... has come off to a good start!*

**Ideas emerging:**

**Issues not addressed**



**Financing mechanisms and incentives**

**Biodiversity**

**Small hydro**

# Group discussions



“National” tables – and - “other” tables

Discussion on guiding questions

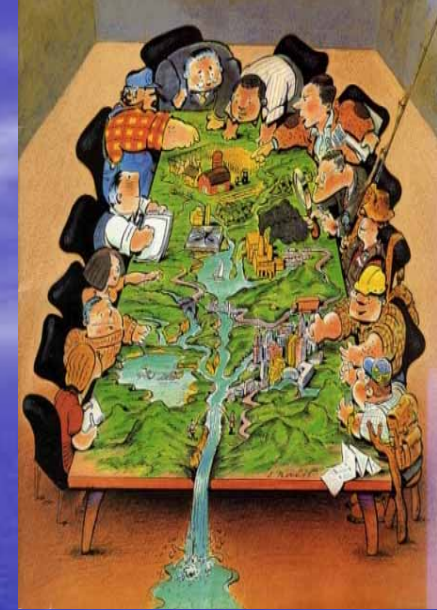
Select moderator and rapporteur

Take notes for later use

Brief report back to plenary (2 main points)

# Group discussions:

## Guiding questions



- What are the main **national and regional priorities** (thematic and geographic) to be considered in HP formulation?
- In light of the outcome of the previous sessions: are the **proposed scope, thematic areas and activities** of HP appropriate?

## Group discussions:

### Guiding questions



- Is the **proposed multi-track approach** appropriate, and what is the realistic time frame for Track 1? Are there any additional immediate priority activities for Track 1? What **other activities could be considered for Track 2** and subsequent tracks?
- What are the most appropriate arrangements for MRCS to **engage with private developers** and financiers? What are the next steps?

# Group discussions:

## Guiding questions



- What are the appropriate **implementation arrangements**, including regular involvement of stakeholders – government, private sector, NGO' and development partners –in the MRC Hydropower Programme
- How can HP be **financed**, in the short and longer term?



Thank you

