

Stakeholder Consultation

“Working with the MRC for sustainable Basin development”

12-13 March 2008

Vientiane, Lao PDR



Basin Development Plan Stakeholder Consultation Objectives and Structure



Objectives

- To introduce the MRC Basin Development Plan Programme Phase 2 and seek Stakeholders inputs to implementation and Draft Inception Report
- To initiate discussions and share views on development opportunities in LMB, aiming at mobilizing countries and stakeholders in preparing a Basin Development Plan
- To build partnerships between the MRC/BDP Programme and stakeholder groups for a fruitful BDP process



Expected outcomes

- Open sharing of views on opportunities and constraints for sustainable development in the Mekong River Basin
- Clear understanding of the roles of the MRC/BDP Programme and other Stakeholders for sustainable development of Mekong River Basin
- Provision of inputs to the implementation of BDP Phase 2 and its Inception Report
- Support and engagement of Stakeholders in the BDP process



Structure

- Session 1 – MRC’s role in sustainable development of the Mekong River Basin and introduction to the BDP Programme
- Session 2 – Basin development for poverty alleviation and sustainability of the Mekong River Basin, Opportunities and Constraints
- Session 3 – Innovative tools to support Basin development planning and decision making
- Session 4 – IWRM: From Global principles to regional strategies and local actions
- Session 5 – Stakeholder participation in Basin Development Planning



Day 1 - Session 1

MRC's role for sustainable development in the Mekong River Basin and introduction to the BDP Programme

- Facilitator: Mr. John Dore, M-Power
- Presentations:
 1. Role of the MRC for sustainable development in the Mekong River Basin and MRC Strategic Plan 2006-2010
 2. The BDP Programme of the MRC
 3. Civil society perspectives on the roles of the MRC and BDP Programme in basin development and management
- Plenary discussion



Session 2

Basin development for poverty alleviation and sustainability of the Mekong River Basin, Opportunities and Constraints

- Facilitator: Dr. Richard Friend, WorldFish Center
- Presentations:
 1. The Mekong River Basin, some drivers of change and their implications for basin development and management
 2. Four national presentations: National development priorities in Basin context
 3. Fisheries and Sustainable livelihood in LMB
 4. Trends and options for agriculture and plantation options in the LMB
- Roundtable discussion and feedbacks to the Plenary



Day 2 - Session 3

Innovative tools to inform Basin development planning & decision making

3.1 Plenary session:

- Facilitator: Dr. Andrew Noble, IWMI SE Asia
- Presentations:
 1. Development scenarios in Basin development planning – a proposed approach
 2. The relationship between scenarios and other decision making tools
- Plenary discussion facilitated by Dr. Chu Thai Hoanh, IWMI



Session 3 (Cont)

Innovative tools to inform Basin development planning & decision making

3.2 Three Break-out sessions

- 3.2A – Decision Support Framework. Facilitator: Dr. Chu Thai Hoanh
- 3.2B – IBFM. Facilitator: Mr. John Dore
- 3.2C – Assessment of projects. Facilitator:



Session 4

IWRM: From global principle to regional strategies and local actions

- Facilitator: Dr. Andrew Noble, IWMI SE Asia
- Presentations:
 1. Developing national IWRM strategies, lessons learned for a coherent regional strategy
 2. Outline of an IWRM-based Basin strategy for LMB – Food for thought
- Roundtable discussion – 8 tables in the same Conference room



Session 5

Stakeholder participation in Basin development planning

- Facilitator: Dr. Richard Friend, WorldFish Center
- Presentations:
 1. Stakeholder participation and communication in BDP Phase 2 – proposed scope and approach
 2. Lessons learned on Stakeholder participation in BDP Sub-area works
 3. Civil society perspectives on what should be the BDP process, the roles of stakeholders and opportunities for stakeholder participation
- Plenary and Roundtable discussion , MRC response to recommendations



Closing session

- Remarks by MRC Secretariat: Commitments and Next steps
- Thank you note and Closing remarks by MRC Joint Committee member



Important notes

- Represent your Stakeholder group interest and concern
- “Burning issues Boards” for missing or insufficiently covered issues
- Call the BDP Organizing team for any assistance at any time

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Thank you!