

Why are you here?

to observe the BDP/MRC process?

to learn about Mekong development issues?

influence Mekong development decisions?

to get the IWRM Strategy or BDP endorsed?

Example Meeting – Bangkok 2004

6 GMS country Ministerial + civil society

- Salween dam building
- Tonle Sap threats
- Thailand Water Grid logics

Hosted by HE Suwit Khunkitti

Example Meeting: Vientiane 2006

The poster features a blue header with the text 'exploring water futures together'. Below this is a photograph of a group of people, including several children, sitting on a boat or dock by a river. In the background, there are mountains and a small town. The bottom section of the poster is a blue banner with text in English and three other languages.

exploring water futures together

Mekong Region Waters Dialogue
6-7 July 2006
Lao Plaza Hotel, Vientiane, Lao PDR

湄公地区水对话 6-7日2006年7月在老挝万象老挝广场酒店
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Example Meetings:

BDP Vientiane 2008

BDP Chiang Rai 2009

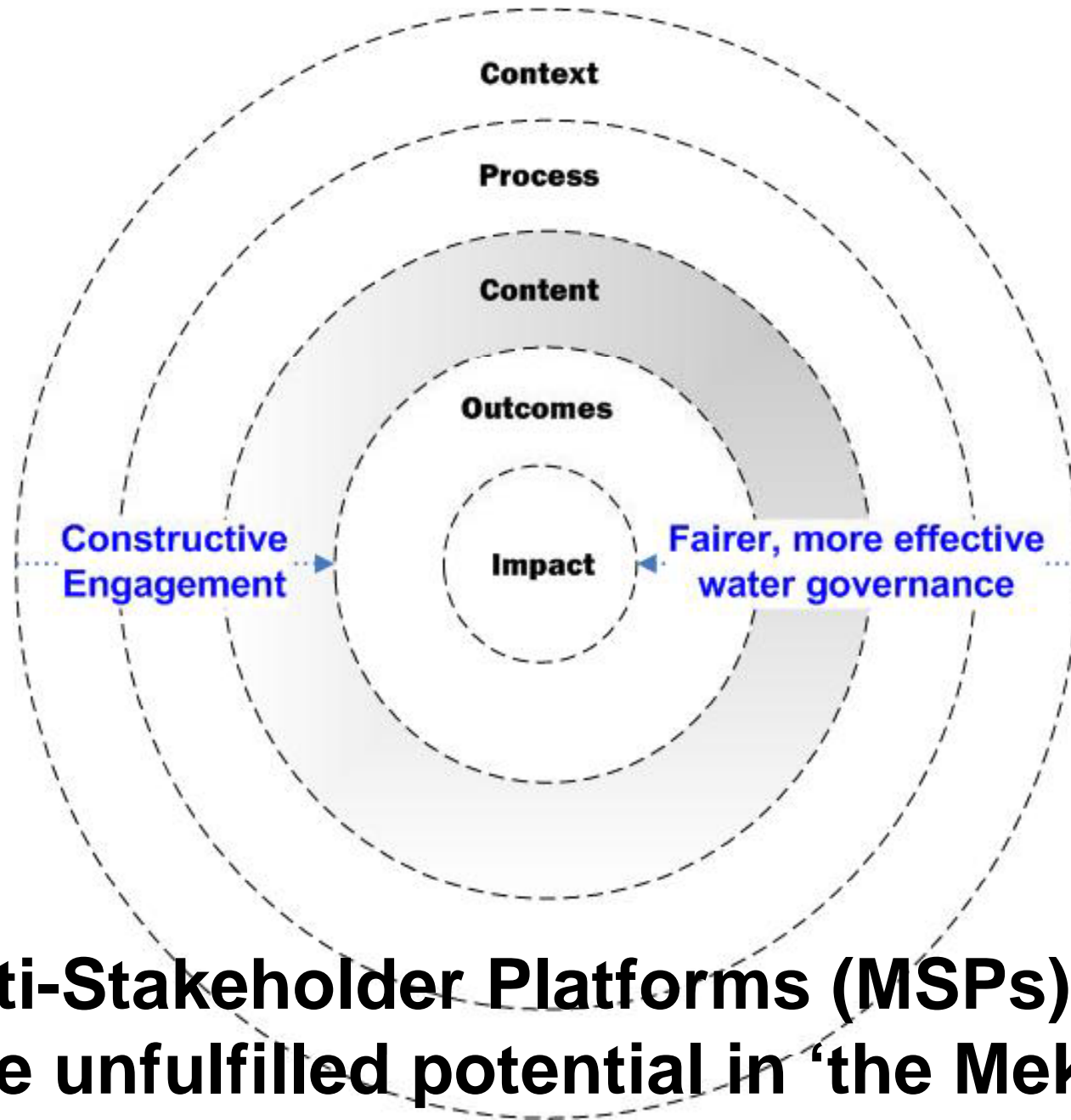
Definition

MSPs are a part of governance in which different stakeholders are identified, and usually through representatives, invited and assisted to interact in a deliberative process that focuses on:

- **sharing knowledge and perspectives;**
- **generating and examining options;**
- **informing/shaping negotiations/decisions.**

A big meeting like this is just one step in what could be a Mekong MSP.....



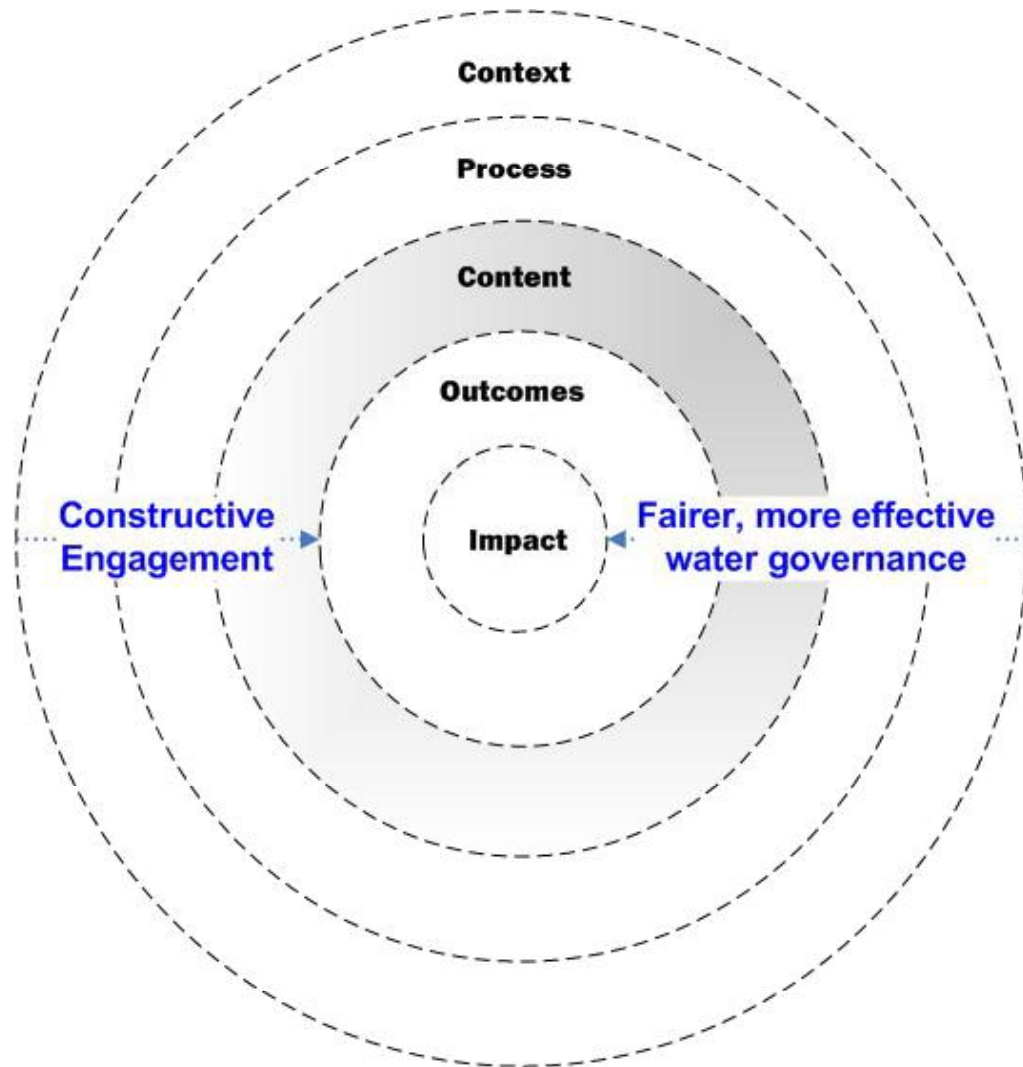


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“MSPs are an approach for constructive engagement and learning about complex problems”

“MSPs can be influential by bringing together stakeholders in a new form of communication and decision-finding”



Example MSPs

World Commission on Dams (WCD)

Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

International Assessment of Agricultural Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD)

Fraser Basin Council in Canada

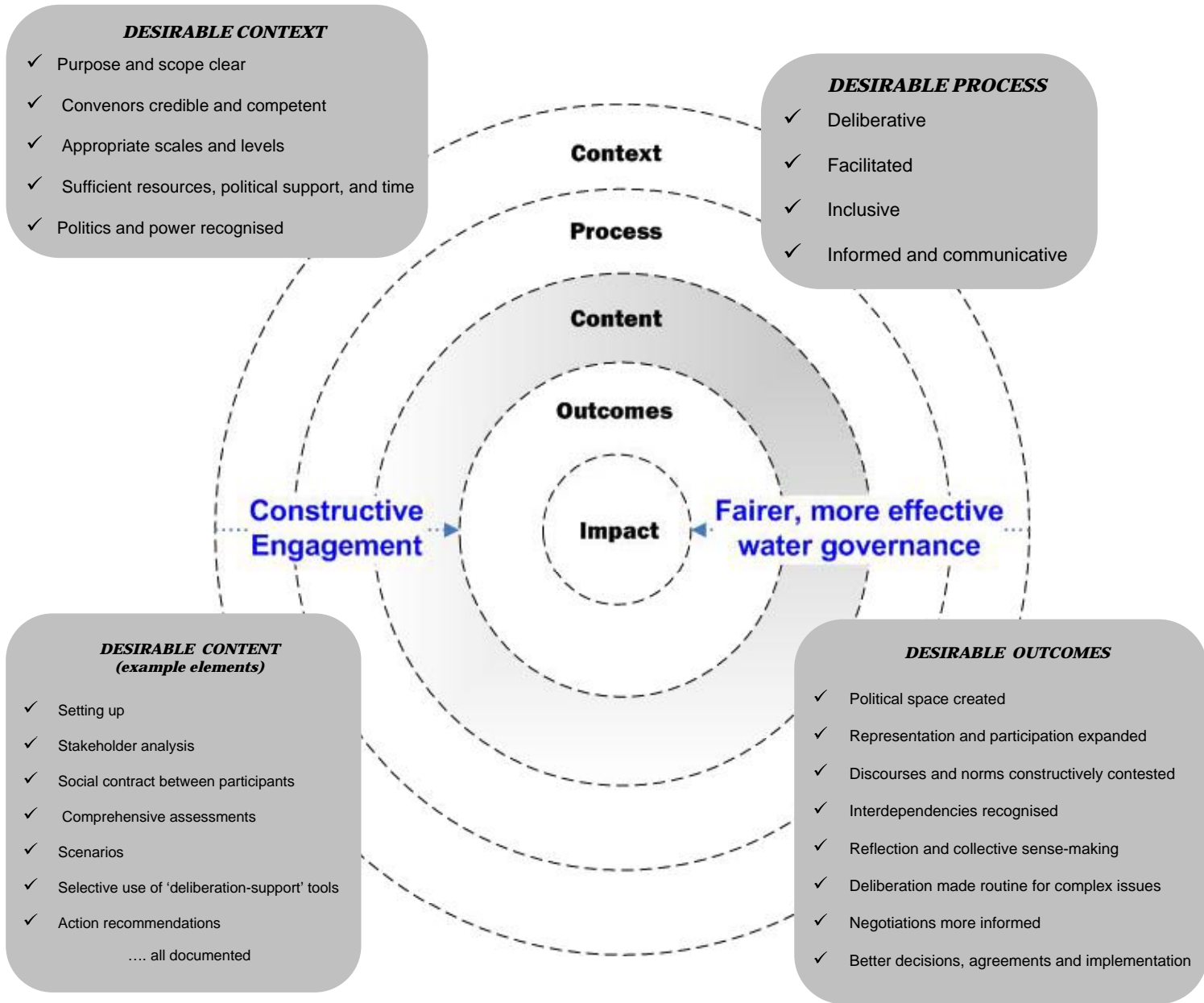
Hydropower Sustainability Assessment Forum (HSAF)

The BDP process would not yet qualify as an MSP.

This is not a major criticism.

This is a multi-stakeholder meeting, but that is different from a 'true MSP'.

The bigger issue is how are decisions are actually being made in the Mekong Basin?



A way to focus MSPs

Concentrate on:

Rewards

Risks

Rights

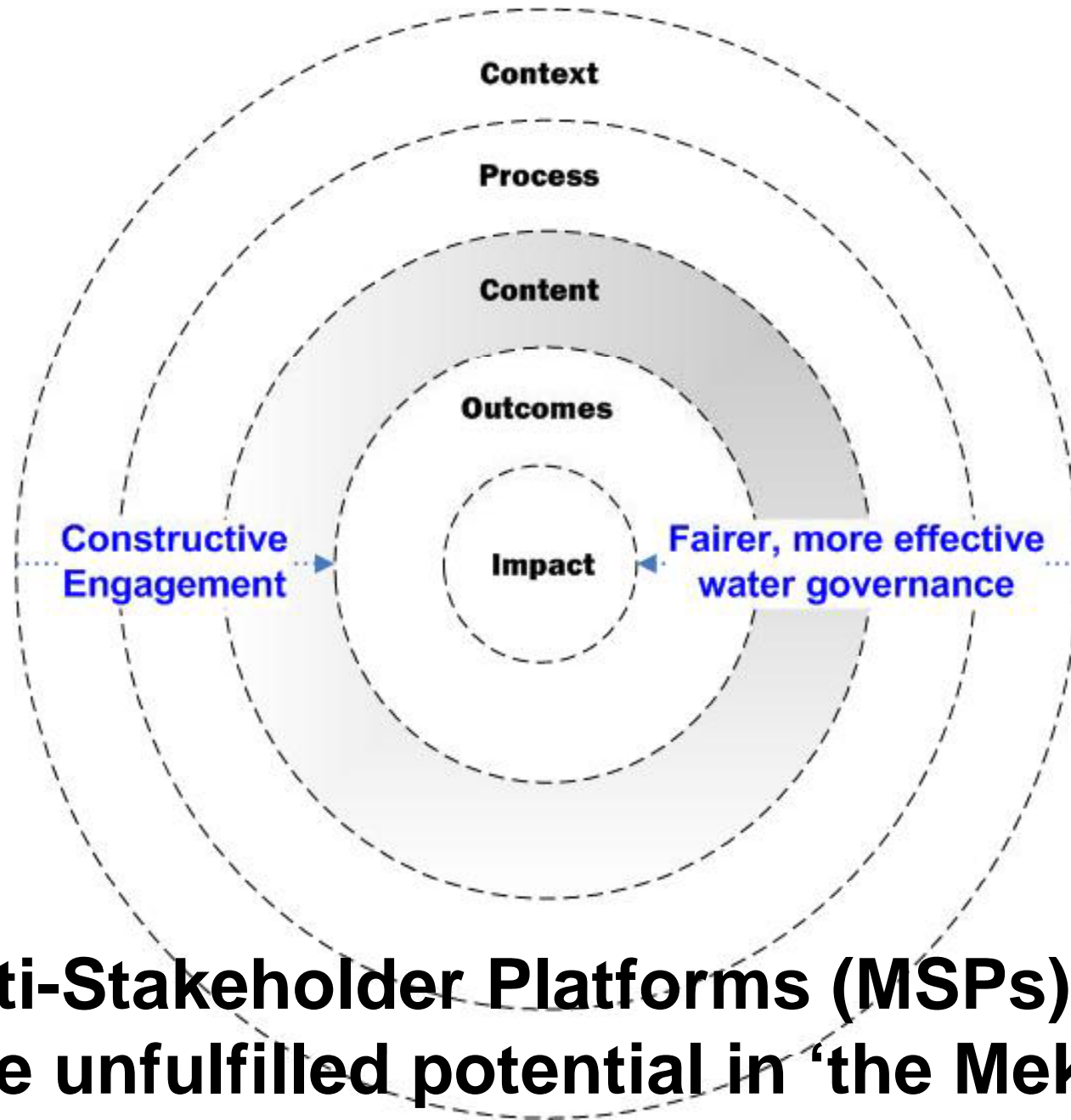
Responsibilities

(Using the 4Rs can “keep it simple”)



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