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MRC BDP's response to recommendations and proposed ways forward

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1. Ensure continued participatory and transparent BDP process that engages communities and people

- Further improve the BDP established mechanisms (Sub-area working group, forums, national working group, consultations) to be more open, transparent and inclusive
- Expand the spectrum of stakeholders using Stakeholder analysis
- Reaching out to communities and affected people. Support from CSOs, NGOs and mass organizations is essential

2. Take into account the views and recommendations

- Incorporate the comments and suggestions to *improve assessment methodologies* and *address them* in the assessment process.

- Your continued engagement is the key
 - Create a web-based forum (now to end 2010) to keep informed and contribute to the assessment and the preparation of the IWRM-based Basin Development Strategy. *You are invited!*

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- Informal technical discussions during the process

3. Capture the opportunities to strengthen cooperation with Upper countries in the BDP process

- Continue information sharing and exchange of expertise and experiences
- Explore opportunities for closer cooperation (sharing operation rules, jointly addressing uncertainties including climate change)
- Strengthen the existing Dialogue and other regional platforms (GMS, etc)

3. Ensure participatory and transparent process to prepare the MRC Strategic Plan 2011-2015

- Avoid the not so good process for the mid-term review in terms of participation of CSOs
- Comments and suggestions to MRCS please!
- Stay involved

4. Immediate next steps

- All presentations will be posted on MRC website next week www.mrcmekong.org
- Proceedings will be prepared and published in a couple of months
- Your further comments to phoumin@mrcmekong.org or leannerts@mrcmekong.org or *meet us at any time both at MRCS and NMCS*