



3rd Annual Flood Forum, 7-8 April 2005

Session 6—New Areas of Cooperation between the FMMP and the Member States and Partners

Working Group Component 1 Regional Flood Management and Mitigation Centre (FMMC)

I – Communications		
Issues	Possible Considerations	Group Conclusions
1. What new communications mechanisms might be effective with respect to this component?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Should we hold special meetings to exchange information about FMMC components? ○ Should we research communications mechanisms that are used in other river basins that could be useful in the Lower Mekong? ○ Are there other ways? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Broader communication ○ Linkage between national centers and regional center, capacity build of the national centres ○ Emergency management: MRC Forecasts and warning is sent to concerned authorities/partners and CC to the NMCs FMM Newsletter to line agencies and provinces ○ Linkage between regional and national websites ○ More output-oriented flood forum and review of follow up of recommendations of the last forum ○
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II – Planning		
Issues	Possible Considerations	Group Conclusions
1. Are there activities or omissions in the existing component that need to be reconsidered?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What activities should be modified? ○ Are there activities to be added? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commitment of the national Mekong committee in the implementation of the FMMP in accordance with National legislation and policy and translation of FMMP requirement into ○ Setting up FMMP steering committee (MRCS and national FMM Team) ○ FMM National group with FMM Coordinator/focal points ○ Programme Implementation Plan for each activities in detail (2005-10) including implementation arrangement for each component ○ Improve communication between MRCS, NMCs and local authorities ○ Flood and dry season information needed (early warning to provincial level) ○ Review of mandate and national legislation ○ Drought issue is technical part of the component. Drought monitoring can be done using the system and tools under the component. But the main focus should be FLOODS.



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III – Implementation, Coordination, and New Areas of Cooperation		
Issues	Possible Considerations	Group Conclusions
1. How can MRC and partners better strengthened coordination of MRC FMM component programmes with partner programmes?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can exchange of personnel between programmes improve coordination? ○ Can MRC and the countries better collaborate on selecting more modern forecasting technologies ○ Should there be more exchange of data and information? ○ What other coordination approaches should we consider? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Flood Forum is for the basin as a whole ○ Staff exchange between RFC and NFC (capacity building) ○ Mechanism of utilizing experiences and direct involvement from users and partners in the formatting and dissemination of information of RFC ○ Identification/harmonisation of regional/national forecasting tool requirement with national involvement ○
2. What new areas of cooperation with respect to this component should the FMM Programme and partners explore?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Should MRC-partner teams visit other countries that share river basins to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Understand how they share forecasting information and technology? ▪ Understand how they cooperate in general? ▪ Benefit from lessons learned? ○ What other new areas of cooperation might be useful? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ YES