



Mekong River Commission

Basin Development Plan Programme Phase 2 (BDP2)

Roadmap and progress of the assessment of basin-wide development scenarios and the preparation of the IWRM-based Basin Development Strategy

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Goal:

MRC Council approves the IWRM-based Basin Development Strategy by end 2010, which:

- Provides a clear description of the 'development space', within which, LMB countries can plan and implement their Mekong water and related resources projects. The 'development space' is defined and agreed by LMB countries and stakeholders based on a broad consensus on the results of the assessment of basin-wide development scenarios.
- Provides clear strategic guidance for Basin development and management that will assist policy makers and water managers in the use, management and enhancement of the 'development space'.

Progress to date

- **1st Regional Stakeholder Consultation on BDP2, 12-13 March 2008**, Vientiane, Lao PDR (provide link to the Proceedings of the Consultation)
- 29th Meeting of the MRC Joint Committee on 26-27 March 2009 endorsed the formulated scenarios, the assessment framework, and the planning of the assessment of basin-wide development scenarios
- 30th Meeting of the MRC Joint Committee on 29-30 July 2009 endorsed the key principles, approach and process to prepare the IWRM-based Basin Development Strategy
- **2nd Regional Stakeholder Forum on BDP, 15-16 October 2009, Chiang Rai**, Thailand (provide link to the presentations and later on proceedings of the Forum) discussed:
 - Methodologies for the assessment of the basin-wide development scenarios
 - The Incomplete 1st draft of the IWRM-based Basin Development Strategy
- 16th Meeting of the MRC Council on 26-27 November 2009 approved the key principles, approach and process to prepare the IWRM-based Basin Development Strategy.

Roadmap ahead – Key dates

February 2010:

- Initial findings of basin-wide development scenario assessment ready for national and regional discussion and inputs

April 2010:

- 29-30 April 2010 – Presentation and discussion of the results of the basin-wide development scenario assessment at the Regional Impact Assessment workshop of the SEA of mainstream hydropower dams, Bangkok, Thailand
- Mission of the Panel of Experts to independently review these key outputs of the BDP2

May 2010:

- Completion of the first draft of the IWRM-based basin Development Strategy.
- National and regional discussions on the draft and underlying scenario assessment results.

June 2010

- MRC Joint Committee discussion on the scenario assessment results and first draft IWRM-based Basin Development Strategy
- 3rd Regional Stakeholder Forum on BDP (note: provide the link with announcement of the Forum), date and venue to be advised soon.
- 24-25 June 2010 – Regional workshop on mitigation and enhancement of the SEA of mainstream hydropower dams, Can Tho, Viet Nam

July 2010

- Mission of the Panel of Experts to independently review these key outputs of BDP2
- 32nd Meeting of the MRC Joint Committee to consider the endorsement of the scenario assessment results and the second draft IWRM-based Basin Development Strategy

September – October 2010

- Further national and regional consultations on the final draft IWRM-based Basin Development Strategy
- Mission of the Panel of Expert to independently review these key outputs of BDP2
- Informal discussion of the MRC Joint Committee

November 2010:

- MRC Joint Committee and Council final approval of the IWRM-based Basin Development Strategy

BDP2 - Road map to an agreed Basin Development Strategy and the BDP in 2010

