

Session 1 – MRC’s roles in sustainable development in the Mekong River Basin and introduction to the BDP Programme

Discussion questions

1. Are the roles of the MRC as outlined by the MRCS presentation appropriate?
2. What are the roles that the Civil society can contribute to the sustainable development of MRB?
3. Is the concept of the IWRM-based Basin development plan appropriate? Recommendations for the BDP to improve this concept?
4. Are the objectives and structure of the BDP2 clear and appropriate?
5. Are the outputs of the BDP2 useful and meaningful to the countries and stakeholder groups?

Session 2 - Basin development for poverty alleviation and sustainable development in the Lower Mekong basin – Potentials and constraints; National priorities in Basin wide context

Discussion questions

1. What are the risks to fisheries with current regional development trends? Recommendations for the BDP to manage these risks?

2. What are the food challenges in future? How BDP help meet the food demand challenges?
3. How do regional national and local priorities fit to the BDP? Who will be the winner and loser?

Session 3 – Innovative tools for Basin development planning and Decision making

Discussion questions

1. Are you satisfied with the proposed approach to scenario formulation and assessment and how the scenarios will be used for Basin development planning?
2. How can the approach improved for BDP to proactively influence the national development plans and current practice?
3. What do you think about the proposed criteria for scenario assessment?

Break-out sessions

3.2A – DSF

1. How can the DSF and modeling tools capture what is happening in the basin? Are there any gaps?
2. How these tools can support decision making

3.2B – IBFM

1. How can the IBFM, E-flows and other tools/process capture environmental, social and economic impacts of water resources development? Are there any gaps?

2. How these tools can support decision making?

3.2A – Project assessment criteria

1. Are you satisfied with the proposed criteria for project assessment?
2. How these criteria can support decision making?

Session 4 - IWRM: From global principle to regional strategies and local actions

Discussion questions

1. What should be the purpose of the Basin strategy?
2. If you agree with the proposed purpose, anything not relevant and missing in the draft outline?
3. How do we put the Strategy into actions?
4. How member countries will implement the Strategy?

Session 5 – Stakeholder participation in Basin development planning

1. What do you think of the proposed BDP Stakeholder participation plan? Are we missing any stakeholder groups? (By plenary)
2. What are your specific recommendations to move this approach forward? i.e. in scenario assessment process? (in groups)

3. MRC/MRCS response to recommendations