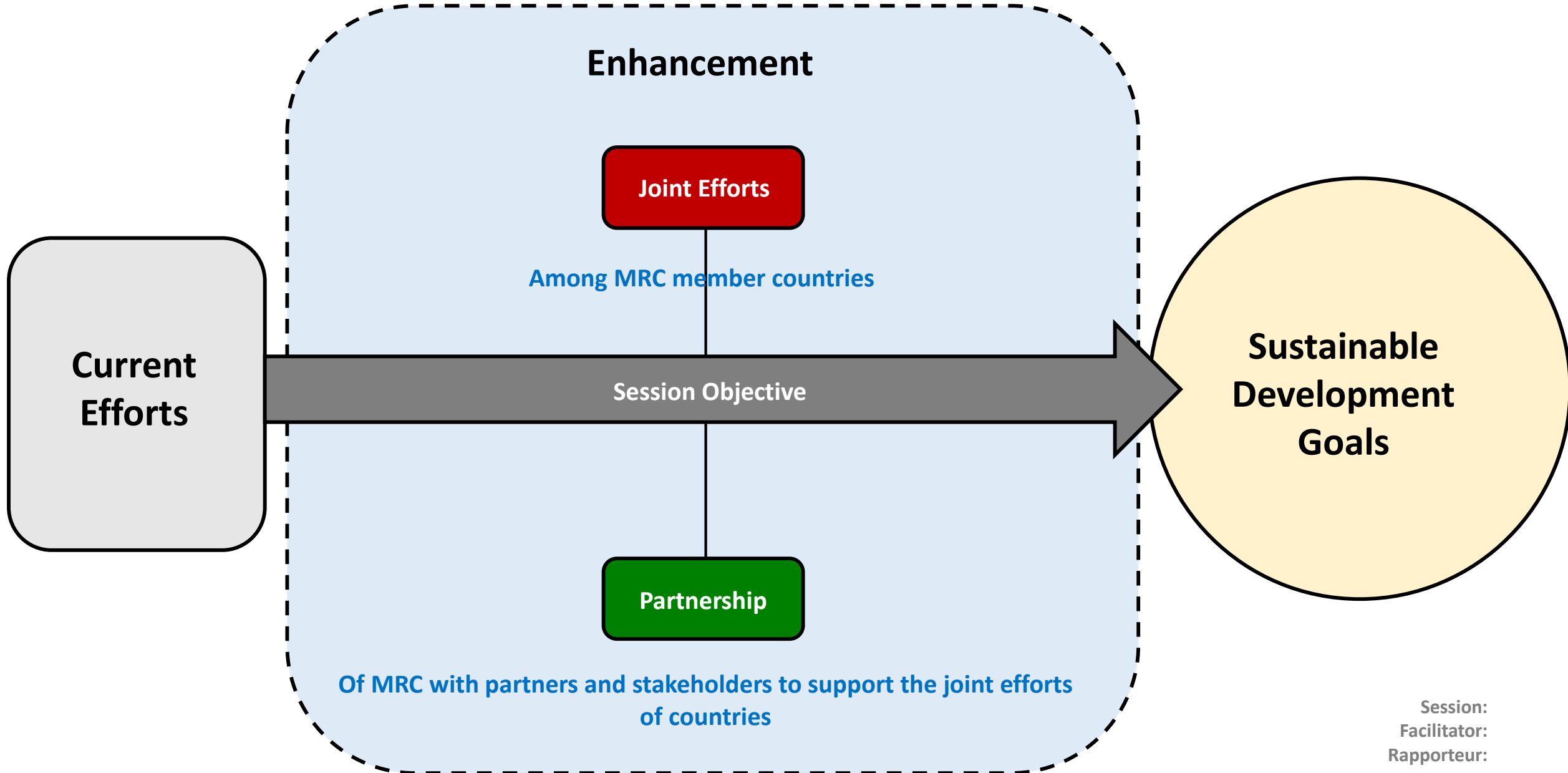


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## Joint Efforts Enhancement

### Project development and monitoring

Strengthen mechanisms for joint environmental and socio-economic monitoring and data sharing, build trust among stakeholders

Enhance the implementation of MRC procedures and guidelines. Including sharing info about project details and outcomes, e.g. design changes, of PNPCA

Improve MRC SOB via the update of the current MRC IF and improvement of data and information generation and sharing platform

### Environmental management

Enhance transboundary water resources and environment management via the implementation of MRC BDS and basin-wide sector strategies (fisheries, envt., flood/drought, cc and sustainable hydro) and establishment of RBOs

Increase the uptake of MRC water resources and environment strategies, procedures and guidelines by the 4 MCs into their national documents

Strengthen the implementation of legal framework for SEA in the Mekong countries (in cooperation with GMS)

## Session 2a: Monitoring and management of development projects in the Mekong Basin

Strengthen the cooperation with private sector for joint environmental and socioeconomic monitoring and data sharing for adaptive mitigation management

Improve guidelines and Increase the use of MRC Procedures and Guidelines (including TbEIA) by private sector from early stages of project development to project implementation

Strengthen cooperation between government, private sector and the public on power plan operation information, transparency

Cooperate with NGOs and research institutions to improve gender related analysis in future studies and strategies

Cooperate with NGOs to promote SEA inclusion in national legal framework

Cooperation with CNR to learn from the dam operation coordination and design of run-of-river dams (to minimize environmental and social impacts compared to large reservoirs )

Improve mechanisms for public participation, including participation of communities directly affected, in the PNPCA and other processes, at both national and regional levels, recognizing CSO roles (international & national NGOs)

### Collaboration with private sector

### Engagement of NGOs/R/IOOs, R&D institutes, academia

## Partnership Enhancement

### Current Efforts

- Implement the MRC Procedures, particularly through PNPCA and other Water Diplomacy efforts, and developing TbEIA guidelines
- Support implementation of and revision of the (P) DG Design Guidance to include best practice on dam designs
- Update of Sustainable Hydropower Development Strategy
- Undertake Council Study to assess impacts of development plans
- Develop environmental management strategy
- Formulation of a Joint Environment Monitoring Programme
- Development Drought/Flood Strategies
- Implementation of
  - Basin-wide Fisheries Management Strategy
  - Joint Action Plan
  - Joint Projects
- Preparation of SOB
- Update of MRC IF

## Sustainable Development Goals



Resilience to Flood & Drought

Economic Security



Access to renewable Energy

Economic value of hydropower



Implementation of IWRM at all levels



Promote fair & equitable benefit sharing

Protection & conservation of environment



sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources



Enhance international support to national plans to implement SDGs