

## ENHANCING JOINT EFFORTS AND PARTNERSHIPS TOWARDS ACHIEVEMENT OF THE SDGS IN THE MEKONG RIVER BASIN

# Optimizing benefits

Expansion plans of MCs for agriculture and navigation will increase benefit for each sector, however, the availability of labors need to be considered.

## **Current Efforts**

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  - State of Basin Report
  - Sustainable Hydropower Development Strategy

Joint Efforts Enhancement

#### Minimizing costs

Not only Member Countries of MRC, but also China and Myanmar, should put mitigation plans in place and in coordinative ways to improve impact of hydropower dam construction on reduction of sediments.

Cross-sector benefit sharing, especially between energy and fishery sectors, is more efficiently achieve than the compensation of losses between countries.

# **Session 1a:** Optimizing regional benefits and minimizing adverse impacts

USGS is interested in continuing engagement with MRC, coordinated through the US government.

SEI/SUMERNET is very keen to collaborate with and support MRC to optimize and uptake MRC CS results for the gender mainstreaming, associated indicators and integrated regional assessments on water insecurity in the Mekong Region.

Lots of opportunities for conservation

networks and collaborative with local

and maintenance of the Mekong River

securing/maintaining by governments.

habitats and ecosystem, financing by

navigation developers and

communities can be provided for creation

China, Myanmar, and MRC' Member Countries are required to establish an agreement and a common data sharing platform in order to manage the Mekong River in term of environmental, social and economic sustainability

Further study can engage other stakeholders, apart from line agencies, to fulfilled the data gaps for impact assessment and decrease uncertainty.

Support/collaboration with partners for further studies

Partnership Enhancement

**Engagement with stakeholders** 

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Resilience to Flood & Drought



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### **Optimizing benefits**

Uptake CS findings and recommendations to

Council Study results can be emerged the need for

sustainable basin-wide hydropower development

strategy: Seek for better design and more sustainable

the updated SHDS, SOBR, Collaborative

hydropower development pathways.

modelling and BDP 2021-2015.

Government should put more investment in the channel improvement for water transport to create more economical opportunities and environmental benefits for "the Lancang-Mekong River Navigation" and improve safety navigation.

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Various mitigation measures (e.g. sustainable dam operation, navigation clearing activity, port rehabilitation) must be introduced to minimize high adverse impacts from hydropower dam constructions.

Proper designs and approaches, and dredging materials for rock blasting are recommended for the implementation to mitigate significant environmental impacts.

Ongoing monitoring activity of conserve areas/ecosystem services should be put in the MRC mandate and development plan.

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MRC as an open organization and welcome collaboration from both China and Myanmar as MRC partnerships.

Enhance data sharing and tools for monitoring both quantity and quality of Mekong River in the Upper Mekong Basin (China & Myanmar) and Lower Mekong Basin, agree on criteria together with among all countries, both public and private sectors.

Civil society and related local communities should be engaged in the Council Study results dissemination plan.

Beyond the CS, the alternative energy sources are interested and how to balance energy.

Need involvement of River Networks communities and organizations in the policy coordination and plan development.

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Develop the Joint multi-sector investment program – including list of priority projects, not just strategy. Study cases in Senegal and Nigeria.

Need to translate the Council Study results into in MCs' policy. CS shows expansion of agriculture, so it leads to more water agriculture sector. Therefore, more water quality monitoring should be put in place to assess impact of agriculture in water (fertilizer, etc.)

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