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## Day 1 Recap

6<sup>th</sup> RTWG Meeting  
Phnom Penh, Cambodia  
17-18 December 2015

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## Topic: Overall Progress (1)



- Thailand proposed adjustments in CS work plan and budget should be submitted to the JC and discuss during JC Preparatory Meeting in the Upcoming Council Meeting in January 2016
  - Secretariat stated that this will be addressed by presenting the revised implementation schedule, arrangement, and financial status
- Thailand reiterated importance and urgency of disseminating interim results of the Council Study and technology transfer/training, in particular the BioRA, WUP-FIN and eWater Source results

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## Topic: Overall Progress (2)



- Thailand clarified that they have concern and did not totally agree on extending the reference period to include 1960-1984.
  - Secretariat clarified that the 1960-1984 period will be only used for simulating 1960 development scenario only for the purposes of Lao PDR.
  - Moreover, the agreement is to proceed in determining first the feasibility of this analysis based on available data
  - Lao PDR requested that the result of determining feasibility and the recommendation whether to conduct analysis or not should be via official letter

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## Topic: Irrigation Development Scenarios (1)



- Lao PDR request Secretariat to clarify whether data should be provided basin-wide or only in corridor
  - Secretariat: That this issue which is related to the definition of “significant tributary” is beyond Council Study and should be resolved at the higher level
  - Secretariat stated this issue is only relevant to irrigation thematic area and to some extent agriculture. The other thematic areas like are not affected by this issue

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## Topic: Irrigation Development Scenarios (2)



- All MCs (except Thailand) has no objection in principle with the data gap filling approach. MCs will review and provide edits to data
- Secretariat to meet with TNMC within the week to address Thailand concern
  - CS Team to review BDP2 approach

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## Topic: ALU Development Scenarios



- Cambodia and Viet Nam agree with data gap filling strategy and dataset.
- Lao PDR requested co clarify between 2003 Land Use and 2010 Land Cover
- Thailand cannot agree with the strategy and dataset
  - Secretariat to meet with TNMC within the week to address Thailand concern (in combination with the irrigation thematic team)

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## Topic: Hydropower Development Scenarios



- In principle, all MCs agreed conceptually with proposed development scenarios
  - Lao PDR will submit data to correct some of the incorrect data presented
  - Secretariat to clarify further the linkage between CS and ISH0306
  - Secretariat noted that the main 2040 Planned Development Scenario includes Stung Treng and Sambor which according to Cambodia are scheduled to be completed by 2024

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## Topic: Domestic/Industrial Development Scenarios



- Thailand points out that impact assessment of domestic/industrial water use is not needed and not a good use of limited resources
  - Not required in PNPCA
  - Impacts are relatively insignificant
  - All MCs except for Lao PDR agreed that impact assessment should be limited along mainstream corridor and hotspots. Secretariat to follow-up with Lao PDR to address concern with this approach

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## Topic: Domestic/Industrial Development Scenarios



- Thailand points out that they do not recognize the WWF Methodology and suggest to find another data source from sand extraction
  - Thailand does not recognize the WWF methodology used to estimate sediment budget in LMB. However, it was clarified that the WWF data on locations and extent of sand mining in LMB can be used. As stated in the 5<sup>th</sup> RTWG meeting in Siem Reap, sand mining data will primarily rely on WWF data instead of trying to get data from other sources which will take significant amount of time and effort without certainty in the quality of the data

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## Topic: Navigation Development Scenarios



- CS can use development scenarios from the Master Plan pending approval by JC

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## Topic: Flood Development Scenarios



- MCs agree on the shift in the approach but Flood Team is instructed to expedite activities
  - Formulation of 2020 and 2040 development scenarios are deferred and will be conducted after the assessment of flood impacts of developments from the other thematic areas

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## Topic: Modeling



- Thailand and Cambodia reiterated importance of providing more opportunities for MCs (not only the national modellers) to understand modelling process and analysis – capacity building

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## The RTWG is requested to:



- Confirm recap
- Provide additional comments as needed

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