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

Current Efforts

Session Objective

Among MRC member countries

Enhancement

Joint Efforts

Of MRC with partners and stakeholders to support the joint efforts of countries

Sustainable Development Goals

Partnership

Session:
Facilitator:
Rapporteur:
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**Current Efforts**
- Conduct assessments on floods, droughts and climate change.
- Integrate Basin-wide & transboundary perspectives into national strategies, plans & policies through the Basin-wide climate change, drought and flood strategies and Joint Projects.
- BDS, MSAP, DMS (under formulation)
- Several disaster risk management initiatives at national levels
- Existing data exchange & coordination mechanisms
- Flood forecasting & river monitoring

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**Session 1b: Addressing climate change, drought and flood**
- OPEN DATA: sharing information and data, coordinating better
- Ensure synergies between LMC and MRC, avoiding duplication
- Sound approach for Gender differentiated impacts (e.g. Oxfam)
- Alignment needed of MRC work with Paris Agreement and Sendai framework
- Need for dialogue to improve CC projections & forecasting services and eventually reduce uncertainty
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**Sustainable Development Goals**
- 1 No Poverty
- 2 Zero Hunger
- 3 Good Health and Well-being
- 6 Clean Water and Sanitation
- 13 Climate Action
- 15 Life on Land
- 17 Partnerships for the Goals

**Implementation of IWRM at all levels**
- Raise awareness on CC mitigation, adaptation & impact reduction
- Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning
- Promote fair & equitable benefit sharing
- Enhance international support to national plans to implement SDGs