



Transboundary Water Cooperation Workshop
“Sharing benefits from Transboundary Water Management”
 20-22 January 2010, Vientiane, Lao PDR

Lower Mekong Basin, Nile Basin, Zambezi River Basin and transboundary basins in SADC

PROGRAM

Wednesday 20 January	
Time	Activity
08:00 – 09:00	Registration at Workshop Venue: MRC Conference Room
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome Address <i>Sourasay Phoumavong, Director, MRCS</i>
09:15 – 09:30	Introduction to the Workshop <i>Kurt Mørck Jensen, Senior Water Advisor, Danida</i>
09:30 – 09:45	Presentation of Workshop Paper: The role of benefit and cost sharing in Transboundary Water Management – key concepts and paradigms <i>Palle Lindgaard-Jørgensen, Danish Water Forum/DHI</i>
09:45 – 10:15	Plenary discussion on Workshop Paper
10:15 – 10:35	Coffee break
10:35 – 10:55	Keynote presentation: Benefit sharing in transboundary basins – the political context <i>Christer Holtsberg, Senior Adviser</i>
10:55 – 11:15	Keynote presentation: A framework for implementing benefit sharing” <i>John Metzger, Danida Water Advisor, Uganda</i>
11:15 – 11:30	Case presentation: The Decree for benefit sharing for hydropower development in Viet Nam <i>Larry Haas, Environment and Energy expert</i>
11:30 – 12:00	Questions and answers
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 13:30	Brief presentations: General Perspectives and Benefit Sharing <i>Representatives of the three basins: The Nile, the Zambezi/SADC and Mekong:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Nile: Antoine Sendama, NELSAP</i> • <i>The Zambezi/SADC: Michael Mutale, ZAMCOM</i> • <i>Mekong: Tuan Tran Van, Programme Coordinator of IKMP, MRC</i>
13:30 – 13:50	Questions and answers
13:50 – 14:00	Instructions to Working groups
14:00 – 15:30	Group discussions: Approaches in benefit and cost sharing (Coffee break included)
15:30 – 16:10	Feedback from group work on approaches in benefit and cost sharing
16:10 – 17:00	Facilitated panel discussion on basin experiences for benefit sharing. Panel of basin representatives and key stakeholders from the three basins <i>Facilitator: Torkil Jønch Clausen, DHI</i>
18:30 (from hotel)	Social event: Cultural evening and dinner at the Kualao Restaurant, Vientiane

Thursday 21 January

Time	Activity
09:00 – 09:45	<p>Presentations from the three basins on practical approaches to benefit and cost sharing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socio-economic development and Benefit Sharing in the Nile Basin <i>Helen Natu, NBI</i> • The Mekong Basin perspective <i>Hang Pham Thi Thanh, Coordinator, MRC Basin Development Plan</i> • Guidelines for benefit sharing in the SADC area <i>Tracy Molefi-Mbui, Ministry of Mineral, Energy and Water Resources, Botswana</i>
09:45 – 10:15	Questions and answers
10:15 – 10:35	Coffee Break
10:35 – 11:35	<p>Responses from civil society on stakeholder views on benefit and cost sharing in river basin management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost and benefits for communities <i>Tek Vannara, Advocacy Manager, CEPA, Cambodia</i> • Engaging stakeholders in Transboundary Water Management and basin planning related to costs and benefits <i>Tracy Molefi-Mbui, Ministry of Mineral, Energy and Water Resources, Botswana</i> • Experiences from Nile Basin Discourse <i>Sarah Naigaga, Nile Basin Discourse</i> • Transboundary co-operation on fisheries management <i>Roger Mollot, WWF Greater Mekong</i>
11:35 – 12 :00	Questions and answers
12 :00 – 12:10	Instruction to Working Groups
12 :10 – 13:10	Lunch
13 :10 – 15:00	Group discussion on principles and guidance for valuing and sharing of benefits and costs based on experiences from communities and basin management organizations: 'How can the concept of benefit sharing improve transboundary water management and facilitate basin development plans ?'
15:00 – 15:40	Recommendations from group discussions
15:40 – 16:30	<p>Facilitated plenary discussion and summing up: recommendations on key principles and development of guidelines for benefit sharing in international basins</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Torkil Jønch Clausen, DHI</i></p>
16:30 – 17:00	Conclusions, end of Workshop and Closing Address

Friday 22 January

Time	Activity
08:30 – 17:00	<p>Field trip to Nam Ngum 1 hydropower plant/reservoir</p> <p><i>Organised by MRCS</i></p>