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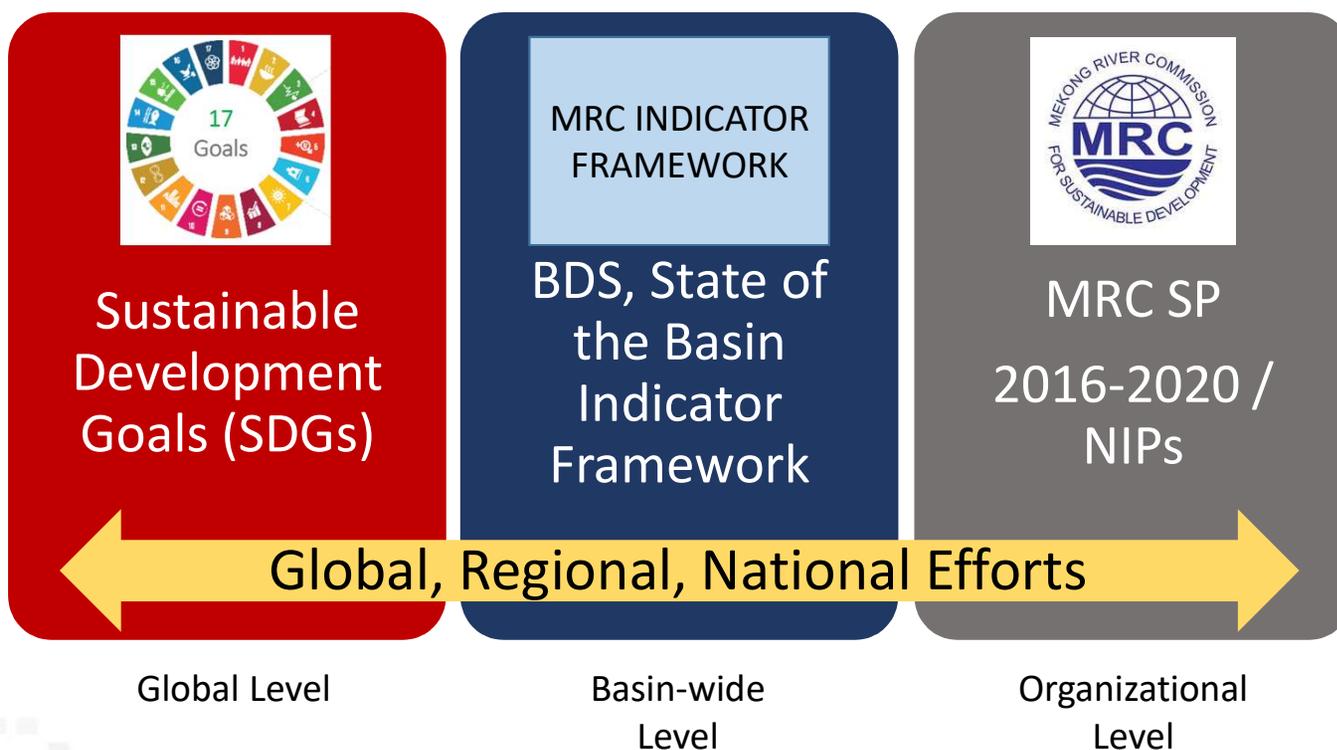


## The needs and challenges of aligning preparation and uptake of MRC strategies and guidelines

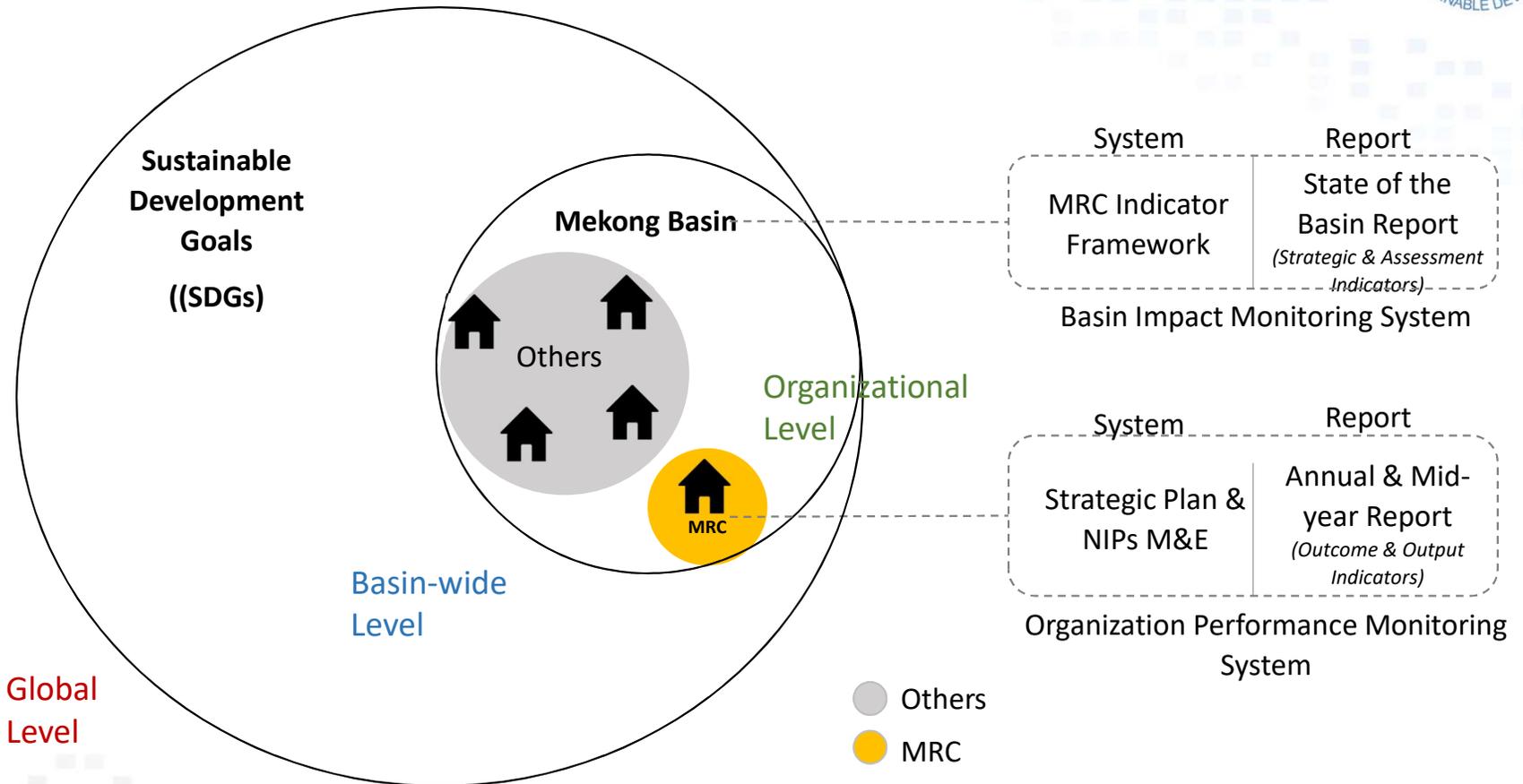




# Alignment of Regional & National Towards Global Effort



# Overview



# Sustainable Development Goals (SGDs)



Global  
Level



169 Targets

Go into great detail on exactly what needs to be achieved across social, environmental and economic aspects

1 Explicit SDG 6 on water and sanitation with 8 targets

230 Indicators

Highlight key data sets for governments to monitor with a view to achieving the goals

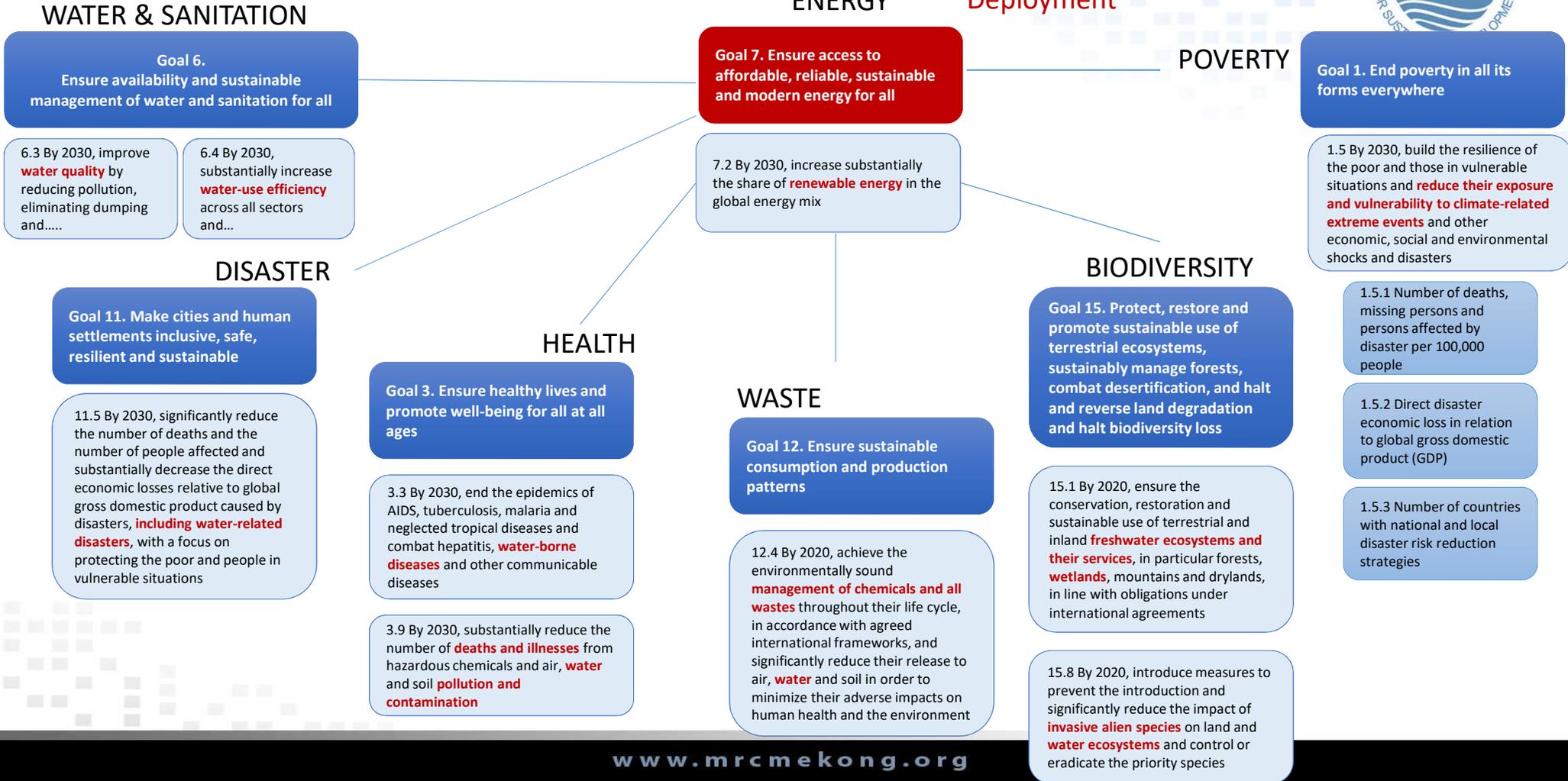
At least 6

other SDGs with 7 Targets indirectly linked to water-related issues

# Contribution to water-related SDGs

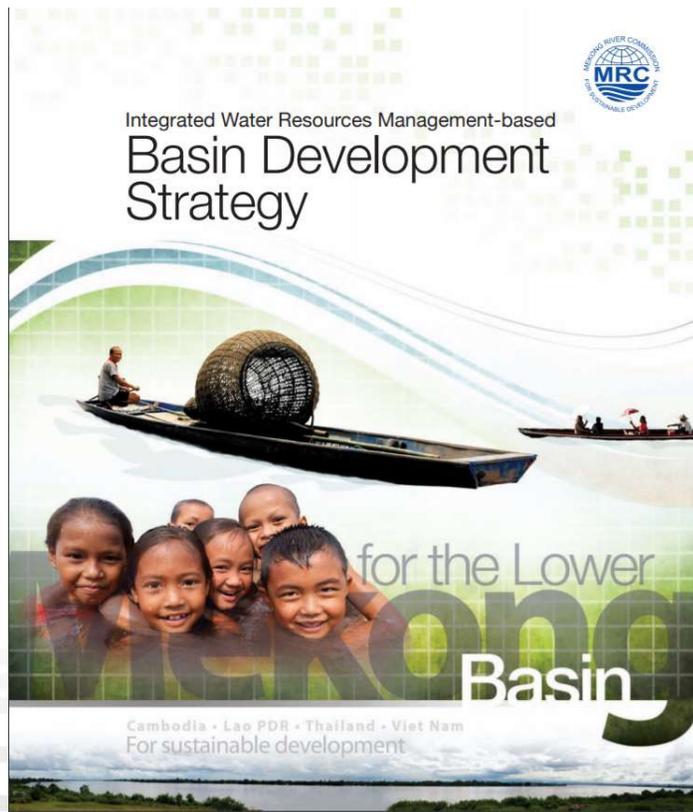


Strategic  
Deployment



Basin-wide  
Level

# Basin Development Strategy and State of Basin Report



## State of Basin Report

### Illustrative uses

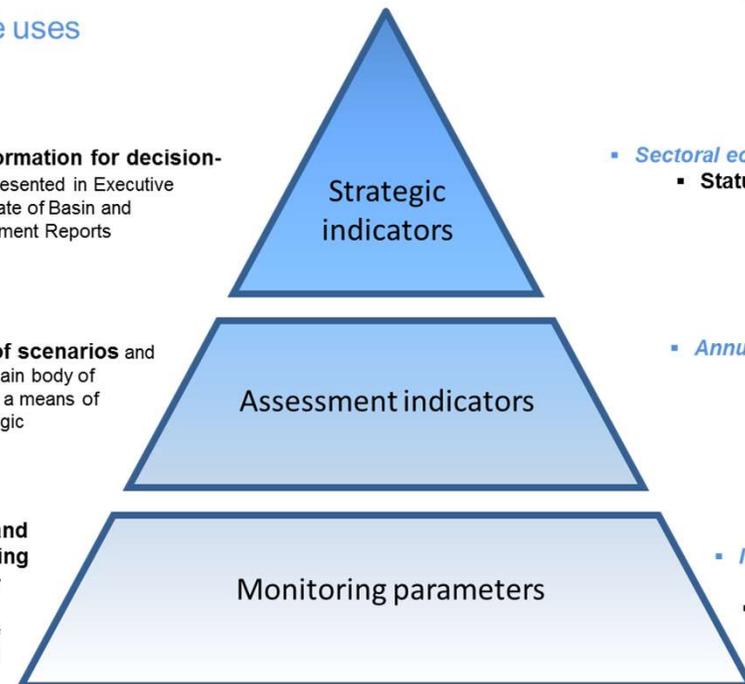
**High-level information for decision-takers**, eg as presented in Executive Summaries of State of Basin and Scenario Assessment Reports

**Comparison of scenarios** and sections in the main body of the SoB, both as a means of generating strategic indicators

**Field survey and other monitoring data** periodically collected and maintained in the MRC information system

### Examples

- *Sectoral economic performance*
  - **Status of river-dependant livelihoods**
- *Annual sectoral economic output and exports*
  - **Employment and incomes in fisheries**
- *Installed capacity and irrigated area*
  - **Per capita incomes** obtained from census and SIMVA records



Organizational  
Level

# MRC SP 2016-2020

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## BASIN VISION

"An economically prosperous, socially just and environmentally sound Mekong River Basin"

## MRC MISSION

"To promote and coordinate sustainable development and management of the water and related resources of the Mekong River Basin for the countries' mutual benefits and the people's well-being"

## STRATEGIES

How to achieve our goal?

### I. Enhancement of national plans, projects and resources from basin-wide perspectives

1. Increased common understanding and application of evidence-based knowledge by policy makers and project planners
2. Environment management and sustainable water resources development optimised for basin-wide benefits by national sector planning agencies
3. Guidance for the development and management of water and related projects and resources shared and applied by national planning and implementing agencies

### II. Strengthening of regional cooperation

4. Effective and coherent implementation of MRC Procedures by Member Countries
5. Effective dialogue and cooperation between Member Countries and strategic engagement of regional partners and stakeholders on transboundary water management

### III. Better monitoring and communication of the Basin conditions

6. Basin-wide monitoring, forecasting, impact assessment and dissemination of results strengthened for better decision-making by Member Countries

### IV. Leaner River Basin Organisation

7. MRC transitioned to a more efficient and effective organisation in line with the decentralisation Roadmap and related reform plans

## LONG TERM GOAL

Member Countries develop and manage water and related resources of the Mekong River Basin in an effective, equitable and sustainable manner

## BASIN NEEDS

- Food & livelihood security
- Resilience against floods & drought
- Energy security
- Improved navigation

## BASIN CHALLENGES

- Hydropower developments in the Upper & Lower Basin
- Water-related poverty
- Environmental degradation
- Climate change
- Gender Mainstreaming

## RISKS

Anticipated Risks

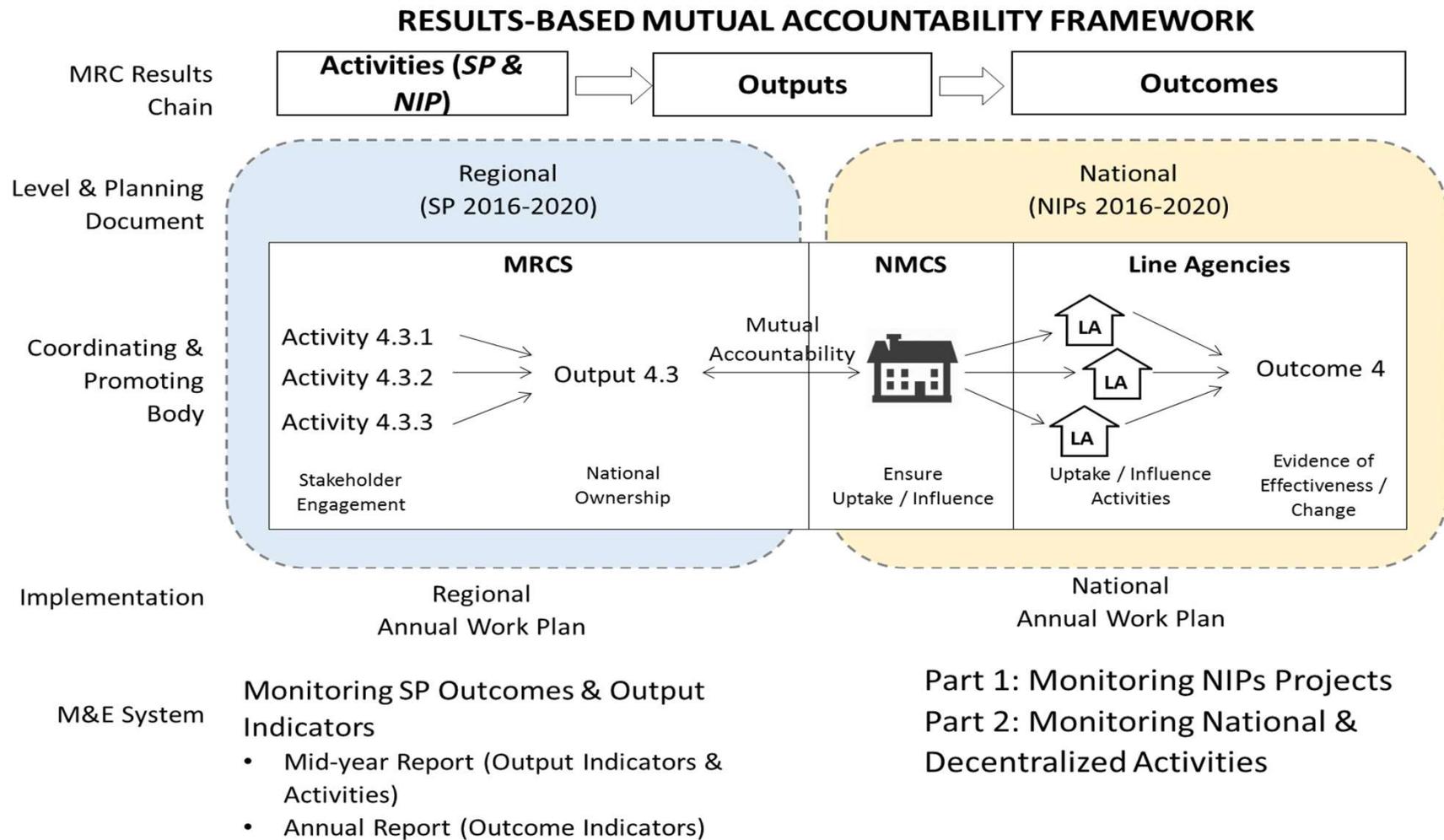
Risk 1. CURRENT STATE

- Studies & Assessments
- Basin-wide Strategies
- Guidelines / Guidance
- Procedures Technical Guidelines
- Monitoring & Forecasting Systems
- Platform for cooperation of MRC Procedures
- Agreements / MOUs
- Decentralized Bacth 1&2
- Organization Reform

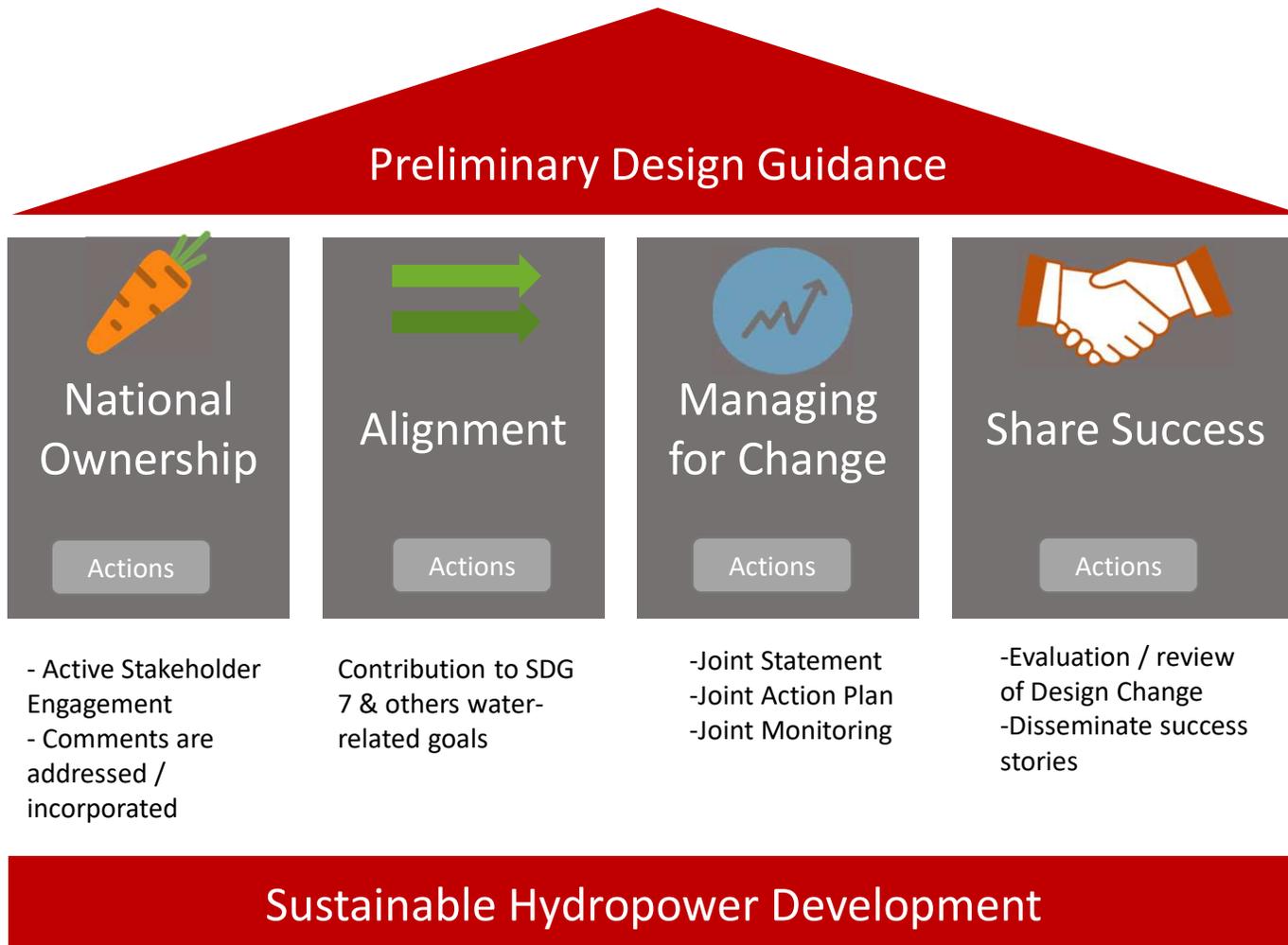
Risk 2. Risk 3. Risk 4. Risk 5. Risk 6. ACTION STATE

Risk 7. Risk 8. Risk 9. Risk 10. FUTURE STATE

# MRC MUATUAL ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK FOR UPTAKE



# Applying Mutual Accountability with PDG



## MRC SP strategies & guidelines relating to hydropower



- *Sharing and learning of “best practice” guidelines and tools (e.g. RSAT) to support the development and operation of water and related projects on tributaries of transboundary significance*
- *Hydropower Environmental Impact Mitigation and Risk Management (ISH 0306)*
- *Design guidance for mainstream dams reviewed, updated and implementation supported*
- *Basin-wide strategy for sustainable hydropower developed and approved*
- *Basin development strategy, including a new indicative Basin Development Plan, updated and approved for 2021-2025*

# Framework for Uptake



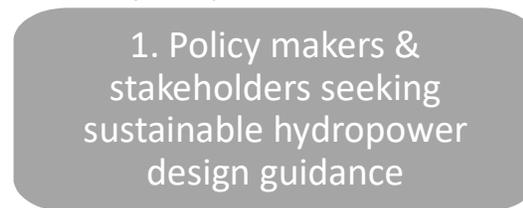
## ENABLERS

Common needs & willingness  
at the policy & technical level

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Getting Guidance into policy & practice depends on the results



The specifications are set together & carried out together.



Active collaboration and participation by stakeholders

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# Conclude the Key Enablers

- **Willingness** of policy makers to use the design guidance to provide guidance for hydropower following best practices.
- Together the key stakeholders (including developers) **develop and validate** the design guidance technical requirements.
- Credibility of the **PDG's results**
- Close **Relationship & Trust** between Member Countries, Developers & MRCS.
- **Building Networks** with research institutions, NGOs, International Organizations and communities and etc.
- **Global agenda drive**. SDGs Goal 6 and 7.



Thank you!