Hydropower Developers Dialogue” – Way Forward

The Fourth Hydropower Forum
10th – 11th August 2017
Vientiane, LAO PDR
6. MRC’s Tools and Guidelines: Detail

- **Role of Mitigation Guidelines** (ISH0306) for Sustainable Hydropower Practice (PDG principle)
  - Covers environment and related socio-economic issues, and livelihood
  - Mitigation guidelines will not address all problems

- **Design and operational concept behind ISH0306**
  - Guidelines identify the players for its implementation

- **Utilization of mitigation guidelines and manual for hydrology and sediment mitigation and fisheries mitigation**
  - To some extent it also covers reservoir sedimentation
  - Should merge the modelling approach, more discussion required
  - Balancing the needs for energy, water use and fisheries ➔ Political decision is needed not guidelines
7. Developers and Planners Experience w/ PDG

Use of PDG, lessons learned and recommendations for PDG update:

- Simple and concrete (i.e. navigation), however, it need to be more specific (risks management) and practical in term of what MRC expect for
- Formalisation of communication exchange before the PNPCA between MRC and Developers process to ensure good understanding and quality of the report
- Consistency of the Mekong cascades – design and operation
- PDG should considers follow up of construction and operations
- Operations coordination mechanisms need to be established
- Coordination of design should be built in the PPA
- Power Agreement and Power Purchasing Agreement could amended
8. Next Steps

1. PDG Update ➔ Design Guidance (DG2018)
   • Concept Note discussion with MCs – by September 2017
   • Concept Note approval by MRC JC – by November 2017
   • Stakeholder Forum – by December 2017?
   • Draft revised and updated PDG Clauses (*DG2018 Draft V0.1*) – by April 2018
   • National and Regional Discussions (*DG2018 Draft V0.2*) – by July 2018
   • MRC-JC consideration and approval of update PDG (*DG2018 Draft Final*) – by August 2018
8. Next Steps

2. Update of SHDS (SHDS2019)

- Concept Note discussion with MCs – by September 2017
- Concept Note approval by MRC JC – by November 2017
- Mobilisation of national and international teams – by March 2018
- Inception Report – by April 2018
- Interim Report – by August 2018
- Interactive regional planning workshop – by February 2019
- Final Report and Recommendations – by September 2019
- 4 Regional Consultation Meetings, 2 Stakeholder Forums
- MRC JC’s endorsement and Council’s approval – by November 2019
8. Next Steps

3. Mitigation Guidelines (ISH0306)

- Get inputs from MRC Council Study “Study on Sustainable Management and Development of MR including impacts from mainstream hydropower projects” and then complete the case study – by August 2017
- Complete ISH0306 Guidelines, Manuals, Knowledgebase and closure of report – by September 2017
- Regional consultation and capacity building – by October 2017
- ISH0306 input into the update of PDG2018 – by Jan 2018
- On-going dissemination and training
8. Way forward

4. RSAT

• Providing advice and support on RSAT application to developers, investors and their consultants; assisting in application design / capacity building / implementation

• Transboundary RSAT: requesting participation of developers in dialogues

• Development of case studies of successful RSAT applications

• Follow-up of previous RSAT applications (actions taken)
Thank you!