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Review of Comments from 3rd RTWG Meeting

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On coordination between CS and MDS



- As per instruction from our leaders during the 2nd MRC Summit in Ho Chi Minh in April 2014
- Two studies will participate in information exchange (i.e., progress updates) but each will be kept independent
- Any opportunities to use data and results will be discussed and approved by RTWG

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On Data and Assessment Methodology



- Primarily use existing data (hydrologic, water quality, biological, socio-economic, etc.) collected by existing methods by the Programmes and the MCs. There is no plan to collect additional data specifically for the Council Study.
- Take advantage of lessons learned from IBFM and other studies
- Internal capacity on existing tools (MRC DSF, SIM/VA, MRC IF) will be supplemented by external expertise for both existing (WUP-FIN models) and new tools (DRIFT). Team is structured to promote coordination and collaboration and thus, facilitate technology transfer and capacity building

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On Work Plans and Staffing Plans



- The thematic and discipline team work plans/staffing plans will continuously be refined as more detailed information becomes available
- Cumulative Assessment Team (led by BDP) is coordinating the formulation of development scenario as planned
- Proposed organizational adjustments include the following:
 - BDP to lead both the socio-economic discipline team and macro-economic assessment team with support from EP and MRC socio-economic expert team
 - TCU with BDP's support will continue to manage the scoping of the macro-economic assessment (with the macro-economic consultant)
 - EP (fish biologist and water quality specialist) is supporting the Biological Resources Assessment Team

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On Improving Communication with and Involvement of MCs (1)



- MRC Programmes to include CS in their Annual Work Plans and provide updates of their CS activities during Programme National Consultations especially in disseminating and discussing results of the assessments.
- Conduct targeted national consultations (NMC and line agencies)
- Further discuss the need for national working groups for CS and their roles on
 - Technical coordination between various thematic sectors (i.e., line agencies)
 - Monitoring and evaluation

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On Improving Communication with and Involvement of MCs (2)



- In addition to RTWG meetings, national consultations, and regional stakeholder meetings, the following mechanisms are expected to improve the effectiveness of disseminating information to MCs:
 - Council Study Web Site
 - Coordinating Group Monthly Meeting (to systematically and proactively identify issues to share with the MCs)
 - Weekly Senior Staff Meeting (with Council Study weekly progress on top of the agenda to again systematically and proactively identify issues to share with the MCs)
 - Briefing materials for the RTWG meetings shared with MCs in advance of the meetings.

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The RTWG may wish to take
note of the status updates
related to the 3rd RTWG
comments.

Thank You

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