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## Council Study Challenges and Next Steps

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## Challenges Now and Ahead



- Uncertainty in Scope
- Compressed Implementation Schedule
- Funding Gap
- Management and Coordination Challenge

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## Uncertainty in scope



- Types and number of development and climate change scenarios to assess
- Calibration and validation of the models (in particular WUP-FIN models)
- Number of physical, environmental, social, and economic indicators to assess
- Specific data availability and extent of data gap filling
- And many others

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## Compressed implementation schedule



- One year instead of two years (to compensate delays in completing planning phase)
- Not compatible with the objective to adopt an open, transparent, collaborative, and participatory process among MRC Programmes and between the Secretariat and MCs
- Not compatible with Programme work loads
- May compromise product quality if time is not sufficient for adequate internal QA and external peer review

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## Funding Issues



- Funding to cover the estimated total budget needed as per the Inception Report has not been all secured
- Budget will have to be revised to reflect current understanding in scope and schedule
- Multiple funding sources (i.e., Trust Fund vs. Programme-specific) increase management effort

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## Management and Coordination Challenge



- Combination of broad multisectoral technical scope, large team (all Programmes, large number of consultants, 4 MCs, and stakeholders), compressed implementation schedule, and funding issues makes this study a complex management and coordination challenge!

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## Potential Corrective Actions



Challenges	Corrective Actions
Uncertainty in scope	<p>Make some decisions on scope now when possible</p> <p>Team to be agile/flexible to adjust (with corresponding adjustments in budget and schedule)</p>
Compressed implementation schedule	<p>Adjust schedule accordingly to be more realistic and compatible with scope, capacity, and process</p> <p>Prioritize Programme activities</p> <p>Alternative mechanisms to expedite coordination, review, and decision-making</p>
Funding Issues	Secure additional external funding

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## Benefits of Extending Overall Schedule



- Reduce workload pressure on Programmes
- Relieves the need to secure the total budget for the Council Study now (spread over a longer period)
- Provide more time for QA/Peer Review and for participatory and collaborative process

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## Features of the Extended Overall Schedule



- Adopt a two-phase approach
  - Phase 1: 2007, 2020 DFS, and 2040 Planned + CC
  - Phase 2: Exploratory Scenario and Alternative Plans
- Produce concrete/tangible report deliverables after Phase 1
- Provide adequate time for a participatory formulation of development scenarios

Note: See MS Excel spreadsheet for Schedule

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## Next Steps (1)



- Review/Revise Work Plans and Staffing Plans
  - Phase Recruitment of Consultants
- Implement technical activities (formulation of scenarios, modeling, BioRA activities)
- Develop detailed methodology for socio-economic assessments and coordination framework

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## Next Steps (2)

- Fund Raising
- Meetings (National Consultations, Regional Stakeholder Consultation)
- Revise Overall Schedule



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The RTWG may wish to take note of the challenges and potential corrective actions and provide further guidance

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