Presentation of Bangladesh

Issues, Constraints and Objectives on River Basin Management and Organizations

Issues

Constraints

A. Flood 1. Flash flood in NW, NC and NE region during April – May 2. Monsoon flood (mainly

from Ganga, Brahmaputra and Meghna Basin during July – Sept) Tidal flood/cyclone

Sudden onrush of excess water from up stream transboundary rivers Causing: Loss of lives and properties, agriculture products **River erosion** Hazard to public health

Objectives

Integrated river basin management with strong organizational support among all the coriparian country of the rivers flowing through Bangladesh

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Issues

B. Water

scarcity/drought
1. Dry season drought (March – May)
2. Monsoon drought (August – Sept)

Constraints U/S withdrawal of transboundary rivers Causing: Deservtification Shortage of irrig. water, and other water using sectors and navigation, industry, river morphology affected **River** siltation Degradation of water quality Imbalance in biodiversity including world heritage site The Sundanbans

Objectives

Augmentation of water in upper catchment for coordinated use of affected countries

Issues

C. Water quality (including arsenic in groundwater)

Constraints

Due to over decreasing dry period transboundary flow and increased incountry water demand in all water using sectors Surface water quality is deteriorating and groundwater is contaminated by arsenic

Objectives

As using groundwater is restricted due to presence of arsenic, augmentation of dry season flow of the rivers system through cooperation of all coriparian coutnries is the only option for Bangladesh