



**FIELD VISIT TO MAHA OYA  
RIVER BASIN**

**GROUP C:**

**PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION**

# GROUP C: MEMBERS

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# PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION..

.....IS DEFINED  
AS ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF ALL  
STAKEHOLDERS IN PLANNING,  
IMPLEMENTATION, OPERATIONS  
AND MAINTENANCE, AND MONITORING  
AND EVALUATION  
IN THE DEVELOPMENT





Discussions with Divisional Office, Dankatuwa



Clay Mine: River Maha Oya



Discussions with the Temple Priest

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Near a Sand Mining Area, Maha Oya

A photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sun is a bright, glowing orb just above the horizon, casting a shimmering path of light across the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, pinkish-purple clouds, and a prominent vertical lens flare is visible on the left side of the image. The overall scene is peaceful and captures the end of the day.

Sunset, Beach Hotel, Negombo





Discussions with a village family.



Mined Clay is being loaded



**...Contd.**

A group of men in white shirts are standing outdoors near a river. The scene is partially obscured by a large purple text box. The background shows a river, trees, and a hillside.

# SHORT AND LONG TERM ACTIONS AND OPTIONS

## Issues

## Short term

## Long term

### POLICY LEVEL

Lack of  
participation in  
Policy formulation

Motivate people to  
participate in policy  
formulation

To continue the  
process and review  
where needed.

Lack of legislative  
support

Enact legislation to  
make people's  
participation  
mandatory

To review the  
progress and make  
mid-course  
corrections.

## Issues

## Short term

## Long term

### POLICY LEVEL

Lack of integration among different Sectoral policies

Policy formation process be broad based and integrated

Review and modification in light of experiment.

Top down decision making process

Combination of bottom up and top down approaches

Bottom up decision making.

### INSTITUTIONAL LEVEL

Centralisation of authority

Devolving power at local level

To review the process for mid-course correction

## Issues

## Short term

## Long term

Lack of vertical and lateral coordination

Formation of coordination committees

Review and modification in the light of experience.

Overlapping of functions

Review of sectoral functions and make changes accordingly.

Developing well-defined functions between sectors

Lack of organisation at local level

Institution building at local level

To review the process for mid-course correction

## Issues

## Short term

## Long term

Lack of capacity of implementing agencies

To provide support for Capacity-building

Review for modification in the light of experience.

Lack of awareness

Launching of awareness campaign

Incorporate in school curriculum

## PLANNING

Lack of DATABASE

To provide support for Collection of data

Effective database management



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## Issues

## Short term

## Long term

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### PLANNING

Lack of people's participation

Local communities to be consulted

To continue the process

Lack of integrated approach

To introduce IWRM

To review and continue

## Issues

## Short term

## Long term

### IMPLEMENTATION

Lack of  
COORDINATION

Setting up of  
coordination  
committees

To continue the  
process and review

Lack of social and  
environmental  
compliance

To ensure Social  
and environmental  
compliance

To review and  
strengthen the  
mechanism

Lack of political  
commitment

Awareness creation  
among the political  
leaders

To continue the  
process

## Issues

## Short term

## Long term

### IMPLEMENTATION

Conflict in sectoral  
interest

Developing  
mechanism for  
conflict resolution

To continue the  
process and review

### M & E SYSTEM

Lack of monitoring  
and evaluation  
processes

Develop M&E  
system and ensure  
its use and  
compliance

To review and  
strengthen the  
mechanism

A tropical beach scene viewed from an elevated position, likely a balcony or deck. In the foreground, a dark wooden railing is visible. The middle ground features a sandy beach with a few people sitting on the grass. The background shows the ocean under a cloudy sky. Several tall palm trees are scattered throughout the scene, with one particularly large one in the center-right. The text "THANK YOU" is overlaid in a bold, orange, serif font across the middle of the image.

**THANK YOU**