

**The 3rd thematic workshop on
Water Allocation and Water Right,
November 27 – December 1, 2006**

Session 2

Review of the former workshop (1)

Prepared by: Kingkham MANIVONG

Select Issues on Water Allocation and Water Rights, Lao PDR

- **Issues 1: Organization**
- **Issues 2: Legal framework**
- **Issues 3: Policy/Plan**

Issues

Organization:

- Weak co-ordination between line agencies within the sector and with those of other sectors and local authorities.

The impact or real trouble derived from the issue

- **Organization:** The sub-sector has different objective of water use and implemented by the role of there sectors, which are possibly facing the problem of overlapping, conflict, including financial duplication.

Causes of the issues

- **Organization:** Are lacking capacity for developing coordination among the line agencies and lacking the institutional strengthening.

Proposal

- **Organization:** A water resource management line agency should be formed to unify and coordinate water resource management functions at the national level and local authority, also should have capacity building and strengthening institutional framework; improving data and information system; developing human resources; raising awareness and perusing participatory approach, strengthening the monitoring and evaluation system, in recognizing the coordinated and strategic approach with respect to the water sector

Issues

- **Legal framework:** Implementation of the Law on Water and Water Resource is remains quite limited.

The impact or real trouble derived from the issue

- **Legal framework:** Poor implementation is the result, in part, of incomplete policies and secondary legislation as well as gaps and areas of the law which are unclear

Causes of the issues

- **Legal framework:** The weaknesses of the Law on Water and Water Resource is its delegation of water resource policy and regulatory functions to water development ministries. These functions will conflict with the water development and service delivery roles of these ministries and their agencies

Proposal

- **Legal framework:** There should be a general review and assess implementation of the Law on Water and Water Resource and the Decree on Implementation of the Law on Water and Water Resource and also an identification of other priorities for secondary legislation

Issues

- **Policy/Plan:** There is no system for water resource planning at the national or river basin.

The impact or real trouble derived from the issue

- **Policy/Plan:** The implement of water sectors have been overlap regarding coordination and development and implementation of policies, plans and programs.

Causes of the issues

- **Policy/Plan:** The sharing of data and information on water resources is poor at both the central and provincial level, so coordinated planning is difficult.

Proposal

Legal framework

- **Policy/Plan** : A national water resources strategy would help to provide an official statement of water resource management objectives and targets which will support national goals and strategies and to ensure better coordination of plans and strategies of various sectors ministries and local authority.

Thank you !