



Better Governance:

Inclusive Approach
through good practices
on water governance and IWRM

Better Water Governance for Myanmar

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Overview – water governance in Myanmar

- Better water governance is aligned with the national reform agenda.
- We value a bottom-up approach.
- Myanmar water management is based on sound scientific evidence.



Right for Water

The 2015 National Water Policy states that:

“The Union, the Regions and States, and local bodies (governance institutions) must ensure access to minimum quality of potable water for essential health and hygiene to all its citizens, available within easy reach of each household.”

- The Water Law draft has been in a public consultation process.
- To be finalized in the first quarter of 2018.



Why we need better water governance

- Fishing and river bank seasonal farming are two of the few options for poor, landless people's livelihoods
- Access to clean water necessary for daily consumption
- Industries including tourism need water for operations and clean cost effective transportation, continue to grow
- Myanmar river basins are rich with biodiversity



How we enhance water governance

- Build up water governance institutions
- Establish robust public policies & improve enforcement
- Ensure coherence between water related agencies and stakeholders
- Seek sound technical solutions
- Raise public awareness & share information

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Component 1

Water Resources Institutions, Information and Capacity Building

Component 2

Hydromet Observation and Information Systems Modernization

Component 3

Ayeyarwady River Navigation Enhancements

Project Development Objectives (PDOs):

- To strengthen integrated, climate resilient management and development of the Ayeyarwady River Basin and national water resources.
- To contribute to the development of integrated river basin management on the Ayeyarwady River.



Inclusive Bottom-Up Implementation Strategy



State of the Basin Assessment
Inception Workshop



Public Consultation in Sagaing



Public Consultation in Pakkoku



Multi Criteria Workshop for Sub-Project 1

Science-based solutions







Thank you!