

How Better Governance and Stakeholder Participation Could Reduce Water Insecurities in Shared River Basins?

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International Partnership

- **REWIND:** “Reducing Water Insecurities through Stakeholder Participation in river basin management in the Asia-Pacific”
- **IFA:** “Institutional capacity in flood risk reduction in Asia”
- **M-Power:** Mekong Program on Water, Environment and Resilience
- **CABRI-Volga:** “Institutional coordination and stakeholder cooperation along a Big River”
- **Twin2Go:** “Coordinating Twinning partnerships towards more adaptive governance in river basins”

RIVERS:

Mekong, Red, Amur, Volga, Syr-Darya

FOCI:

- **Governance of water-related insecurities:**
 - **Water quality: *pollution***
 - **Water quantity: *floods* and *water shortages***
- **How to enhance water basin management in trans-border context?**
- **How to increase effectiveness of specific river basin accords?**
- **How to overcome failures to establish good water governance and coordination of efforts *within* and *across* borders?**

Stakeholders Involvement Matters

Main Messages

- Stakeholder *involvement* – important tool in good water governance
- Good water governance presupposes not only policies/measures undertaken by the *governments* and regional authorities, but by each of *stakeholder* groups
- Poor stakeholder involvement is among reasons for current fragmented cooperation in shared rivers
- Participation and partnerships, coordination, cooperation

Our Broad Approach:

- **Major stakeholder groups**

- ✓ **Authorities (central, regional, local)**
- ✓ **Business**
- ✓ **Scientific community**
- ✓ **Non government a community based organisations**
- ✓ **Households**

- **Participation not only in *Decision-making***

Dialogue, consultations, exchange of knowledge and good practices, negotiate land-use and water-use plans, allocation policies, infrastructure projects, etc.

- **... But also in every- day routine practices: *Action***

International-Domestic Linkages

Main Messages

- ...Participation - *in implementation of interstate accords*
- How to implement effectively a trans-border accord once it is signed?
- Domesticating: establishing domestic frameworks, *and*
- Domestic implementation – through shaping the routine behavior in compliance with its norms and undertaking compliant action by each stakeholder group...
- *Implementation failures* occur (+ other reasons) - institutions established are not able to provide or stimulate domestic stakeholder participation and coordination between them
- Active stakeholder involvement matters at *early stages* of international regime formation
The Amur interstate agreement Russia-China
- Coordination of stakeholder actions *within* and *across* borders – important tool
- River Basin Council organisations

THANK YOU

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