

# Cooperation in SEA and TbEIA for sustainable Development in lower mekong region

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Lower Mekong countries are relatively small, side-by-side, sharing border so we are very close to each other

We share common natural resources such as water, biodiversity, contributing to regional climate, air-quality

## 1. Viet nam in the region

- ASEAN was established in 1967, 10 member (1999) ASEAN Economic Community in 2015: is expected to boost a single regional market and production base, increase competitiveness for the region, promote equitable economic development, and further integrate its ten member states into the global economy.

- Rapid industrial development in each country in the region, certainly causing impacts, burden on the national environment and regional environment.

+ Hydro-power alter the water resources, project in this country may influence water use in other countries down- stream of the Mekong

## 1. Viet nam in the region

- East-West Economic Corridor (EWEC- 1998) on lower Mekong countries: construction highway, port, development tourism and economic effect form country to country (Thailand, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam)
- Industrial zones in one country can create pollutant clouds or acid rain to other countries
  - + Thermal power plan, nuclear power plan, cement plant
  - + The mining project at the border can also pollute the waterway flowing between 02 countries

# 1. Viet nam in the region

## GREATER MEKONG SUBREGION EAST-WEST ECONOMIC CORRIDOR



## 1. Viet nam in the region

- We now have more inter-regional project such as power-line, railway, highway in the future:
  - + Power-line between Vietnam and Lao
  - + Trans – Asian Railway : Bangkok – Phnom Penh – Hochiminh city – Hanoi – Kun minh city will operation in 2020
- **Development projects will cause environmental Impact to lower Mekong countries**

## 2. SEA in Vietnam

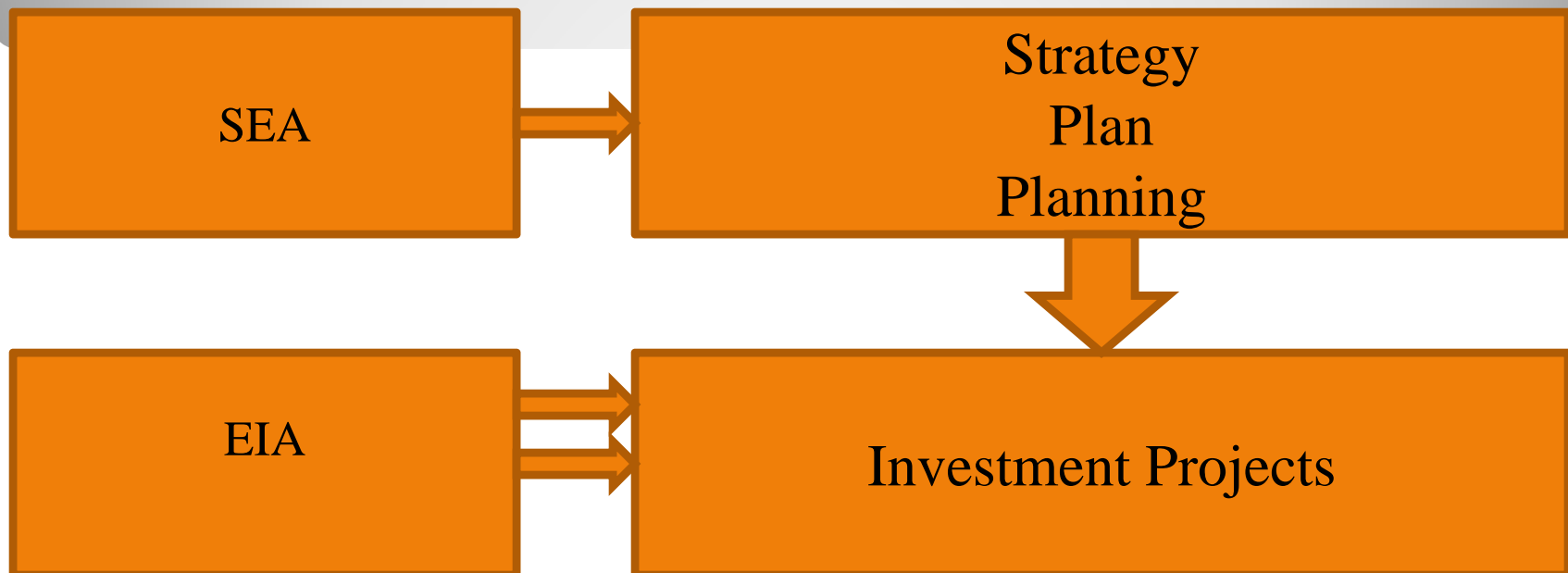
### Legislation

1. Law on Environmental Protection (1993) - LEP 1993:  
EIA requirement for Investment projects and SPP
  2. Law on Environmental Protection 2005 - LEP 2005:  
SEA for Strategy, Plan and Planning (SPP)  
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  3. Law on Environmental Protection 2014 - LEP 2014:  
SEA for Strategy, Plan and Planning (SPP)  
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- Decree 18/2015/ND-CP dated February 25, 2014 and  
Circular 27/2015/TT-BTNMT dated April , 18, 2014

## *SEA in Vietnam*



### Relationship between SEA and EIA





## *Development of SEA in Vietnam*



### ◆ **Carry out SEA**

- The agency is tasked with formulating SPP that shall carry out of hire consultants on SEA.
- The SEA must be prepared concurrently with the formulation of the SPP.

### ◆ **Review of SEA Reports**

- The MORE review SEA reports of projects that are subject to the approval of the National Assembly, the Gov. and the Prime Minister
- Line ministries review SEA reports of projects that are subject to the approval within their competence;
- Review of SEA via Council

### 3. Lesson learn from TbEIA

- Experience from Developing countries: TbEIA as tool to considerate trans-boundary impact of the projects
- Gives raise to trans-boundary co-operation and we need to assess the impacts of the project together and come up with shared-solution to mitigate the impacts, achieving the common goal as sustainable development for the region
- 4 countries (Cambodia, Lao, Thailand and Vietnam) to build frame work for TbEIA (2006 – up to now, MRC)

### 3. Lesson learn from TbEIA

- With the support of USAID and others organizations, we are working on developing regional guidelines on public participation in EIA to bring up the quality of EIA works in member countries to the same level and open up the opportunities of community involvement for trans-boundary-impact projects

## 4. Suggestions and recommendation

### ❖ Legislations

- Developing and promulgating the legislations We still need to have a concrete framework for trans-boundary issues; protocols, treaty, agreements,... that every countries have to comply (governmental level), and have to be made into legislation in each country (lower Mekong region for near future),

(Vietnam: TbEIA in Law?)

- Bilateral cooperation on TbEIA

## 4. Suggestions and recommendation

- Raise awareness on SEA & TbEIA
  - Promote communication and awareness raising on SEA & TbEIA for policy-making bodies, decision-making and community
  - Promote communication and awareness raising SEA & TbEIA for social organizations



## 4. Suggestions and recommendation

### ◆ Capacity building

- Continue to improve the capacity of SEA & TbEIA for ministries, sectors and localities
- Capacity building for professionals elaboration of SEA & TbEIA
- Promote the cooperation with international organizations, non-governmental organizations in the SEA & TbEIA



## 4. Suggestions and recommendation

- Develop database serving the formulation, evaluation SEA & TbEIA
- Continue to develop and disseminate Technical guideline for SEA & TbEIA of sector such as transportation, Hydro power, tourism, mining and so on





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