

# STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTATION IN VIETNAM

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# The involvement of the public or relevant stakeholders in transboundary water management in the basin, sub-basin, part of a basin or group of basins in different basins/cooperation arrangements

Type of River	Season	Scope of water-use	Required procedure
 Mainstream	 Dry	Inter-basin (from the Mekong basin to another basin)	 Specific Agreement
		Intra-basin (within the Mekong basin)	 Prior Consultation
	 Wet	Inter-basin (from the Mekong basin to another basin)	 Prior Consultation
		Intra-basin (within the Mekong basin)	 Notification
 Tributary	 Both	Both inter and intra-basin	 Notification

**For the Mekong river basin:** The consultation process is implemented under the Mekong Agreement following the Procedures for Notification, Prior Consultation and Agreement (PNPCA):

**Notification:** requires a country proposing a project to notify the details of the project to other member countries before it commences the proposed use.

**Prior consultation:** involves a six-month process of technical evaluation and formal consultations, where notified member states have an opportunity to assess any potential transboundary impact on eco-systems and livelihoods, and to recommend measures to address those issues before water is used.

**Specific Agreement:** requires a thorough negotiation to achieve a consensus on terms and conditions of the proposed project among all member states prior to the proposed use of water.

# Prior consultation process framework



Luang Prabang, Lao PDR, 17 Jan 2019

**Luang Prabang, Lao PDR, 17 January 2019** – More than 120 participants from various stakeholder groups gathered today in Luang Prabang to further debate the proposed Pak Lay hydropower project as the Mekong River Commission (MRC) convened the 2<sup>nd</sup> regional stakeholder session on the project, as part of its 6<sup>th</sup> Regional Stakeholder Forum. At the forum, they collectively made recommendations to make the project a more sustainable and environmentally friendly one.

“The Lao Government is open to constructive discussion and welcomes recommendations and suggestions that help improve the proposed project,” said Ms. Phakhavanh Phissamy, Deputy Director General at the Department of Natural



- **Consultations:** To hear concerns and views of the public and interested parties, consultations at both national and regional levels are conducted by the MRC Secretariat and the National Mekong Committee (NMC) of each member country, the governmental body that coordinates MRC's work nationally.

Public consultation

# Challenges in reporting

13. Are the public or relevant stakeholders involved in transboundary water management in the basin, sub-basin, part of a basin or group of basins?

Yes /No

*If yes, how? (please tick all applicable)*

Stakeholders have observer status in a joint body or mechanism

Stakeholders have an advisory role in the joint body

Stakeholders have a decision-making role in the joint body

*If yes, please specify the stakeholders for the joint body or mechanism:*  
[fill in]

Intergovernmental organizations

Private sectors organizations or associations

Water user groups or associations

Academic or research institutions

Other non-governmental organizations

General public

Other (please specify): [fill in]

Availability of information to the public

- Confusing to choose the role of stakeholders
- the definition of public or relevant stakeholders involved in the consultation process;
- sort of the water projects should be carried out the public consultation process;
- the method to measure the effectiveness of the consultation process.

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