

# FORUM INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES FOR DAY 2

THE 9<sup>TH</sup> MRC REGIONAL STAKEHOLDER FORUM

DAY 2: PREPARATION OF BASIN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2021-2030 AND MRC STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2025

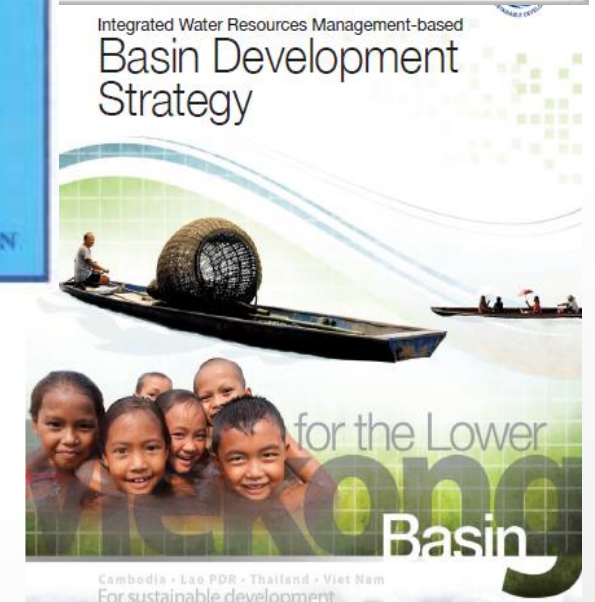
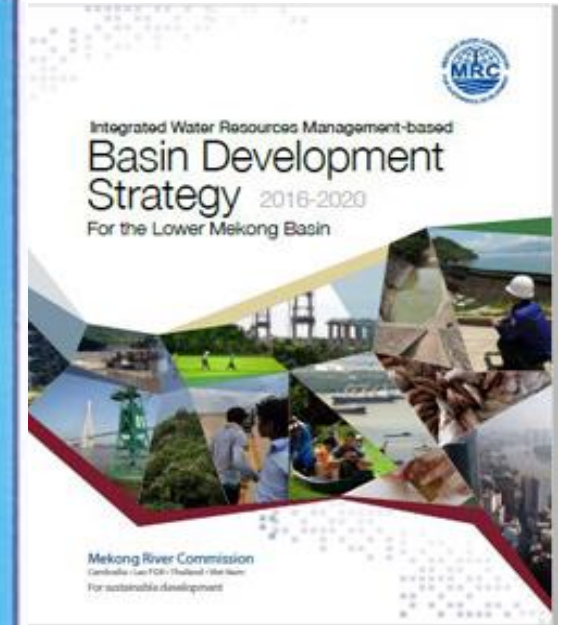
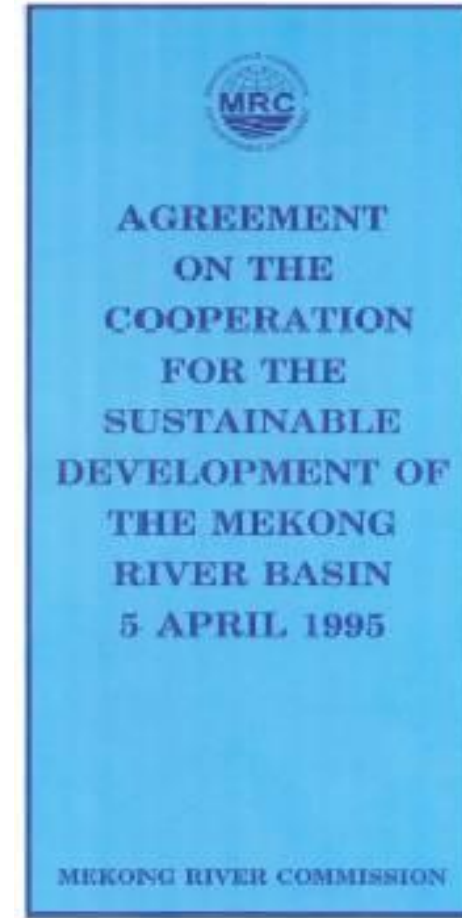
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# Introduction

- BDS is **SET OUT** how water and related resources of the Mekong River Basin will be **utilized, managed and conserved** over the period 2021-2030
- Provides **regional perspectives** for development opportunities and management of the basin
- Responds to the **goals, objectives** and underlying **PRINCIPLES** of the 1995 MA
- is consistent with the objectives of the **Mekong-Lancang Cooperation (MLC)** in the area of water cooperation, involving all 6 basin countries
- Is an **INSTRUMENT** for basin planning and cooperation.



# Introduction

- A first Regional Stakeholder Forum on the preparation of BDS 2021-2030 was organized on 05 November 2019:
  - ❖ to introduce roadmap of the BDS preparation including overall framework, scope, approach, mechanisms, processes, outputs, and activities and timeframe
  - ❖ to discuss prioritized issues of the State of Basin Report 2018 to be included in the BDS
  - ❖ to provide inputs to chapter 5 of BDS on basin vision, development opportunities, and BDS results chain that contains strategic priorities and intended outcomes and outputs

# Objectives of today forum

- To discuss the draft BDS 2021-2030 and emerging MRC Strategic Plan (SP) 2021-2025 including strategic priorities and outcomes toward 2030, and outputs toward 2025 as well as cooperation mechanisms and processes
- Exchange discussion and opinion with stakeholders on how they can contribute to and will be integrated in the implementation of the new BDS 2021-2030

# Thank you

