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Public and Stakeholder Involvement Planning and Tools

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Purpose of Planning Process

- ◆ Strategic mechanism for integrating public and stakeholder involvement into project decision-making and implementation
 - ◆ Which stakeholders should be involved in various project decision-making processes and activities?
 - ◆ How should participation of the broader public be facilitated?
 - ◆ At what geographic level(s) should participation occur?
 - ◆ What tools or techniques should be used to facilitate participation

Planning Process

- ◆ Decision analysis
- ◆ Process planning
- ◆ Implementation planning

Decision Analysis

- ◆ Who should be involved in the planning process?
- ◆ Who are the decision-makers?
- ◆ Clarify the project or decision process
- ◆ What are the constraints?
 - ◆ Political will
 - ◆ Resources
 - ◆ Capacity
 - ◆ Conflicts between basin countries

Process Planning

Stage in project

- ◆ Project Preparation

Public Involvement Objective

- ◆ Increase public and stakeholder understanding and acceptance of the need for the project.
- ◆ Gain understanding of how key stakeholders view the nature and severity of transboundary impacts.

Process Planning cont'd

Stage in project

SAP Preparation

Public Involvement
Objective

Incorporate relevant knowledge, expertise, and values of stakeholders in identification of realistic solutions that will be widely supported and implemented.

Develop realistic and effective legal framework for regulating shared waters

Process Planning cont'd

- ◆ Determining Scope

- ◆ Selecting techniques:

- ◆ For disseminating information and awareness raising
- ◆ For enabling and soliciting stakeholder feedback
- ◆ For actively involving in decision-making
- ◆ Institutional mechanisms

COMING SOON: Toolkit of Participation Techniques

Implementation Planning

- ◆ Specific detailed planning for each activity or process:
 - ◆ Timing
 - ◆ Staff
 - ◆ Resources
 - ◆ Translation
 - ◆ And...

What should be in a SIP/PIP?

- ◆ Description of planning process and bases for strategy
- ◆ Participation objectives
- ◆ Results of Stakeholder Analysis
- ◆ Levels at which stakeholder involvement will occur/Mechanisms for coordination
- ◆ Degree(s) of stakeholder involvement
- ◆ Institutional mechanisms (existing and new)
- ◆ Entry points into project decision-making and activities
- ◆ Timeline, Staffing, Activities:
 - ◆ Capacity building
 - ◆ Awareness raising/information dissemination
 - ◆ Education
 - ◆ Participation in decision-making (which ones?)
 - ◆ Preferred techniques

Final thoughts and question for group discussion

- ◆ What can be done when there is government resistance to involving other stakeholders?
- ◆ What should the elements of a stakeholder/public involvement plan be?
- ◆ How should participation objectives be determined?
- ◆ At what scale(s) should participation be planned and implemented?