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Making all voices count

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Pact's story:



Our goal: **Thriving, resilient communities** where those we serve are...

heard

People are aware of and express their needs and rights in a receptive system

capable

People have skills and resources and apply them in an enabling environment

vibrant

People are healthy and communities are economically prosperous

Stronger voices...

- Understanding rights and roles as development stakeholders
- Access to information
- Skills for constructive engagement
- Coaching and support
- Network strengthening



In stronger systems...

- Platforms for meaningful engagement
- Opportunities for targeted capacity building
- Multi-stakeholder dialogue
- Responsive and accountable feedback and information



For improved development impacts

- Participatory policy development
- Accountable and transparent service delivery
- Responsive issue resolution



Coordinating development cooperation

- *Sustainable Infrastructure Partnership (SIP)* is a program under the Lower Mekong Initiative launched in 2016 that aims to:
 - Strengthen capacity of Lower Mekong governments to carry out sustainable infrastructure development, at country and regional levels
 - Enhance coordination and harmonization of Friends of the Lower Mekong (FLM) efforts for building capacity around sustainable infrastructure development.



Sustainable infrastructure capacity building

- SIP capacity building interventions have or are programmed to include the following topics:
 - *Environmental impact assessment (EIA)*
 - *Strategic environmental assessment (SEA)*
 - *IHA's Hydropower Sustainability Assessment Protocol (HSAP)*
 - *Stakeholder engagement in sustainable infrastructure development*
 - *Hydropower optimization and impact mitigation*
 - *Socio-economic and economic evaluation of Mekong mainstream hydropower cascade dam projects*
 - *Groundwater capacity building development*



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Whose voices count?

In the context of the new geo-economics, marked in part by volatility, uncertainty, risk, and opportunity...

how do we ensure that all voices, including those of poor and marginalized individuals and communities, are heard and responded to with accountable actions?





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Thank you for your attention!

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