

Spreading the WCD Ideas through a Multi-stakeholder Dialogue : A Retrospective Look at the Dams and Development Project

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- What are the Potential and Conditions for Success of this Kind of Dialog?
- What was the DDP 's Success in Convincing Governments to Participate in a Multistakeholder Dialog and its Implications for National Dialogs on Dams

THE ORIGINAL MANDATE OF THE DDP

‘To Take Forward the Considerations of the WCD Recommendations into Local Contexts through Promoting Inclusive Multistakeholder Dialog and Widely Disseminating WCD Materials’

OBJECTIVES (PHASE 2)

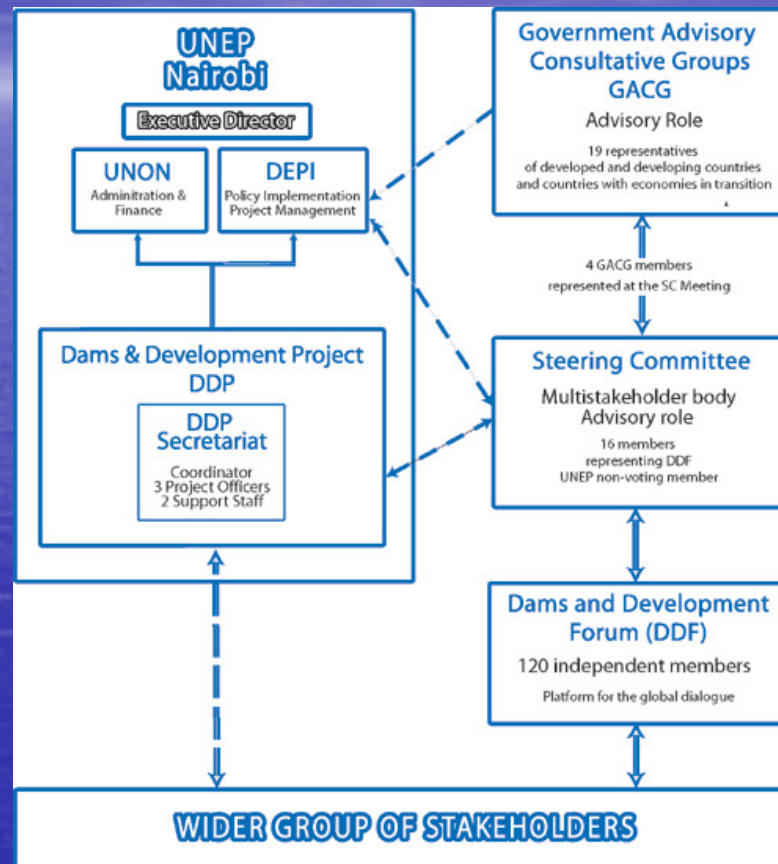
- Support Multi-stakeholder Dialogues at Country, Regional and Global Levels on Improving Decision-making on Dams and their alternatives with the Aim of Engaging all Stakeholders, with the Emphasis on Governments
- Produce Non-prescriptive Tools Drawing on all Relevant Bodies of Criteria and Guidelines for Planning and Management of Dams and their Alternatives, which Can Help Decision-makers

NOTE: Analytical Framework based on Core Values and Strategic Priorities of the WCD Report

SOME DDP OPERATING PRINCIPLES

- Contributing to the Flow of information and Experiences and Relevant Practices Around the world
- Knowledge Driven and Drawing from the WCD process, the DDP Process and other Relevant Materials and Examples
- Focusing on Decision-makers particularly those in Government while Addressing other Stakeholders
- Advocating Inclusiveness of all Perspectives and Consensus over Conflict
- Promoting Wide Consultation and a Partnership Approach
- Remaining Factual and Avoiding being Judgemental
- Evolved over Time

DDP GOVERNANCE (Phase 2)



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WORK PROGRAM (Phases 1 and 2)

- Promoting Dialog
- Facilitating Exchange of Good Practice
- Information Networks
- Disseminating Information
- Promoting National, Regional and Global Multistakeholder dialogues
- Elaborating Non-prescriptive Practical Tools
- Networking and Communication
- Disseminating Information.

MULTISTAKEHOLDER DIALOGUES (GLOBAL)

- Dams and Development Fora
- Issues Based Workshops
- Multistakeholder Side-Events in
Conjunction with International
Conferences

MULTISTAKEHOLDER DIALOGUES (NATIONAL) IN PHASES 1 AND 2

- DDP has been Consulted and/or Supported National Dialogs in More than 20 Countries
- In Phase 1, Supported 7 National/Regional Processes
- In Phase 2, Supported Dialogs in Ghana, Nigeria, Togo and Uganda
- Follow-up and concluding activities in Nepal, South Africa and Sweden
- Not Involved in National Dialogs in Large Dam-Building/Operating Countries such as Brazil, China, India, Russia and Turkey

TOOL DEVELOPMENT

- Online Database of Experiences and Lessons Learned
 - More than 100 Examples
- Online Inventory of Normative Frameworks
 - Information on Policies, Laws and Guidelines Relating to Development and Management of Dams
 - 60 + Organizations and 120 + Normative Frameworks
- Compendium of Relevant Practices
 - 9 Key Issues
 - Stakeholder Participation; Identification of Options; Addressing Outstanding Social Issues; Environmental Management Plans; Compensation Policy; Social Impact Assessment; Benefit Sharing; Compliance Mechanisms; and International Policy in Shared River Basins

LINKAGES WITH ONGOING MULTISTAKEHOLDER PROCESSES

- The Hydro Sustainability Assessment Protocol (HSAP) – a Tool that is Being Developed to Measure and Guide Performance in the Hydropower sector
- The draft HSAP is Currently Undergoing a Worldwide Consultation and Trialing.
 - Among the Consultations will be a Meeting on October 30 with the Ghana Dams Forum, which was Set up with the Help of the DDP

WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL AND CONDITIONS FOR SUCCESS FOR THIS KIND OF DIALOG?

- The potential is great because it can lead to improved outcomes and a greater level of their acceptance by all the stakeholders.
- Greatest impact can be at national and Regional Levels
- Ab initio, the question being addressed has a reasonable chance of a positive outcome
- Widening the menu of options/solutions
- Representation and leadership
- Extensive consultation on developing a broad consensus on recommendations

WHAT WAS THE SUCCESS OF THE DDP IN CONVINCING GOVERNMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN A MULTISTAKEHOLDER DIALOG?

- Substantial
- Positive Implications for a National Dialog on Dams

CLOSING REMARKS

` The general sense from discussions and views of most of the stakeholders is that DDP helped move the dialogue forward. It departed from the polarization that resulted from the launching of the WCD Final Report and reached a more constructive stance where all different approaches on how to address the development of water and energy resources, - large and small; - centralized and decentralized, - rural and urban, to assist the poor and create development opportunities are accepted as valid and even complementary, options. They need to be included into a comprehensive assessment that takes into account technical, economic, financial, environmental and social issues on an equal standing.

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