

BASIN VERSUS PROJECT PLANNING: WHO SHOULD DO WHAT AND WHERE?

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The Theory – Best Practice

- ▶ Basin planning to optimize water use for multiple users
- ▶ Focus on long-term sustainability of resource use
- ▶ Can promote cooperation between projects and countries through institutions
- ▶ Ample guidelines and studies on basin planning, Cumulative Impact Assessments, etc.



Reality on the Ground

- ▶ Projects are being developed as “one-offs” or operational cascades
- ▶ Profitability-driven investments within the legal requirements not multi-purpose
- ▶ Separate PPAs and Concession Commitments – over time
- ▶ Different government counterpart ministries and local authorities responsible



Quo Vadis?

- ▶ Licenses for basins to one development consortium so that all aspects can be more easily considered
- ▶ Broader ownership base – Public-Private Partnerships
- ▶ Benefit-sharing mechanism a requirement – standards and institutional bodies rather than CSR by projects

