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International cooperation and coordination for key environmental issues in Vietnam

Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue And Capacity-Building Partnership Event
Segment 2: Capacity gaps and needs related to the conduct of integrated assessments



Contents



- Key environmental issues;
- NSC, SSC and TrC in environmental protection and related issues;
- Lessons learn.



Key environmental issues



- Quick facts about Viet Nam

Population	
• 2016 estimate	94,569,072 (14th)
• Density	276.03/km ² (714.9/sq mi) (46th)
GDP (PPP)	
	2018 estimate
• Total	\$705.774 billion (35th)
• Per capita	\$7,463 (128th)
GDP rank	44th (nominal); 31th (PPP)
GDP growth	7.08% (2018)
GDP per capita	\$2,603 (2018, nominal) \$7,882 (2018, PPP)

Source: "World Economic Outlook: Vietnam". International Monetary Fund. October 2018. Retrieved 9 October 2018.



Key environmental issues



Environmental issues

- Water pollution and shortage;
- Air pollution;
- Land contamination;
- Biodiversity degradation;
- Mineral exploitation;
- Waste management;
- Urban pollution;
- Marine environmental pollution;
- Environmental conflicts.

Other existing challenges

- Poverty;
- Economic growth;
- Population;
- Education;
- Health care;
- Natural disasters;
- Other social issues.



NSC, SSC and TrC in climate change



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- Various areas of support
- Improved awareness and policy
- Triggers for various actions
- Change economic pathway

South-South Cooperation

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- Various areas of support
- Sharing of experience and best practices
- Improved voice of countries in multilateral forums
- Trigger of economic cooperation

Triangular Cooperation

- New area of cooperation
- Multilateral forums (such as UNFCCC) may be considered as TrC
- Potential to get the best out of NSC and SSC
- Triggers for not only economic cooperation but SDGs
- Currently NOT clearly effective



NSC, SSC and TrC in marine environment



North-South Cooperation

- Long history
- Various areas of support
- Improved awareness but not too clear in policy making
- Triggers for recent years actions
- Hindered by political issues

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Lessons learnt



- NSC has been highly important for economic growth and environmental protection;
- SSC and TrC are becoming vital for regional and global cooperation;
- Current NSC and SSC sometimes create conflicts and being less effective;
- NSC and SSC can be evolved to TrC for better architecture of cooperation;
- TrC should be in line with countries' interests and efforts for all SDGs;
- Political and economic concerns shall be addressed and respected through TrC;
- New mechanism for knowledge and information sharing shall be created for better TrC;
- Both economic growth and environmental issues can be substantially benefited from TrC;
- TrC, however, needs to be triggered by mainstreaming NSC and SSC.



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Thank you very much!

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