

Type of Activity	Description / Details	Notes / Personnel (please nominate yourself if interested)
Experiment & roundtable on multi-criteria assessment	<p>(1) Test a new sustainability assessment protocol. We could organize a participatory trial of <u>Section 1</u> of the Hydropower Sustainability Assessment Forum's Sustainability Assessment Protocol (HSAF-SAP).</p> <p>Section 1 involves assessing the quality of PDPs, and other strategic assessments. Does not require project-specific data.</p> <p>See draft policy brief (<i>Making hydropower more sustainable? A sustainability measurement approach led by International Hydropower Association</i>; e-mailed 18/6/09 by T. Foran)</p> <p>See also: http://www.hydropower.org/sustainable_hydropower/HSAF.html</p>	<p>A Section 1 assessment will be challenging to governments and IPP developers who work from the assumption that particular large hydropower projects can be justified as superior to other options.</p> <p>Personnel: tbd</p> <p>Funding: IHA (amount tbd)</p>
Analysis – new – joint papers	<p>(2) Paper reflecting on political advocacy around energy and hydropower. <i>What has worked? Why? What seems to be working, or not? How come?</i></p> <p>For existing methodology see Foran (PhD thesis; available online at http://www.mpowernet.org/download_pubdoc.php?doc=3954)</p>	<p>Case studies: Theun Hinboun, NT2, Save the Mekong?</p> <p>Link: PN67</p>
	<p>(3) Paper reflecting on IHA process. <i>Does multi-criteria assessment of the kind to be tested by IHA worldwide lead to a practical, objective, broadly-endorsed approach to planning hydropower dams in mainland SE Asia? If so, via what processes?</i></p>	<p>Paper based on participation and critical reflection; reports preliminary findings</p> <p>Link: Blue Moon</p>
	<p>(4) Paper reflecting on MRC process. <i>Can the MRC's forthcoming strategic assessment of hydropower development on the Mekong River contribute to more ecologically sensitive power development plans by (i) developers (ii) national planning authorities? If so, via what processes?</i></p>	<p>Paper based on participation and critical reflection; reports preliminary findings</p> <p>Include BDP2?</p> <p>Link: PN67</p>

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Capacity building event	(5) Workshop to explore methodology and data for key papers above Combined with field visit?	Funding: small grant from M-POWER for a retreat / writing workshop?
Roundtable: financing responsible infrastructure	(6) Presentation and outreach to selected financial institutions in the region around CSR: use of Equator Principles; use of WCD?	Policy brief on Equator Principles is being finalized by Foran Link: Blue Moon
Fund-raising / Proposal development	Proposal to US State Dept for Thailand roundtable on energy efficiency and sustainability	Foran submitted concept note submitted 15/6/09; if successful will submit full proposal USER; Palang-Thai
	(6) Contribute to design of "Exploring GMS Futures" project: nexus of energy-water-food at regional scale; participatory scenario-building	Funded by CSIRO/AusAID. Steering committee: AusAID; CSIRO; SEI; USER [Lebel] Note: Foran submitted "Local" scale project proposal 15/6/09 (Thailand's farming future in 3D); results pending.

Notes: PN67 = *Improving Mekong water allocation* CPWF-funded research project; Blue Moon = *Improving Mekong hydro investment* project, funded by blue moon fund