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# **Joint Action Plan for the Implementation of the Statement for the Pak Beng Hydropower Project**



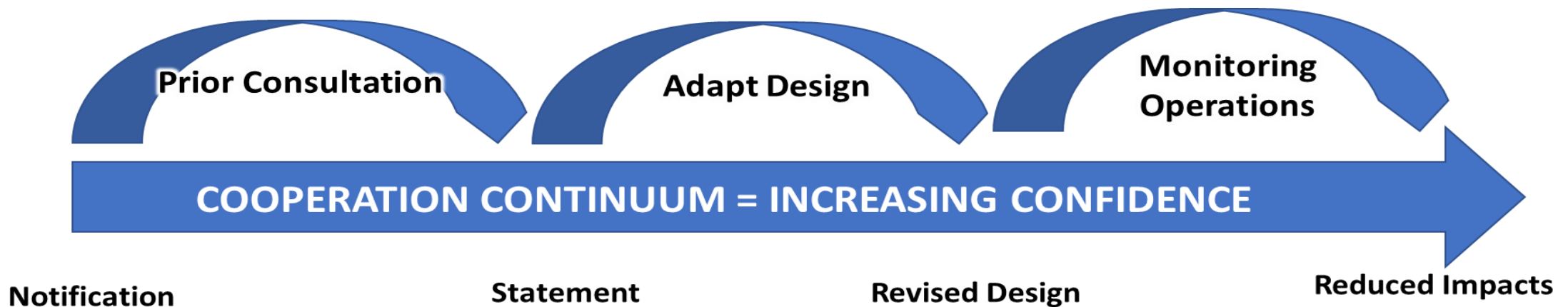
# 1. Prior Consultation, the Statement, and the JAP for PBHPP

- **Prior consultation process** provides all the Member Countries the opportunity to discuss their concerns;
- **Statement** summarises the TRR and calls on Lao PDR to make every effort to address the concerns raised in the PC process; and
- **Joint Action Plan (JAP)** supports the implementation of the *Statement*, and provides for ongoing exchange of data and expertise.



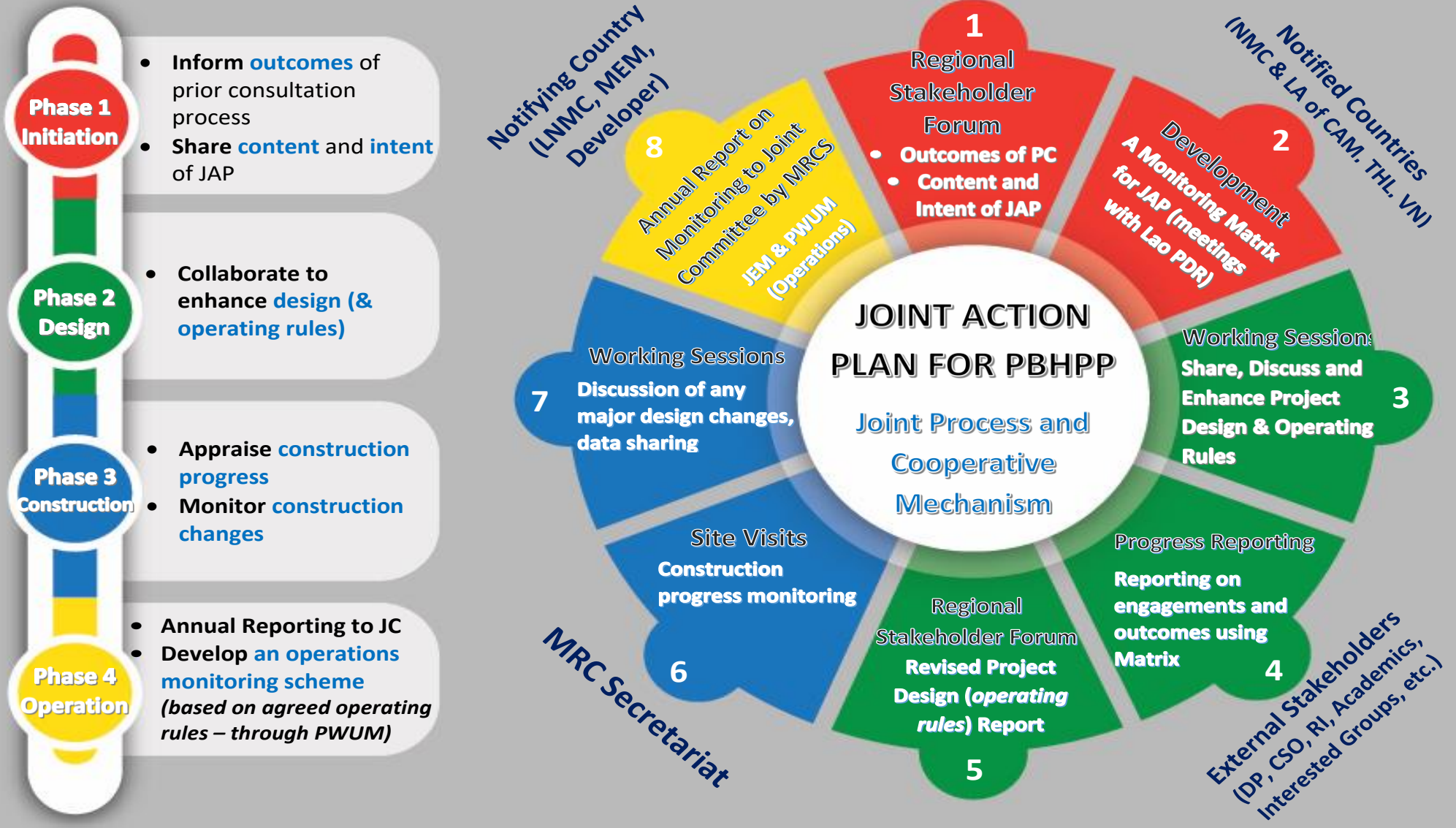
## 2. The JAP Purpose

- Gives **confidence to all MCs** that **their concerns are being addressed** in the *ongoing design, construction and future operations* of the PBHPP;
- The **expectations are reasonable and implementable**;
- Keeps **MRC engaged** in the ongoing process of identifying measures *to avoid, minimise and mitigate potential transboundary impacts*; and
- Provides **access to a wider pool of expertise**, if required.



# 3. The JAP Content

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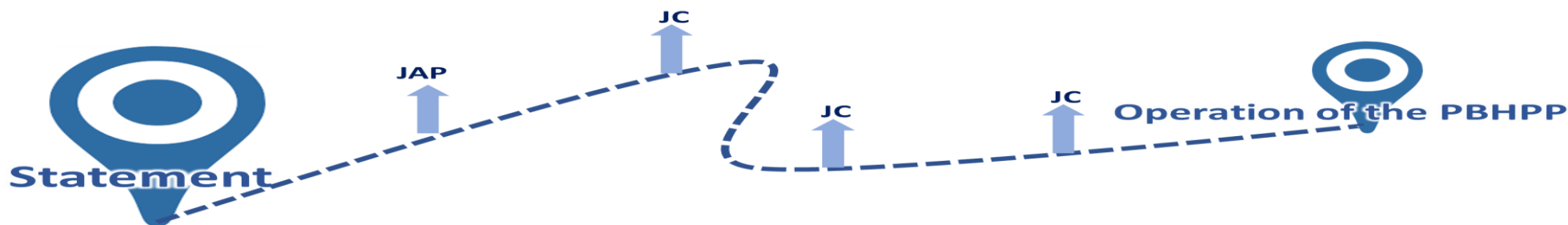
## 4. The JAP Tracking Matrix and PNPCA

### Tracking Matrix of JAP

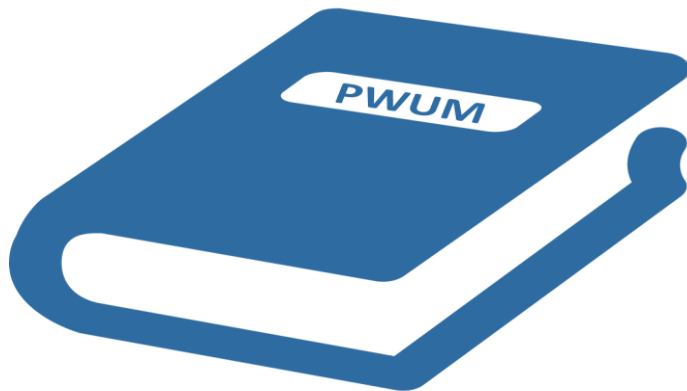
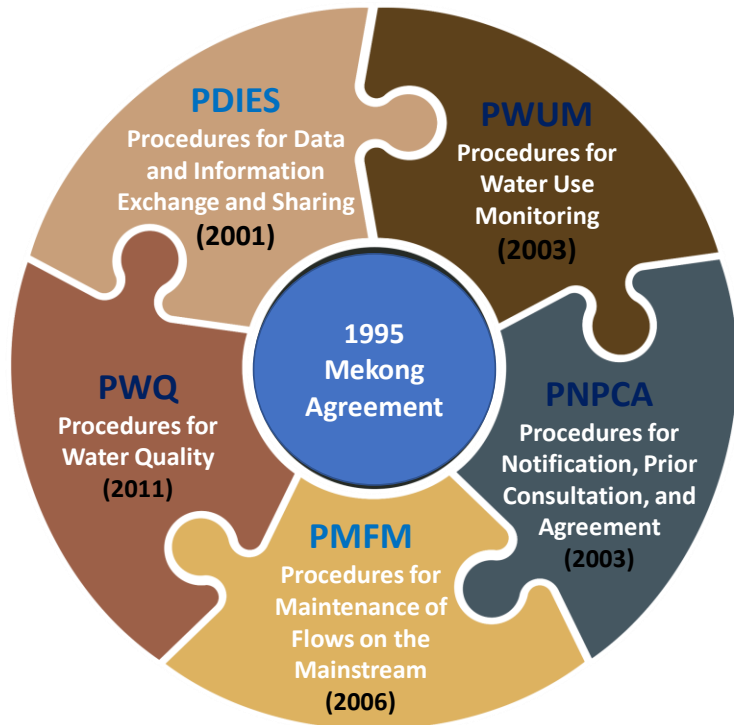
- Provides a **mechanism to track progress** with the implementation of the JAP; and
- Provides a **mechanism for the MRCS to report** to the Joint Committee.

### Article 5.4.3 of the PNPCA

*“The MRC JC shall aim to arriving at an agreement on the proposed use and issue a decision that contains the agreed upon conditions. **That decision shall become part of the record of the proposed use and of the record of the use of the waters when commenced.**”*



## 5. Why the Record of the Use is Important?



*The record of the use, and the record of the use of waters once commenced:*

- Establish the use as **an existing use**. Subsequent uses must **consider this use in their feasibility and design processes**;
- Allow the MRC to **include the water use in its impact models**;
- Give **confidence** to the Member Countries and new users that the **agreed operating rules are being implemented**;
- This is included in the PWUM.

## 6. Aim of the Tracking Matrix

*The tracking matrix aims to:*

- **Track actions and efforts** made with the implementation of the JAP by outputs i.e. *workshops / reports / data shared / revised design* etc.

Measure	Who	When	Means of Verification	Comments (will be updated to report on results and progress)
Include final comments in JAP V 5.0 and submit to JC for approval	MRCs	Xx Mar 2018	Documents submitted to JC for approval including the MCs inputs	Requires final comments from the Member Countries by 28 February 2018.
Detailed annual budget for 2018 submitted (US\$ 50,000)	MRCs	Xx Mar 2018	Document on indicative workplan and associated budget is included in the approved Joint Action Plan	The annual budget for JAP implementation will be done by the MRCs to be included in the Annual Work Plan for each year to be endorsed and approved by JC and Council, respectively.

## 7. In Conclusion

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**The Statement** – reflects the “*decision and conditions*” in PNPCA Article 5.4.3, and frames the concerns raised in the TRR.

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**The JAP** – outlines the **process** for implementing the Statement.

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**The JAP Tracking Matrix** – measures the “*efforts*” being made to implement the JAP, and **for reporting to the JC**.

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**The Outcome of JAP** – reflects measures to include in the *record of the use, and the record of the use when commenced for PWUM*

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**The JEM** – assesses the impact of these measures.





# Thank you

