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# 1.Introduction Vietnam Rivers Network



*is an open forum whose membership comprises a broad set of actors concerned with river protection and sustainable development in Vietnam, including NGO's representatives, researchers, academics, government officials, local communities and individuals.*



**Strategy 1:** The network acts as a multi-stakeholder forum to create opportunities for all people interested in protecting rivers and water resources to exchange information, knowledge and experiences.

**Strategy 2:** VRN enhances awareness and the capacity of its network members and communities to promote their direct participation in water resource and river system protection and management, as well as in adaptation to the risks and challenges related to water and rivers in Vietnam.

**Strategy 3:** VRN expands and intensifies its coalitions and cooperation with both relevant domestic and overseas stakeholders to protect water resources, rivers systems and the livelihoods of communities living in river basins.

**Strategy 4:** VRN undertakes the role of independently monitoring, evaluating, and advocating for policies that are related to water resources, based on the evidence.

# 1. INTRODUCTION VRN (cont.)

## VRN'S KEY THEMES AND ACHIEVEMENTS



## 2. VRN and its member's Activities towards Sustainable Development Goals



**Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls**



**Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.**



**Goal 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all**



**Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts**

## 2. VRN's Activities towards SDGs (cont.): Gender perspective in VRN's activities



1. **To raise awareness & capacity building** to local communities about roles of men and women in water governance (SrMB, theatre forum, online photos contest, radio program)
2. **To provide training on how to** conduct local knowledge research to group of women and men
3. **To involve women and men in policy campaign** (Xayaburi, Don Sahong dams).
4. **To involve women and men in development projects** (community monitoring water quality, community in energy planing, diversify the crops : mushroom/taro/ vegetables planting..)



## 2. VRN's Activities towards SDGs (cont)



**5. Involve leaders of women unions** at provinces, districts and communes into project activities in order to promote gender equality in water governance at women union's plan and its activities.

**6. Conduct Gender Impact Assessment** on Hydropower dam.

**7. Apply gender analysis** and other gender tools to monitor and evaluate projects.

Water governance refers to the range of political, social, economic and administrative systems that are in place in a particular country to manage water and deliver services.

(Global Water Partnership, 2002)





→ VNR's women's leadership in water governance, energy planning and climate change actions forums (provide trainings, workshop, encourage women participation in project activities).

### 3. Sustainable Development Goals and the Way Forward at VRN



1. **Design and plan specific gender activities** and gender as cross cutting issues at all VRN and its member's projects.
2. **Promote women and men participation fully** in water governance, energy and climate change projects.
3. **Gender-based needs assessment** and analysis should be used when designing leadership training on water governance.
4. **Address a range of barriers to women's leadership in water governance** through training or skills development at all levels. It must also educate men and women alike about the value of their shared leadership.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION

