

***Interactive comment on* “Enhancing capacities of riparian professionals to address and resolve transboundary issues in international river basins: experiences from the Lower Mekong River Basin” by W. Douven et al.**

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We very much appreciate the detailed comments from the second reviewer, and we will improve the manuscript in the following ways;

- we will include a couple of lines and reference on similar capacity building programmes (both in other transboundary basins as well as in the region (as suggested by reviewer #1))

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- we will elaborate on how the three components of capacity building were addressed in the capacity building programme (knowledge-cognitive / functional/ value-ethical)

- we will expand the section on reflection of the programme and possible improvements to be made

specific comments:

- page 3815 we will add an explanation to this statement

- page 3816 we will rephrase the sentence

- page 3817 we will add some of the challenges facing the MRC

- page 3817 we will add a few lines on the challenges and opportunities of having a divers group of participants

- page 3818 we will add our definition of capacity

- page 3820 we will clarify how we tried to address the two levels of capacity building and how we measured the impact

- page 3821 we will add a few lines on the MRC programmes and why this capacity building programme was developed for the FMMP programme

- page 3822 we will add a few lines describing the Baser Morgan model and explain why we choose not to consider evaluating performance

- page 3829 we will evaluate if adding a table on the different tools will add to the understanding of the paper

- page 3832 we will add a line on how this information can be helpful in designing future programmes

- page 3832 we will evaluate if there was a specific group of participants who did not respond to the questionnaires. But indeed the motivation and interest in the programme evident by the number of respondents to the questionnaire

- page 3832 we will add a few lines earlier in the paper on the capacity building strategy of the MRC

- page 3833 we will add a line on what this implies for future programmes

- page 3833 we will elaborate on the strategy of the capacity building programme, which in fact does intend to keep training mid-level and high-level professionals, however the intention is to train the lecturers and have them train the mid-level and high-level professionals. We will add a line explaining this

- page 3834/5 we will provide some reflection on this in the discussion section

technical corrections:

- We will critically review the paper for duplication and repetition

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