About HDWG

The Hydropower Developers’ Working Group (HDWG), is an innovative platform for the private sector to influence policy, network, and identify solutions to improve sustainability and business operations in Myanmar.

Specifically, the Hydropower Developers’ Working Group aims to:

1. Improve environmental and social management practices among hydropower companies

2. Provide a platform for hydropower companies to comment on policies, share knowledge, and improve their management

3. Raise sector-wide issues to the government of Myanmar

Making the Business Case for Sustainable Hydropower

- Enhance Transparency
- Engage Stakeholders
- Protect the Environment
- Achieve Greater Development Impact
What We Do

Hold meetings between the private sector and relevant government authorities to exchange knowledge and offer the private sector’s perspective on improving sustainability.

Organize dialogues and share experience between private sector members and other stakeholders such as civil society.

Collect and disseminate information relevant to the sector for members.

Provide private sector perspective on laws and regulations to help unlock barriers to private sector development.

The HDWG will focus on sector-wide issues facing the hydropower sector in Myanmar. Members will determine which sector-wide issues and priorities the HDWG will focus on. These may be in the environmental, social, legal and regulatory, or economic sphere.

The pursuit of the HDWG is to improve the sustainability of hydropower in Myanmar, and all issues set forth by members may be considered in this respect.
Who Can Join?

The HDWG needs private sector stakeholders who are well placed to identify and locally work on issues facing the sector in Myanmar. Companies that meet the following criteria are welcome to join the HDWG:

1. You are a Myanmar owned or foreign owned hydropower company currently or soon to be present in Myanmar ("Developers"); or

2. You are a vendor in the technical, environmental and social or legal field with experience in the Myanmar hydropower sector, currently present or soon to be present in Myanmar ("Vendors").

In addition, you need to apply and be admitted by the (Interim) Executive Committee (Excom) and pay the membership fee of US$1,000 annually. The Excom may evaluate whether an applicant is a hydropower company or has experience in the Myanmar hydropower sector. The (Interim) Executive Committee reserves the right to decline applications if it feels the applicant would not be in a position to contribute to the purpose of the HDWG.

How Do Non-members Participate?

The HDWG is open to input from non-members in a wide range of ways. Our Annual General Forum is open to everyone to learn about the work of the HDWG. In addition, the HDWG may create subcommittees for working on specific issues which would be open to non-member participation, for example by academia, civil society, lenders and financial consultants. Furthermore, the HDWG may host seminars on a wide range of issues inviting external resource persons to contribute.
HDWG members appoint the Executive Committee. During this start-up phase, an Interim Executive Committee manages the HDWG, which will be replaced or confirmed by a new Excom at the next Annual General Meeting. The HDWG holds quarterly member meetings.

The Excom will consist of 70% out of persons nominated by the membership category Developers, and for maximum 30% Vendors. All appointments are personal, not for companies. Excom members need to be based in Myanmar.

The IFC is the general secretary and the secretariat of the HDWG, and as such part of the Excom.

Meet the Excom

Aung Zaw Naing  
Shwe Taung Development Co.Ltd.

Ken Tun  
Parami Energy

Michael J. Spolum  
Natel Energy, Inc.

David O’Neill  
ENGIE

Edwin Vanderbruggen  
VDB/Loi

Kate Lazarus  
IFC
STEP 1
Tell Us about Your Company

Company Name ____________________________

Registered Seat of Your Company ____________________________

Billing Contact ____________________________

Email ____________________________

Phone Number ____________________________

Name of Individual Attending the HDWG Meetings ____________________________

Bio of Meeting Attendee:

Address ____________________________

Phone Number ____________________________

Email ____________________________

*Please attach your company profile.

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We think the following issues should be the top three priority of the HDWG (indicate only three, in order of importance – 1, 2, 3):

- [ ] Procurement of projects (existing MOUs, obtaining new MOUs, etc)
- [ ] Model project documents (PPA, MOA, etc)
- [ ] Environmental impact and water rights
- [ ] Small size hydro
- [ ] Social issues and resettlement
- [ ] Land use rights
- [ ] Tariff structure

If you have other interests you would like the HDWG to address, please list them here:

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STEP 2

Please Tick

Our company is:

- [ ] A developer (a Myanmar owned or foreign owned hydropower company currently or soon to be present in Myanmar)
  
  Or,

- [ ] A vendor: (currently present or soon to be present in Myanmar) with experience in:
  
  - [ ] Environmental and social
  - [ ] Legal
  - [ ] Technical

We Are:

- [ ] Myanmar owned
- [ ] A foreign owned company registered in Myanmar. Our parent’s jurisdiction is: __________
- [ ] A joint venture company registered in Myanmar. The foreign partner’s jurisdiction is: __________
- [ ] A foreign company, registered overseas notably in: __________

REQUIRED FOR VENDORS: We are experienced in the Myanmar hydropower sector, and we have attached a company profile highlighting our experience in that specific area.

STEP 3

Share Your Interests