Evolution of Mekong Institute (MI)

1996: Development Assistance Project from the New Zealand Government

2003: Non-profit, Autonomous, International Organization through MI Charter signed by the Six GMS Governments

2009: Inter-governmental Organization for the Six GMS Countries

From GMS Integration to ASEAN Economic Community
- Transboundary/Transnational Project Management
- Capacity Building on Economies in Transition
### Overview of MI Strategic Plan 2021-2025

#### Regional Development Themes
- Agricultural Development and Commercialization
- Trade and Investment Facilitation
- Sustainable Energy and Environment

#### Cross-Cutting Themes
- Social Inclusion and Vulnerability
- Digital Economy and Innovation
- Labor Mobility

#### Implementation Strategies
- Implementing Projects in Partnerships
- Providing Advisory Services to GMS Governments, Development Partners, the Private Sector, and Civil Society
- Conducting Research for Policy Advocacy on Transboundary Development Areas
Results Framework For MI Strategic Plan 2021-2025

**VISION**
Capable and committed human resources working together for a more integrated, prosperous, and harmonious Greater Mekong Subregion

**MISSION**
Contribute to regional cooperation and integration through capacity development, dialogue, and advocacy for the acceleration of sustainable socioeconomic development and poverty alleviation in the Greater Mekong Subregion

**Contribution to GMS Development**
- Strengthened Human and Institutional Capacities and Leadership
- Enhanced Enabling Environment
- Fostered Regional Connectivity

**Strategic Goals**
- Increased Agricultural Development and Commercialization
- Increased Trade and Investment Facilitation
- Sustainable Energy and Environment

**Long-term Outcomes**
- Facilitation of Changes through MI Stakeholders
- Capacity Development Interventions by MI
  - Need Assessment, Study/Research, Training/Workshop, Networking, Advocacy, and Technical/Financial Assistance

**Institutional Strengthening**
- MI Transitioned to a more Sustainable and Dynamic Organization

**Strengthened Strategic Leadership and Management**
- Leadership
- Organizational Structure and Culture
- Business Model

**Greater Mekong Community Affairs**
- Finance and Operations

**Strengthening of MI-wide Institutional Capacities** for effective implementation of MI Strategic Plan 2021-2025

MEKONG INSTITUTE (MI)
Challenges and Capacity Needs of Mekong Institute

- Institutional strength in conducting research independently and advocate for evidence-based policy changes
- Systematic capacity needs assessment in the GMS towards synergies and complementarities among the regional development frameworks and partners
- Robust monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to measure outcomes and impacts in the GMS due to capacity development initiatives of MI
- Advisory role among the GMS governments and private sector stakeholders
- Linkages, partnerships, joint initiatives and effective platforms among GMS governments, private sectors, and academic research institutes (i.e. GMS Knowledge Network)
- Innovative financing mechanisms by the member countries and other development partners for long-term projects to bring sustainable impacts in the GMS