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1. Effective Activism (Berklee)	a. How to Fight a Dam: Strategies and Stories	In this session, we will share information and experiences on how to develop an effective strategy to achieve your goals. We will cover choosing targets, developing objectives and tactics, building alliances, legal strategies, and developing a communications strategy. We will also share stories of successes and lessons learned.	3.2 Plaza	Aviva Imhof	Aviva Imhof, aviva@internationalrivers.org	Aviva Imhof (International Rivers, USA), Aleksandr Kolotov (Plotina, Russia), Glenda Pickersgill (Save the Mary River Coordinating Group, Australia), Yu Xiaogang (Green Watershed, China), Ulrich Eichelmann (ECA-Watch, Austria), Representative from CECOP (La Parota, Mexico)
	b. Creative Activism: Intersection of Art, Advocacy and Culture	From street theater to guerilla art, concerts to photo exhibits, campaigning can be an art, and art can be used to fight injustice. In this skill share and training session, we will explore a range of strategies that push us to "think outside the box" in terms of how to build capacity in communities, grow a movement, and keep the media's attention. We will also discuss what strategies are appropriate for specific regions and particular stages of a struggle.	3.1 Plaza	Katy Yan	Katy Yan, katy@internationalrivers.org	Katy Yan (International Rivers, USA), Danny Ribeiro (Justica Ambiental, Mozambique), Steve Burgess and Glenda Pickersgill (Save the Mary River, Australia), Gustavo Castro (Otros Mundos, Mexico), IMDEC staff
	c. Movement-Building: The Importance of Coalitions and Regional Networks	Participants will determine the format for this session on-site. Topics to be discussed will include experiences from around the world on building coalitions and regional networks, including cross-topic, cross-culture, women and youth. Stories on successes and lessons learned will be highlighted.	3.3 Plaza	Marco von Borstel (IMDEC) marco@imdec.net	Marco von Borstel, marco@imdec.net	Rodolfo Chavez Galindo (La Parota, Mexico); Robert Kugonza (Africa Rivers Network, Uganda); Gustavo Castro (Otros Mundos, Mexico); IMDEC staff; Juan Pablo Soler (Otros Mundos, Colombia/Mexico); Joan Carling (Asian Indigenous Peoples' Pact, Philippines)
	d. Challenges of Activism in Repressive States	This panel presentation will be about facing the challenges of fighting dams and protecting rivers and communities in both absolutely authoritarian and officially democratic repressive states. Presentations will cover Iran, Brazil, Turkey, Mexico, Burma, Uganda, and India, among others.	5.1 Glory Hill	Ercan Ayboga (e.ayboga@gmx.net)	Ercan Ayboga, e.ayboga@gmx.net	Thailand, Burma, Iran, Uganda, India
	e. Women, Rivers and Dams	In this women-only sharing circle, women will share experiences of their connection to rivers and how and why they decided to become part of the movement to protect their rivers and communities from big dams. We will discuss the impacts of dams on our families and communities.	5.3 Glory Hill	Latha Anantha	Ikuko Matsumoto, ikuko@internationalrivers.org	Latha Anantha (River Research Centre, India), Liane Greeff (EcoDoc Africa, South Africa), Betty Obbo (NAPE, Uganda), Carmen Diaz (IMDEC, Mexico), Lori Pottinger (International Rivers, USA) [[Catriona, Ikal]]
	f. Effective Fundraising	This panel will discuss methods and best practices in fundraising. Topics covered will include grassroots fundraising and writing effective proposals to institutional donors. Panelists will include speakers from foundations and northern and southern NGOs.	5.3 School	Karolo Aparicio	Leslie Leslie (Fred Gellert Family Foundation), please contact Karolo, karolo@internationalrivers.org	Karolo Aparicio and Aviva Imhof (International Rivers, USA), Richard Twum (Volta Basin Development Foundation, Ghana), Theodoros Chronopoulos (Sigrid Rausing Trust, UK), Gustavo Castro (Otros Mundos, Mexico)
2. Climate Change & Water Management (Paddy)	a. Community Water Solutions	This panel presentation will cover topics such as urban water conservation, rainwater harvesting, flood management strategies, small-scale rural water supply projects, desalinization and recycling, and watershed restoration.	5.3 Field	Patrick McCully	Patrick McCully, patrick@internationalrivers.org	Jeff Opperman (The Nature Conservancy, USA), Glenda Pickersgill (Save the Mary River Coordinating Group, Australia)
	b. Water in a Warming World	This session will feature a panel presentation on the impacts of climate change on dam performance and safety, aquatic ecosystems, and water resources management. We will also discuss the implications of these impacts in terms of struggles against dams and for solutions (and related messaging).	5.1 Field	Patrick McCully	Nick Hildyard, nick@fifehead.demon.co.uk	Shripad Dharmadhikary (Manthan Resource Centre, India), Brian Richter (The Nature Conservancy, USA)
	c. Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Reservoirs	This session will provide an informational overview of the science and politics of greenhouse gas emissions from reservoirs. A discussion on communicating about this topic will be included.	3.3 Field	Patrick McCully	Patrick McCully	Philip Fearnside (National Institute for Research in Amazonia, Brazil)
	d. Dams and Carbon Trading: Influencing the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and What Comes Next	In this training session, we will learn about the history of the CDM, its links to dams, how to influence the process, the current state of the international carbon trading system, and proposals for the future of global carbon credits.	5.2 Field	Patrick McCully	Katy Yan	Patrick McCully and Katy Yan (International Rivers, USA)
3. Communications (Berklee)	a. Developing an Effective Communications Strategy	This session will provide information and training on developing a communications strategy, one of the most important elements of your campaign. We will discuss the essential elements of a communications strategy such as developing goals, determining audiences, and crafting good messages. We will cover traditional and new media, including strategies for dealing with journalists, blogging, using photos and videos, and social networking sites.	3.1 School	Aviva Imhof	Aviva Imhof	Aviva Imhof and Brent Millikan (International Rivers, USA/Brazil)
	b. Communicating Effectively: How to Inspire Action	This training and brainstorm will provide information and training on the best ways to talk about a struggle (re-framing), and how to use photos, video, new media and narrative storytelling to get your message across and have people respond the way you want them to. We will work on re-framing issue-specific and project-specific messages.	5.1 School	Berklee Lowrey-Evans (with Lori & Aviva)	Aviva Imhof	Berklee Lowrey-Evans and Lori Pottinger (International Rivers, USA), Pianporn Deetes (International Rivers, Thailand) NEED TO CONFIRM, Mexican journalists
	c. Video Advocacy Part 1: How to Use Advocacy Videos	This informational session will provide an overview of how video can be an effective campaign tool, including how to plan and produce an advocacy video, constructing powerful visual stories that will motivate target audiences and decision-makers to act, and plan for timely and strategic distribution.	3.2 School	Molly Clinehens (IAP molly@accountabilityproject.org)	Ian Elwood, ian@internationalrivers.org	Molly Clinehens (International Accountability Project, USA), Sarah Kelly (Adapting to Scarcity, USA/Mexico)

	d. Video Advocacy Part 2: Basic Video Training	It is highly recommended that participants should also attend Video Advocacy Part 1. This hands-on training will cover basic shooting skills, including lighting, sound, composition and editing. Participants will also learn interviewing techniques specific to producing videos for human rights campaigns, including how to guarantee safety and security of interviewees and themselves. Small breakout groups will put these theories into action. All training will be done on Flip cameras. Limited to 25 participants.	3.3 School	Molly Clinehens (IAP molly@accountabilityproject.org) & Sarah Kelly (Adapting to Scarcity)	Ian Elwood	Molly Clinehens (International Accountability Project, USA), Sarah Kelly & Arthur Richards (Adapting to Scarcity, USA/Mexico), Liane Greeff (EcoDoc Africa, South Africa), Ian Elwood (International Rivers, USA), Pablo Prieto Gutiérrez, Pato Esquivel, and Bernardo Lizardi (IMDEC, Mexico)
4. Dam Standards and Financiers (Katy/Peter)	a. Follow the Money: An Overview of Dam Financiers and Strategies to Confront Them	This informational session will discuss the important role financiers play in dam projects. Activists need to "follow the money" and target financiers to stop destructive projects and change the rules of global dam building. This session gives an overview of the most important dam financiers from around the world, their changing roles, and strategies to confront them.	5.2 Glory Hill	Peter Bosshard	Grace Mang, grace@internationalrivers.org	Peter Bosshard (International Rivers, USA), Pianporn Deetes (International Rivers, Thailand), Ikal Angelei (Friends of Lake Turkana, Kenya), Nick Hildyard (Cornerhouse, UK)
	b. The New Global Dam Builders	It is recommended that participants also attend "Follow the Money." This session will provide a brief overview of new dam builders and financiers from China, India, Brazil, Thailand and Japan, who are increasingly dominating the global hydropower sector. We will discuss who these actors are and how movements can respond brainstorm strategies regarding the new dam builders, the World Bank and other actors in breakout groups.	5.3 Plaza	Katy Yan	Peter Bosshard, peter@internationalrivers.org	Brief presentations by Pai and Peter Bosshard, with case studies from various countries
	b1. Strategies to deal with Chinese dam builders and financiers	Small group discussion with Chinese activists and experts, China's Global Role		Grace Mang	Grace Mang	Grace Mang (International Rivers, USA)
	b2. Strategies to deal with Indian dam builders and financiers	Small group discussion with Indian activists and experts		Samir Mehta	Samir Mehta, samir@internationalrivers.org	Samir Mehta (International Rivers, India)
	b3. Strategies to deal with Thai dam builders and financiers	Small group discussion with Thai activists and experts		Pai Deetes	Pai Deetes, pai@internationalrivers.org	Pianporn Deetes (International Rivers, Thailand)
	b4. Strategies to deal with Brazilian dam builders and financiers	Small group discussion with Brazilian activists and experts		Brent Millikan	Brent Millikan, brent@internationalrivers.org	Brent Millikan (International Rivers, Brazil)
	b5. Strategies to deal with IFIs and ECAs	Small group discussion with IFI activists and experts		Aynabat Yaylymova (BIC), Eri Watanabe (FoE Japan) and Yuki Tanabe (JACSES), and Nick Hildyard	Aynabat Yaylymova (BIC) and Nick Hildyard; email Nick	Aynabat Yaylymova (Bank Information Center, USA), Eri Watanabe (Friends of the Earth Japan, Japan), Yuki Tanabe (Japan Center for a Sustainable Environment and Society, Japan), and Nick Hildyard (Cornerhouse, UK)
	c. Protecting Rivers and Rights: Dam Standards 10 Years After the WCD	This panel and brainstorm will discuss the 10th anniversary of the WCD report and how WCD principles have been implemented in practice. Learn how communities and NGOs are celebrating the anniversary with activities in their own countries, and discuss ideas for future work on dam standards, including a new global dialogue on dams.	5.1 Plaza	Katy Yan	Peter Bosshard	Sena Alouka (Jeunes Volontaires pour l'Environnement, Togo), Katy Yan and Peter Bosshard (International Rivers, USA), Wang Yongchen Green Earth Volunteers, China), Richard Twum (Volta Basin Development Foundation, Ghana), Betty Obbo (National Association of Professional Environmentalists, Uganda), Liane Greeff (EcoDoc Africa, South Africa), Gopal Siwakoti "Chintan" (HYPHEN)
	d. The Great HSAF Debate: Will the Dam Industry Undermine the WCD?	This session will be a lively debate and critique of The Hydropower Sustainability Assessment Forum, a process led by the dam industry, which will launch a new protocol for hydropower projects by the end of the year. Will the new approach complement or undermine the WCD framework as the global standard for dams? We will also brainstorm on how best to respond to the new challenge.	3.1 Glory Hill	Peter Bosshard	Astrid Puentes	Peter Bosshard (International Rivers, USA), Michael Simon (Oxfam Australia), Brian Richter (The Nature Conservancy, USA)
5. Rights and Remedies (Katy/Monti)	a. Water as a Human Right	During this brainstorming session, share your thoughts on how the dams movement can or should link up with the water privatization movement to create a new water justice coalition.	3.3 Parking Lot	Shripad Dharmadhikary	Katy Yan	Ercan Ayboga (Initiative to Keep Hasankeyf Alive, Turkey); Serhat R. Cacan (River Movements, Turkey), Shripad Dharmadhikary (Manthan Resource Centre, India)
	b. International Human Rights Law and Mechanisms: Opportunities for Legal Advocacy in Large Dam Cases	This informational and training session will offer practical tools on how to use international human rights mechanisms and international law to address environmental and social impacts caused by large dams, including issues of access to information, public participation procedures, indigenous and tribal peoples' rights, displacement, loss of livelihoods and access to justice. Through a dynamic role-play participants will act out the different sides of a fictitious large dam case by playing the roles of affected community members, government agents, multinational corporations, NGO activists, and international human rights bodies. Discussion will include the United Nations universal system, the Inter-American system and other regional human rights mechanisms as well as using international law domestically.	3.2 Field	Astrid Puentes (AIDA)	Andrés Pirazzoli, apirazzoli@earthjustice.org	Andrés Pirazzoli and Astrid Puentes (Interamerican Association for Environmental Defense, USA/Mexico), Fergus Mackay (not confirmed)
	c. Seeking Justice, Healing Affected Communities: Reparations and Recovery	In this session, we will share experiences and explore the meaning and process of reparations. We will identify key lesson, and suggest helpful tools in the struggle to build rights-protective space, make a case for reparations, establish and participate in a negotiations process, and secure meaningful remedies for communities displaced by large dams.	5.2 Plaza	Barbara Rose Johnston	Karolo Aparicio	Juan de Dios Garcia (Asociación del Desarrollo Integral de las Víctimas, Guatemala), Monti Aguirre (International Rivers, USA), Barbara Rose Johnston (Center for Political Ecology, USA)

	d. Legal Strategies to Confront Dams	This panel will discuss lawsuits in Europe and Latin America against dam builders and governments, based on both criminal and civil law. Some of the cases that will be covered include Merowe Dam in Sudan, Jirau and Belo Monte dams in Brazil, and La Parota Dam in Mexico.	3.1 Parking Lot	Fernanda Venzon (EDLC)	Grace Mang	Nick Hildyard (Cornerhouse, UK), Kerim Yildiz (Kurdish Human Rights Project, UK), Ipek Tasly (Initiative to Keep Hasankeyf Alive, Turkey), Fernanda Venzon (Environmental Defense Law Center, USA/Mexico), Shripad Dharmadhikary (Manthan Resource Centre, India), Claudia Gomez (Colectivo COA, Mexico)
	e. Local Votes, Grievance Mechanisms and Other Tools to Confront Dams	This session will be a place to share global case studies and learn of other tools for pressuring dam builders, such as compliance mechanisms, judicial review, and local votes on proposed dams. Topics will include Cerro de Oro in Mexico, Merowe Dam in Sudan, and many others.	5.2 Parking Lot	Fernanda Venzon (EDLC)	Molly Clinehens, molly@accountabilityproject.org	Fernanda Venzon (Environmental Defense Law Center, USA/Mexico), Manana Kochladze (CEE Bankwatch Network, Georgia), Rodolfo Chávez (Comunidades Opositoras a La Presa La Parota, Mexico), Marcos Ramirez (Fundación Guillermo Toriello, Guatemala), Claudia Gomez (Colectivo COA, Mexico)
6. Energy Solutions (Lori)	a. Energy Planning: A Primer for Citizen Activists	This panel will ask the questions: What are some of the factors that lead to big dams and other megaprojects getting prioritized? What did the World Commission on Dams (WCD) recommend for assessing options? Also discussed will be Cuba's green energy revolution, and what it took to get there.	3.1 Field	Terri Hathaway	Danny Ribeiro, daniel@ja.org.mz	Terri Hathaway (International Rivers, Cameroon), Liane Greeff (EcoDoc Africa, South Africa), Shripad Dharmadhikary (Manthan Resource Centre, India), Laurie Guevara-Stone (Solar Energy International, USA).
	b. Community Energy Solutions	Sustainable energy expert and educator Laurie Stone from Solar Energy International will discuss community energy planning, and what it takes to get these systems built.	3.3 Glory Hill	Lori Pottinger	Lori Pottinger, lori@internationalrivers.org	Laurie Guevara-Stone (Solar Energy International, USA)
	c. Renewable Energy: Can Clean Replace Mean (big dams)?	This informational and brainstorming session will cover the basics of new energy technologies and constraints on their adoption using case studies. There will also be small group breakout sessions to brainstorm on challenges to push for renewable.	3.2 Glory Hill	Lori Pottinger	Terri, terri@internationalrivers.org	Patrick McCully (International Rivers, USA); Betty Obbo (National Association of Professional Environmentalists, Uganda); Danny Ribeiro (Justicia Ambiental)
	d. Efficiency: The Greenest Energy	This informational session will feature video interviews with experts on energy efficiency, followed by a brainstorm on how to advocate for efficiency measures.	5.2 Document Center or Computer Lab	Lori Pottinger	Lori Pottinger	Video interviews with 3-4 efficiency experts.
7. Protecting and Restoring Rivers in Policy and Practice (EB)	a. Downstream Impacts of Dams & Their Mitigation	The informational portion of this session will present the downstream impacts of dams, emphasizing the intertwined environmental and social impacts. Short case studies will also illustrate these concepts with first-hand accounts. We will also present some tools and approaches to mitigate downstream impacts, including environmental flows. A significant amount of time will be devoted to discussion and audience participation to gain the insights and experiences of participants.	5.2 School	EB (ebrink@internationalrivers.org)(consult with Paddy/Aviva)	Kerim Yildiz, kyildiz@khrp.org	Brian Richter and Jeff Opperman (The Nature Conservancy, USA), Neeraj Vaghlikar (Kalpavriksh, India), Aimal Khan (Sungl Development Foundation, Pakistan)
	b. Integrated River Basin Management	This panel session will examine how river basin management models can be used to promote the management of water resources for all and as an effective strategy to stop destructive dams. Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) is a generally accepted international best practice for managing river basins. Destructive dams go against IWRM's key principles of participatory planning and managing water resources for all users. We will focus on lessons learned in dam campaigns in China, India, Turkey and Australia. No prior knowledge of IWRM is required.	5.1 Parking Lot	Grace Mang	Danny Ribeiro, daniel@ja.org.mz	Grace Mang (International Rivers, USA), Daniel Ribeiro (Justicia Ambiental, Mozambique), Dr. Yu Xiaogang (Green Watershed, China), Latha Anantha (River Research Centre, India), Ulrich Eichelman (ECA Watch, Austria), Stephen Burgess (Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee, Australia)
	c. Taking Back the River: Dam Removal, Reoperation, and River Restoration	This session will start with a panel and then have a brainstorm on experiences and strategies around dam decommissioning and other river restoration opportunities.	5.3 Parking Lot	Elizabeth Brink	Elizabeth Brink, ebrink@internationalrivers.org	Danny Ribeiro (Justicia Ambiental, Mozambique), Ercan Ayboga (Initiative to Keep Hasankeyf Alive, Turkey), Stephen Burgess (Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee, Australia)
	e. Protecting International and Transboundary Rivers	This session will consist of a panel discussion and skill share about working to protect rivers and communities that cross national borders. Areas discussed will include the Mekong region, the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, and South Asia, among others.	3.2 Parking Lot	Pai Deetes (pai@internationalrivers.org)	Grace Mang	Pai Deetes (International Rivers, Thailand), Niwat Roykawe (Chaing Khong Conservation Group, Thailand), Ipek Tasly (Initiative to Keep Hasankeyf Alive, Turkey); Dr Yu Xiaogang (Green Watershed, China)