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The momentum and success for better governance in the future depends increasingly on local persons and communities. A radical shift of resources to local institutions with donor support is necessary and urgent. This book provides concrete and concise cases as well as encouragement for discussing, reconsidering and adapting actions to address the current impasse in Mekong water governance.

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