



Challenges, Opportunities, and Surprises for Consensus building: Thailand Political Conflict

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Quick background of Thailand conflict:

Consensus building

Political conflict for almost 10 years



Protesters from yellow, red, blue, and pink shirts claiming their rights and asking for democracy

Then, the controversial was "General Election before country reform or country reform before general election"

Conflict trended to become violence.....Coups and Military rules

Now, We are in the process of Country reform ...Can conflicts of Thailand reach consensus building?

I. Current complexities for consensus building: Thailand reform

Too many issues
and problems

Too many
stakeholders

Too many strategic
plans and ideas

No common ground
or goal

- Human rights
- Poverty

- government
- NGO's
- Public as a whole

- Enhancing independent organizations

II. Opportunities for consensus building: Thailand reform

Ripe time	Dead end	Public support
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chronic problems• Proper incidents• Lose-Lose	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No way out• Lose-Lose• Nothing worse	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need changes• Learning society• Win-Win

III. Surprises for consensus building: Thailand reform

Iceberg phenomenon

- What we see may not be as what we think
- More more and more problems opened up
- Stakeholders seem to accept and understand some problems which is difficult to get consensus.

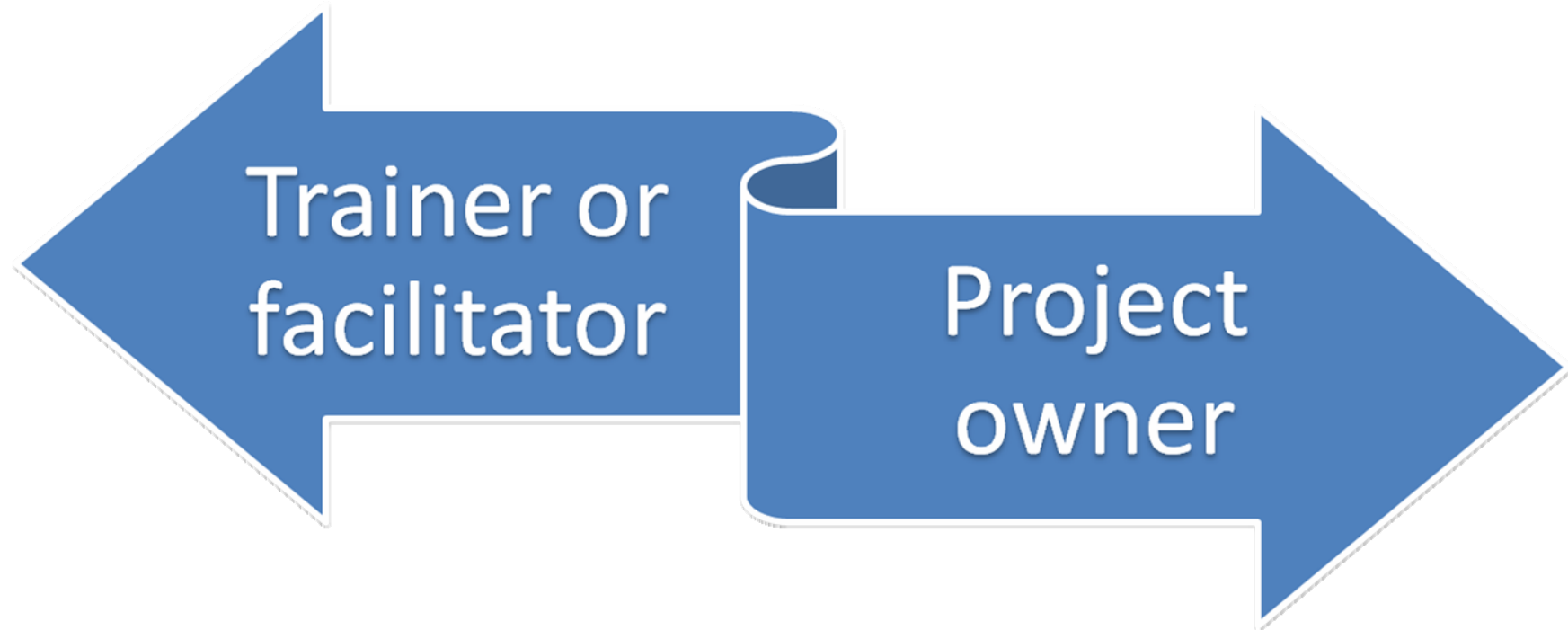
Special power

- The government and parties used of special power to solve and to find solutions
- Public divided in groups: satisfy and unsatisfied
- More on using special power and become abuse of power

Unsupported

- Parties and Public search for fault and any mistake of each other
- Many of them changed their position from one side to the other side.
- Finally, Creating distrust among each other and new problems which is the result of the old problems

Consensus building by WHO?



**Consensus building as a
Project owner**

