

Conflict Resolution / Consensus Building Report-back

- Polarity exercise revealed considerable balance between positive and negative attributes of ASM
- Poverty alleviation or poverty perpetuation
Therein lies the conflict:
 - “question of endogeniety” which comes first?
- Traditional techniques in conflict resolution
 - Cultural relativity – beyond romanticism
 - Grievance procedures after the chiefs have had their say

Recommendations (Identified for 10 stakeholder categories)

Diagnostic

- Existing land tenure regimes
- Power structures and institutional paralysis
- Trust erosion due to past violations
- Poor risk communication and “gambling” psychology

Recommendations II

Preventative

- Making the physical environment more “community-friendly” (social psychology of conflict – interesting Mongolian connection)
- Technical support parameters: providing the skills and the equipment (ILO 1999)
- Scientific panels that provide coverage of differing perspectives on env. impact
- Property rights regimes that are more clearly defined and equitable – cooperatives and trust establishment – but not just another NGO

Recommendations III

Curative

- Separating issues that are antagonistic and joining synergistic issues (environmental / human rights / indigenous rights)
- Role of mediators: possibly CASM! (past experience of WB in this role from S. Asia)
- Preparing benefits “packages” for communities AFTER needs assessments are conducted