

AGENDA

12th Regional Stakeholder Forum

Addressing Critical Climate and Development Challenges in the Mekong River Basin

29 June 2022, Bangkok, Thailand (in-person & broadcast live)

Hotel name: [Marriott Marquis Queen's Park Hotel](#)

Room: The Salathai (5th Floor)

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Time	Session	Speakers/Facilitator
08:00–08:30	<i>Participants arrive, register, pick up name badge</i>	Organizing team, participants
Session 1: Opening		
08:30–09:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Remarks by Dr Anoulak Kittikhoun, Chief Executive Officer, Mekong River Commission Secretariat Opening Remarks by Mr Saravuth Cheevaprasert, Deputy Secretary General, Office of Natural and Water Resources Special Remarks by Mr Hao Zhao, Secretary General of the Lancang-Mekong Water Resources Cooperation Center 	Mr Sopheak Meas, overall forum facilitator/Stakeholder Engagement Specialist, MRCS
09:00–09:10	Setting the scene	Mr Sopheak Meas
Session 2: Launching Ceremony of the MRC–LMC Water Center Joint Study		
09:10–09:40	Introducing the Joint Study and its significance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>What is the Joint Study?</i> <i>Why is the Joint Study important for the region?</i> <i>Who are involved in the study?</i> <i>What data and models are being used? Why?</i> <i>What are the expected key deliverables?</i> <i>What are the next steps?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Tian Fuqiang, Co-chief expert, LMC Water Center Dr Sarann Ly, Chief Hydrologist/Co-chief expert, MRCS 	Co-facilitated by: Dr Winai Wangpimool, Director of Technical Support Division, MRCS Dr Cheng Dongsheng, Division Director, LMC Water Centre
09:40–10:10	Clarifying questions from the floor Summary of the session's key messages	All Dr Winai & Dr Dongsheng

10:10–10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
Session 3: Launch of the Sustainable Hydropower Development Strategy (SHDS) and Its Implementation; and Transboundary Fisheries Management in the Mekong Basin		
10:30–12:00	<p>Session 3.1: Information Sharing and Coordination of Operations of Cascade Dam: <i>How Do We Go from Here to There?</i></p> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Setting the scene by session facilitator, Dr Ly Thim <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Sophearin Chea, Regional Water Policy Expert, MRCS ▪ Mr Le Quang Huy, Head of Division, Electricity of Viet Nam ▪ Mr Panu Wongcha-um, Senior Correspondent, Reuters, and President of the Foreign Correspondents’ Club of Thailand <p>Summary of the session’s key messages by Dr Ly</p>	Dr Ly Thim, Chief River Basin Planner, MRCS
12:00–13:00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13:00–14:00	<p>Session 3.2: Transboundary Fisheries Management in the Mekong Basin: <i>Which future for the largest inland capture fisheries in the world?</i></p> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Setting the scene by session facilitator, Mr Raphaël Glémet <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr Nam So, Chief Environment Management Officer, MRCS ▪ Dr Ian G. Cowx, Emeritus Professor, Hull International Fisheries Institute ▪ Dr Simon Funge-Smith, Senior Fishery Officer, FAO ▪ Dr Vannara Tek, Executive Director, The NGO Forum on Cambodia <p>Summary of the session’s key messages by Mr Raphaël Glémet</p>	Mr Raphaël Glémet, Senior Programme Officer, IUCN Water and Wetlands Science and Strategy Group

Session 4: Enhancing MRC Flood and Drought Services: What More Must Be Done? And How?		
14:00–15:15	<p>Session 4.1: Plenary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Setting the scene by Mr Hans Guttman, Executive Director, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) ▪ Earth Observations to Enhance MRC Flood and Drought Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced by Ms Chinaporn Meechaiya, Water and Disasters Theme Lead, ADPC • Introduced by Dr Miguel Laverde-Barajas, Geospatial Data Scientist, ADPC • Introduced by Mr Susantha Jayasinghe, Agriculture and Food Security Theme Lead, ADPC <p>Panellist 4.2: Country perspectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Sothy Hun, Deputy Director of Hydrology and River Works Department, Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology, Cambodia ▪ Mr Viphanou Phethany, Hydrologist, Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, Lao PDR ▪ Mr Thanaroj Worraratprasert, Water Situation Analysis Expert, Office of the National Water Resources, Thailand ▪ Mr Vu Duc Long, Director General, Department for Hydro-Meteorology Forecasting Management, Viet Nam <p>Summary of the session’s key messages by session facilitator</p>	Dr Peeranan Towashiraporn, Director of Geospatial Information & Chief of Party for SERVIR-Mekong, ADPC
15:15–15:35	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:35–16:20	<p>Panellists 4.3: Partner and public perspectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Keith Paolo C. Landicho, Disaster Monitoring and Analysis Officer, ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) ▪ Ms Elizabeth Thippawong, Civil Society Specialist, WWF Greater Mekong ▪ Miss Phorntip Saensri & Miss Yosita Boonyasat, Graduate Students, Asian Institute of Technology <p>Summary of the session’s key messages by session facilitator</p>	Mr Ankit Joshi SERVIR-Communications Lead, ADPC
Session 4: Closing		
16:20–16:40	Forum Survey	All
16:40–16:50	Summary of outcomes	Mr Sopheak Meas
16:50–17:00	Closing remarks by Dr Anoulak Kittikhoun, CEO of MRCS	CEO of MRCS