



Regional Forum on the MRC Climate Change and Adaptation Initiative

Bangkok, Thailand, 2-3 February 2009

**Venue: Plaza Athénée Hotel Bangkok,
10 Wireless Rd. (close to Ploenchit BTS sky train station)**

Tentative Agenda as of 29 January 2009

Monday, 2 February 2009		
08.30 – 09.30	<i>Registration</i>	
Opening Session: Climate Change and Adaptation Challenges		
09.30 – 09.40	<i>0.1 – Welcome address</i>	Mr Jeremy Bird, CEO, Mekong River Commission Secretariat
09.40 – 09.55	<i>0.2 – Opening address: A Response to Future Climate Change Impacts in the Mekong River Basin; the MRC Climate Change and Adaptation Initiative</i>	Dr Siripong Hungspreug, Director General, Department of Water Resources, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Alternate Member of the MRC Joint Committee for Thailand
09.55 – 10.25	<i>Coffee break & Press Conference</i>	
<i>Keynote addresses</i>		
10.25– 10.45	<i>0.3 – Climate and Water – The Challenges Ahead</i>	Mr Brian Dawson, Climate Change and Energy Advisor, AusAID, Australia
10.45– 11.05	<i>0.4 – Future Water Management - Meeting the Challenges of Adaptation towards Climate Change</i>	Prof. Torkil Jonch Clausen, Senior Advisor Global Water Partnership, DHI, Denmark
Session 1 – Climate Change and Adaptation Activities in the Member States of the Lower Mekong Basin		
11.05 – 11.10	Introductory remarks by Chair Professor Anthony Jakeman, Integrated Catchment Assessment and Management Centre, The Fenner School of Environment and Society, The Australian National University, Australia	
11.10 – 11.25	<i>1.1 – Cambodia</i>	National Expert, Mr Ouk Navann, Officer of the Cambodian Climate Change Office, Cambodia
11.25 – 11.40	<i>1.2 – Lao PDR</i>	National Expert, Mr Douangchanh Lopaying, PICE Window Manager, Prime Minister's Office, Environment Protection Fund, Lao PDR
11.40 – 11.55	<i>1.3 – Thailand</i>	National Expert, Assoc. Prof.

		Dr Kampanad Bhaktikul, Mahidol University, Thailand
11.55 – 12.10	<i>1.4 – Viet Nam</i>	National Expert, Mr. Le Nguyen Tuong, Vietnam Institute of Meteorology, Hydrology, and Environment, Viet Nam
12.10 – 12.30	<i>1.5 – Overview of state-of-the-art of science and technology related to Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation relevant to the Lower Mekong Basin</i>	Dr Carmel Pollino, Senior Research Fellow, Integrated Catchment Assessment and Management Centre, The Fenner School of Environment and Society, The Australian National University, Australia
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch	
	(Cont') Session 1	
13.30 – 13.50	<i>Discussion</i>	Facilitators
13.50 – 14.10	<i>1.6 – Introduction of Overall MRC Climate Change and Adaptation Framework</i> <i>Participant introduction</i>	Dr Kien Tran Mai, Climate Change Programme Officer, Environment Division, MRC Secretariat and Facilitators
	Session 2 – Climate Change and Adaptation Initiatives by Development Partners/ Organisations for the Lower Mekong Basin	
14.10 – 14.15	Introductory remarks by Facilitators	
14.15 – 14.30	<i>A.2.1 – Anticipated Impacts of climate change in the GMS and challenges to adaptation</i>	Dr Hasan Moinuddin, Climate Change Task Coordinator, Biodiversity Conservation Corridors Initiative, GMS Environment Operations Center, ADB
14.30 – 14.45	<i>A.2.2 – Climate Change Uncertainty and Impacts in the Mekong Basin</i>	Dr Mac Kirby, Stream Leader, Water for a Healthy Country Flagship, CSIRO, Australia
14.45 – 15.00	<i>A.2.3 – Pro-poor Alternatives for Climate Change Adaptation in the Lower Mekong Basin</i>	Dr Andrew Noble, Regional Director, IWMI Southeast and Central Asia, Lao PDR and Dr Blake Ratner, Regional Director, WorldFish Center, Greater Mekong, Cambodia
15.00 – 15.15	<i>A.2.4 – Area-based Assessment on Climate Change Impact and Adaptation</i>	Dr Anond Snidvongs, Director, Southeast Asia START Regional Center, Thailand
15.15 – 15.30	<i>A.2.5 – SEI's Climate Change Adaptation Initiatives and potential linkages with the MRC CCI</i>	Dr Lisa Schipper, Research Fellow, Stockholm Environment Institute, Asia Centre, Thailand

15.30 – 15.45	<i>A.2.6 - Mainstreaming climate change adaptation: tentative findings from the UNDP UNEP Poverty Environment Initiative</i>	Ms Alana George, Economist, UNDP-UNEP Poverty Environment Initiative, UNDP Regional Centre in Bangkok, Thailand
15.45 – 16.00	<i>Discussion</i>	Facilitators
16.00 – 16.15	<i>Coffee</i>	
	(Cont.) Session 2 – Climate Change and Adaptation Initiatives by Development Partners/ Organisations for the Lower Mekong Basin	
16.15 – 16.30	<i>B.2.1 – Understanding climate change vulnerability to inform conservation and development agendas in the Greater Mekong Region</i>	Dr Geoffrey Blate, Climate Change Coordinator, WWF Greater Mekong, Thailand
16.30 – 16.45	<i>B.2.2 – Changing the Climate Forecast: IUCN approaches in the Mekong Region</i>	Dr Luong Quang Huy, Climate Change Programme Manager, IUCN, Viet Nam
16.45 – 17.00	<i>B.2.3 – Adapting to Climate Change Impacts - options at the local level</i>	Mr Hans Guttman, Coordinator, Wetlands Alliance, Thailand
17.00 – 17.15	<i>B.2.4 – Climate Change Adaptation in the Mekong Region: Research initiatives and gaps</i>	Dr Edsel Sajor, Research Leader, AIT and M-POWER, Thailand
17.15 – 17.30	<i>B.2.5 – FAO Activities in Climate Change Adaptation in Agriculture Sector in Lower Mekong River Basin</i>	Dr Naoki Minamiguchi and Mr Thierry Facon, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Thailand
17.30 – 18.00	<i>Discussion</i>	Facilitators
18.30	Cocktail Reception	
Tuesday, 3 February 2009		
08.00 – 08.30	<i>Registration</i>	
	Session 3 – Lessons Learnt from Case Studies on Climate Change and Adaptation in Different River Basins	
08.30 – 08.40	Introductory remarks and Overview of the Presentation Framework by Facilitators	
08.40 – 09.00	<i>3.1 – Regional Climate Change Projection for the SEA from the PRECIS model</i>	Mr Boonlert Archevaranuprok, Meteorologist, Thai Meteorological Department, Thailand
09.00 – 09.20	<i>3.2 – Impacts of sea level rise on water level and salinity intrusion in the Mekong Delta</i>	Mr Nguyen Xuan Hien, Deputy Director, Southern Institute for Water Resource Planning and Management, Viet Nam
09.20 – 09.40	<i>3.3 – MRC On-going Baseline Study to Support MRC Climate Change and Adaptation Initiative</i>	Dr Kittipong Jirayoot, Consultant, Environment Division, MRC Secretariat

09.40 – 10.00	<i>3.4 – Climate change adaptation on the river basin and the watershed level. Experiences with the issue of scales from the Watershed Management Project of the Mekong River Commission</i>	Dr Timo Menniken, Advisor, Flood Management and Mitigation Programme, Watershed Management Project, MRC
10.00 – 10.15	Discussion	Facilitators
10.15 – 10.35	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10.35 – 10.55	<i>3.5 – Adaptation of Rainfed-rice Farmers to Impact of Climate Change in Lower Mekong River a Case Study in Songkhone District, Savanakheth Province, Laos</i>	Ms Somkhith Boulidam, Deputy of Geography Department, Faculty of Social Science, National University of Laos, Lao PDR
10.55 – 11.15	<i>3.6 – Local adaptation towards increased risks of flooding arising from climate change in the Mekong Delta of Vietnam: a case study in An Giang province</i>	Mr Nguyen Van Kien, Lecturer, Faculty of Agri-Natural Resources, An Giang University, Viet Nam
11.15 – 11.35	<i>3.7 – Drought Management Considerations for Climate Change Adaptation: Focus on the Mekong Region – A case study in Cambodia</i>	Mr Nguyen Ngoc Huy, Laboratory of International Environment and Disaster Management, Kyoto University, Japan
11.35 – 11.55	<i>3.9 – Results and lessons learnt from the Murray-Darling Basin Sustainable Yields Project</i>	Dr Mac Kirby, Stream Leader, Water for a Healthy Country Flagship, CSIRO, Australia
11.55 – 12.30	Discussion	Facilitators
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch	
	Session 4 – Approach and Methodology for the MRC Climate Change and Adaptation Initiative	
13.30 – 13.35	Introductory remarks by Facilitators	
13.35 – 13.50	<i>4.1 – Components of Planned Activities under the MRC Climate Change and Adaptation Initiative</i>	Dr Vithet Srinetr, Environment Programme Coordinator, Environment Division, MRC Secretariat
13.50 – 14.10	<i>4.2 – The Integrated Impact Assessment Framework for the MRC Climate Change and Adaptation Initiative</i>	Dr Jeremy Carew-Reid, Director, International Centre for Environmental Management, Viet Nam
14.10 – 14.30	<i>Discussion</i>	Facilitators
	Working Session: Feedback on the MRC Climate Change and Adaptation Initiative <i>Facilitated discussion in Working Groups</i>	
14.30 – 14.35	Introductory remarks by Facilitators	
14.35 – 15.15	<i>Feedback Discussion on the MRC Climate Change and Adaptation Initiative</i>	All participants
15.15 – 15.35	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15.35 – 16.15	<i>Feedback Discussion on the MRC Climate Change and Adaptation Initiative</i>	All participants

16.15 – 16.30	Climate Change Roster of Experts – A collection of regional expertise	Dr Anond Snidvongs, Director, Southeast Asia START Regional Center, Thailand
16.30 – 16.45	Summary and Next Steps to promote the MRC Climate Change and Adaptation Initiative for the Lower Mekong River Basin	Mr. Jeremy Bird, CEO, Mekong River Commission Secretariat
16.45 – 17.00	<i>Closing remarks</i>	Mr Chanthavong Saignasith, Director General, Lao National Mekong Committee Secretariat, MRC representative

Facilitators:

Dr Aaron Wolf, Department of Geosciences, Oregon State University, the United States of America,
and Mr Suparek Janprasart, Basin Development Plan, Planning Division, MRCS