



## DRAFT – PROGRAMME

### 13<sup>th</sup> Regional Stakeholder Forum *Data Sharing for Transparency and Trust*

5 October 2023, Luang Prabang, Lao PDR (*in-person & broadcast live*)

Hotel name: [Pullman Luang Prabang](#)

Room: Nam Khong Ballroom

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5 October 2023	
08:00	Registration opens
Session 1: Welcome	
08:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome remarks by <b>the Governor</b> of the Luang Prabang Province – (5 min)</li> <li>Welcome remarks by <b>Dr Anoulak Kittikhoun</b>, Chief Executive Officer, MRC Secretariat – (5 min)</li> <li>Opening remarks by <b>H.E. Mr Chanthanet Boualapha</b>, Vice Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, and Alternate Member of the MRC Council for Lao PDR – (10 min)</li> </ul>
08:50	Setting the scene, expectations, recap/actions from the last Forum, and overview of the forum – by <b>Mr Sopheak Meas</b> , Stakeholder Engagement Specialist, MRC Secretariat – (10 min)
Session 2: Adaptation to the changing flow regime of the Mekong River	
09:00	<b>Findings from the First Phase of the MRC-LMC Joint Study:</b> Changing patterns of hydrological conditions of the Lancang-Mekong basin and adaptation strategies – by <b>Dr Zhang Wenhai</b> , Senior Engineer, LMC Water Center and <b>Dr Sarann Ly</b> , Chief Hydrologist, MRC Secretariat – (30 min)
9:30	<i>Clarifying questions from the floor (20 min)</i>
09:50	Coffee break
Session 3: Understanding the State of the Mekong Basin	
10:20	<b>State of the Basin Report 2023:</b> What are some of the early findings on environmental, social, economic, climate change, and cooperation dimensions? – by <b>Dr Pinida Leelapanang Kamphaengthong</b> , Chief Environment Management Officer, MRC Secretariat – (20 min)
10:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Facilitated group discussion</b> in each dimension, and report by the group facilitator – (80 min)</li> </ul>



12:00	Lunch break
13:15	<p><b>State of the Basin Report 2023 – Continued</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reflection panel on the recommendations – facilitated by <b>Dr Pinida Leelapanang Kamphaengthong</b>, Chief Environmental Management Officer, MRC Secretariat – (45 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Panellists</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ms Sarah Quinzio</b>, Deputy Director, Regional Environment, Science, Technology, and Health Office, East and Southeast Asia, US Department of State</li> <li><b>Mr Veerawit Tianchainan</b> Chief of Party, USAID Mekong For the Future, WWF Greater Mekong</li> <li><b>Dr Thanapon Piman</b>, Senior Research Fellow, Stockholm Environment Institute</li> <li><b>Mr Oudom Ham</b>, Policy Coordinator, Mekong Water Governance, Oxfam</li> </ol>
<b>Session 4: Mekong Hydropower Projects and Regional Planning</b>	
14:00	<b>Preliminary results from the Xayaburi hydropower sediment and fish monitoring</b> – by <b>Dr Michael Eric Raeder</b> , Deputy Managing Director – Engineering, CK Power Public Company Limited – (15 min)
14:15	<i>Clarifying questions from the floor (10 min)</i>
14:25	<b>Joint Action Plan for the Luang Prabang Hydropower Project:</b> Taken-up recommendations and status of project development – by <b>Lao PDR (LNMCS/MEM) / developer</b> – (15 min)
14:40	<b>Luang Prabang Heritage Impact Assessment:</b> Information sharing – by <b>Dr Khamtanh Salienkham</b> , Deputy Director General, Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism – (10 min)
14:50	<i>Clarifying questions from the floor (10 min)</i>
15:00	Coffee break
15:20	Progress and status of the <b>Prior Consultation Process for the proposed Sanakham and Phu Ngoy hydropower projects</b> , and the <b>Don Sahong extension</b> – by <b>Mr Theerawat Samphawamana</b> , Director of Planning Division, MRC Secretariat – (15 min)
15:35	<i>Clarifying questions from the floor (15 min)</i>
15:50	<b>Proactive Regional Planning (PRP):</b> Overview and progress on an ambitious plan to chart a more optimal and sustainable Mekong responsive to climate change and changing conditions – by <b>Mr Sophearin Chea</b> , Chief River Basin Planner, MRC Secretariat (15 min)
16:05	Clarifying questions from the floor (20 min)
<b>Session 7: Closing</b>	
16:25	Forum survey
16:35	Summary of outcomes



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16:40	Closing remarks by Dr Anoulak Kittikhoun, CEO of the MRC Secretariat
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