**agenda (as of 15 Feb 2017)**

**Regional Stakeholder Forum on the Council Study**

**and the Pak Beng Hydropower Project**

**22-23 February 2017 | Luang Prabang View Hotel, Luang Prabang, Lao PDR**

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| **Time** |  | **Programme** | **Presenter - format** |
| **Day 1: 22 Feb 2017** |
| 08:00 | Registration |  | *Administration* |
| **Session 1A:** **Welcome and Objectives** |
| 08:30 | Welcome (5’) | Dr. Pham Tuan Phan, *CEO of MRCS* |
| 08:40 | Opening Remarks (10’) | H.E. Sommad Pholsena, *Minister of Natural Resources & Environment and MRC Council Member, Lao PDR*  |
| 08:50 | Rationale, objectives, and agenda of the forum (10’) | *Facilitator*: Dr. Albert Salamanca, *SEI/SUMERNET* |
| 09:00 | MRC stakeholder engagement principles, mechanisms, and processes including for Council Study & Pak Beng (10’)1-2 clarifying questions and answers (5’) | Dr. Anoulak Kittikhoun, *Chief Strategy and Partnership Officer, MRCS* |
| **Session 1B: Prior Consultation Process in brief, lessons learned and objectives of the Pak Beng consultation****Facilitator:** Dr. Albert Salamanca, SEI/SUMERNETRAPPORTEUR: Ms. Maria Koenig  |
| 09:159.45 | Overview of the PNPCA under the overall MRC procedural framework and the 1995 Mekong Agreement (10’)Implementation of previous Prior Consultation processes including lessons learned (10’)Objectives and Roadmap for the Prior Consultation of the Pak Beng Hydropower & post-consultation (10’)Clarifying questions and answers (30’) | Dr. An Pich Hatda, *Planning Division Director, MRCS*  *Facilitator*  |
| 10:15 | Coffee Break (20’) |  |
| **Session 1C: Lao sustainable hydropower strategy and the Pak Beng project in brief****Facilitator:** Dr. Albert Salamanca, *SEI/SUMERNET* RAPPORTEUR: Mr. Nadeem Samnakay  |
| 10:35 | Pak Beng Hydropower Project within the context of Lao national sustainable development and poverty reduction strategy and the Basin Development Strategy (10’)Clarifying questions and answers (10’)  | Dr. Daovong Phonekeo, *Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Energy and Mines (MEM), Laos* |
| 11:00 | Pak Beng Hydropower Project (40’) | Mr. Chansaveng Boungnong, *Director-General, Policy & Planning Department, MEM, Laos*  |
| 11:10 | Clarifying questions and answers (20’) |  |
| 12:00 | Lunch  |  |
| **Parallel Session 2C1: Planned technical review of the project REGARDING HYDROLOGY, dam safety and navigation****Facilitator:** Dr. Chu Thai Hoanh, SEI/SUMERNETRAPPORTEUR: Mr. Nadeem Samnakay  |
| 13.30 | Overall approach and methodology for MRCS technical review of the Pak Beng Hydropower Project (10’)  | Dr. An Pich Hatda |
| 13.40 | Hydrology and sediment (10’), followed by 1-2 clarifying Q&A (10’) | Dr. Paradis Someth, *Water & Climate Specialist, MRCS*  |
| 14.00 | Dam safety (5’) and navigation (5’), followed by 1-2 clarifying Q&A (10’) | Mr. Voradeth Phonekeo, *Hydropower Expert* & Ms. Yen Thu Nu, *Navigation Specialist, MRCS* |
| 14.30 | Coffee break  |  |
| 15.00 | Reflection groups in two stations (1 hydrology/sediment, and 2 dam safety/navigation) – the specialists will answer more questions in each area, and rapporteurs will document concerns and recommendations (60’) | (1)Dr. Paradis (with Dr. Chu Thai Hoanh) and (2) Mr Voradeth/Ms Yen (with Mr. Santi Baran)  |
| **Parallel Session 2C2: Planned technical review of the project REGARDING ENVIRONMENT AND socio-economic issues****Facilitator:** Dr. Albert Salamanca, *SEI/SUMERNET* RAPPORTEUR: Ms. Maria Koenig  |
| 13.30 | Overall approach and methodology for MRCS technical review of the Pak Beng Hydropower Project (10’) | Dr. Thim Ly, *Chief River Basin Planner, MRCS* |
| 13.40 | Environment, fisheries (10’), followed by 1-2 clarifying Q&A (10’)  | Dr. So Nam, *Chief Environment Management Officer, MRCS* |
| 14.00 | Socio-economic (10’), followed by 1-2 clarifying Q&A (10’) | Ms. Nguyen Thi Ngoc Minh, *Socio-Economic Specialist, MRCS*  |
| 14:30 | Coffee break  |  |
| 15.00 | Reflection groups in two stations (3 socio-economic, and 4 dam safety/navigation) - the specialists will answer more questions in each area, and rapporteurs will document concerns and recommendations (60’) | (3) Ms Minh (with Dr. Albert) and (4) Dr So Nam (with Dr. Anoulak)  |
| **Session 3D: KEY MESSAGES ANd recommendations for review of the PAk beng Project and PNPCA process** **Facilitator:** Dr. Albert Salamanca, *SEI/SUMERNET* RAPPORTEUR: Ms. Maria Koenig  |
| 16.00 | Report back on key messages and actions to be taken (5’ each) | Dr. Paradis, Mr. Voradeth/Ms Yen, Dr. So Nam, Ms. Minh  |
| 16.30 | Reflection from audience on key messages and actions (30’) | *Dr. Albert, Facilitator*  |
| 17.00 | Next steps for Pak Beng PNPCAPreview of Day 2 | Dr. Hatda*Dr. Albert, Facilitator*  |
| **Day 2: 23 Feb 2017** |
| **Session 2A: the council study OVERALL assessment APPROACH****Facilitator:** Dr. Chayanis Krittasudthacheewa, SEI/SUMETNET **RApporteur:** Dr. Jorma Koponen  |
| 8:45 | Recap and reflection of Day 1 and implications and linkages to Day 2 (10’) | *Facilitator*  |
| 9.00  | Council Study (CS) objectives, progress, expected deliverables including overall thematic assessment scope of work (15’), followed by clarifying Q and A (15’) | Mr. Suthy Heng, *Regional Coordinator of CS, MRCS* |
| 9.30 | Introduction to construction of key main and sub-scenarios for thematic sectors of council study (15’), followed by clarifying Q and A (15’) | Dr. Anthony Green, *CS consultant* |
| 10.00 | Coffee break |  |
| **Parallel Session 2B1: Assessing impacts on hydrology and environment****Objective:** to provide overall introduction to the hydrology and ecosystem and biology resources impact assessment methodology and approaches for the study**Facilitator:** Dr. Chu Thai Hoanh, SEI/SUMETNET**RApporteur:** Ms. Sopheap Lim, MRCS  |
| 10.30 | Hydrology and water resources including impacts of climate change (15’), followed by clarifying Q and A (10) | Ms. Sopheap Lim, *Modeller*, *MRCS* |
| 10.55 | Ecosystems and bioresources impact assessment (15’), followed by clarifying Q and A (10)  |  Dr. Cate Brown, *CS consultant* |
| 11.20 | Group reflection (10’), followed by key recommendations and actions  |  *Facilitator and Rapporteur*  |
| **Parallel Session 1B2: Assessing impacts on economy and society****Objective:** to provide overall introduction to the social and economic impact assessment methodology and approaches for the study**Facilitator:** Dr. Chayanis Krittasudthacheewa **RApporteur:** Dr. Thim Ly  |
| 10.30 | Economic impacts assessment (15’), followed by clarifying Q and A (10) | Dr. Alex Smajgl, CS consultant & Ms. Nguyen Thi Ngoc Minh, MRCS |
| 10.55  | Social impacts assessment (15’), followed by clarifying Q and A (10)  | Dr. John Ward, CS consultant & Ms. Nguyen Thi Ngoc Minh, MRCS |
| 11.20 | Group reflection (10’), followed by key recommendations and actions | *Facilitator and Rapporteur* |
| 12.00 | Lunch & return to plenary  |  |
| **Session 2c: BRINGING EVERYTHING TOGETHER** **Facilitator:** Dr. Albert Salamanca **RApporteur:** Dr. Jorma Koponen  |
| 13.30 | Reporting back from parallel sessions: key messages for the CS and actions to be taken (10’ each) | Dr. So Nam & Dr. Thim Ly |
| 13.50 | Reflection from audience on key messages and actions (15’) | *Facilitator*  |
| 14.05 | Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA) and overall indicator connections (15’), followed by clarifying questions and answers (10’) | Dr. Alex Smajgl*, CS consultant* |
| 14.30 | Group reflection (10’), followed by key recommendations and actions  | *Facilitator and Rapporteur*  |
| 15.00 | Coffee break  |  |
| **Session 1D: Strengthen Partnership and Stakeholder Engagement for the Council Study, PNPCA and mrc overall** **Facilitator:** Dr. Chayanis Krittasudthacheewa **RApporteur:** Ms. Sopheap Lim |
| 15.30 | Next steps for Council Study including collaboration channels with interested organizations  | Mr. Suthy Heng, MRCS & Dr. Alex Smajgl  |
| 16.00 | Summary of the Forum and future plans  | Dr. Anoulak Kittikhoun, MRCS  |
| 16.30 | Conclusion of forum  | Dr. Inthavy Akkharath, Chair of the MRC Joint Committee for 2017 |