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Agenda – Monday, 4th of September

1st Session – Opening and Keynote Speech
Chair and Forum Facilitator: Hans Olav Ibrekk, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway

08:30 – 09:00 Opening remarks:
Christian N. Madsen, CEO, Multiconsult
Pham Tuan Phan, CEO, Mekong River Commission
Maria Koenig, Advisor, MRC-GIZ
Geir Yngve Hermansen, Senior Advisor, Norad

09:00 – 09:40 Keynote speech and discussion:
“Managing the Worlds River Basins: The Role of the Hydropower Sector for Sustainable Future” Speaker: Prof Daniel Peter Loucks, Cornell University

09:40 – 10:00 Coffee break
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2nd Session - Policies, Guidelines and Planning
Chair: Dr Harm Duel, Deltares

10:00 – 11:00

“The Mekong River Commission’s Initiative for Sustainable Hydropower”
Speaker: Voradeth Phonekeo, MRC Secretariat

“MRC Mitigation Guidelines for Sustainable Hydropower Practice on the Lower Mekong” Speaker: Leif Lillehammer, Multiconsult

11:00 – 12:00

Inputs and Panel Discussion: The role of Science in Sustainable Hydropower and Water Resources Planning

“CEDREN: Improved Methods for Sustainable Hydropower Development” Speaker: Atle Harby, SINTEF

“Greater Mekong CGIAR Research Program on Water, Land and Ecosystems” Speaker: Kim Geheb, WLE/IWMI

“Social Safeguards Perspectives on the Lancang Lower Mekong Cooperation” Speaker: Prof Guoqing Shi, Hohai University

12.00 – 13.00

Luncheon

13:00 – 14:00

Inputs and Panel Discussion: River Basin planning and Sustainable Hydropower

“MRC guidelines/tools for Sustainable Hydropower Development”
Speaker: Director An Pich Hatda, MRC Secretariat

“Developing Policies, Guidelines and Sustainable Planning Principles for the Myanmar and Bhutan Hydropower and Water Resources Sector” Speaker: Morten Johnsen, NVE

“The Danube Experience” Speaker: Birgit Vogel, RBMSolutions

NVE film
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3rd Session – Sustainable Hydropower Design and Operation
Chair: Director An Pich Hatda, MRSC

14:00 – 15:00  “Innovative Designs and Operational Regimes on Mekong Mainstream and Tributary Dams” Speaker: Chris Grant, Multiconsult UK
“A Developers Perspective on Sustainable Hydropower Design and Operation” Speaker: Dr Stephen Sparks, Statkraft

15:00 – 16:00  “Complex Cascade Dam Operation – The Glommen and Laagen Case” Speaker: Hans Christian Udnæs, GLB
“Tanzania Hydropower Sustainability Assessment” Speaker: Jan Petter Magnell, SWECO

16.00 – 16.20  Break

16:20 – 16:40  “Restoring Connectivity in Practice – Innovative Mitigation Solutions” Speaker: Dr Morten Kraabøl, Multiconsult

16:40 – 17:30  Plenary Discussion: Forum Dialogue on Sustainable Hydropower Designs and Operation
Panel: Bill Girling, IHA
David A. Wright, Multiconsult
Palakorn Chanbanyong, MRCS

HOUSEKEEPING - PRACTICAL INFO FORUM DINNER TONIGHT
Agenda – Tuesday, 5th of September

4th Session – Governance, Cooperation and Practice
Chair: Dr Susanne Schmeier, GIZ

08:00 – 09:20  “Cooperation and Practice in River Basin Management”
Speaker: Kees Sloff, Deltares
Inputs and Panel Discussion: Hydropower and Dams Climate Change Resilience and Adoption - International Initiatives
Panel: Bill Girling, IHA
Prof Ånund Killingtveit, NTNU
Torodd Jensen, NVE

09:20 – 09:40  Break

09:40 – 10:50  Inputs and Panel Discussion: Water and Hydropower Development – the Role of Transboundary Cooperation
Nile-Basin: Dr Fekahmed Negash, ENTRO
Orange-Senqu Basin: Dr Thamae Lenka, ORASECOM
Mekong Basin: Dr Anolak Kittikhon, MRC Secretariat
Inthavy Akkharath, Lao NMC
Winai Wangpimool, Thailand NMC
Nguyen Thi Thu Linh, Vietnam NMC

10:50 – 11:30  Inputs and Panel Discussion: Basin versus Project Planning: Who should do what and where?
Panel: Dr Rudolph Cleveringa, GWP
Ingrid Lomelde, WWF
Dr Kim Geheb, CGIAR
Dr Stephen Sparks, Statkraft
Dr Jørn Stave, Multiconsult
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Chair: Mr Anders Gustav Pettersen, Multiconsult

11:40 – 12:00  “Managing Flow, Sediments and Hydropower Regimes on the Mekong and its Tributaries” Speaker: Prof Daniel Pete Loucks, Cornell University

12.00 – 12.40  “The New Frontier in Hydropower – Improving Hydropower Outcomes through Strategic Portfolio Planning” Speaker: Dr Rafael Schmitt, Berkeley University

12:40 – 13:15  Good Governance, Forum Summary and Way Forward
Facilitated by: Hans Olav Ibrekk
Closing Statements by:
Pham Tuan Phan, MRC
Dr Susanne Schmeier, GIZ
Tom Ødegaard, Multiconsult

Take home messages

13:15 – 14:15  Luncheon