

ROADMAP FOR THE PRIOR CONSULTATION PROCESS:

June 2014-January 2015

This Annex presents the Road Map for the Prior Consultation process in more detail. This Road Map was presented in first Draft to the First JCWG meeting on 22 August 2014. A second draft was presented to the 2nd JCWG meeting on 19 November 2014. It has been updated based on the discussions at the 3rd JCWG meeting on 9 January 2015. Updates have been highlighted.

Date	Draft Milestones/Rough Outline of Activities	Responsible
30 June 2014	MRCS receipt of submission for PC on the Don Sahong Hydropower Project proposed by LNMCS¹ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Submission of Don Sahong Hydropower Project PC documents to the MRCS as outlined in the PNPCHA 	<i>LNMCS</i>
30 June – 1st week of July 2014	Commencement of the MRCS Scoping Assessment for PNPCHA² <i>(taking into account documents already submitted for “Notification” in September 2013)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Register submission ○ Check the completeness of the required documents ○ Signing-off the submission ○ MRCS circulation of received documents to JC and other Member States via their NMCSs ○ MRCS replied with the acknowledgment to LNMCS 	<i>MRCS (ICCS)</i>
25 July 2014	Official Starting date of the PC process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Date LNMCS notified on the “additional information” available on the DSHPP website 	<i>NMCS</i>
July - August 2014	Preparation for the 1st PNPCHA JCWG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation of the Scoping Assessment Report 	<i>MRCS</i>
22 August 2014	1st PNPCHA JCWG Meeting on Don Sahong PC Process³ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consider draft PC Roadmap for endorsement by PNPCHA JCWG ○ Presentation of the Scoping Assessment (a proposal for the preparation of the Don Sahong PNPCHA Technical Review Report) ○ Agreement on the need for public participation (national consultation) and its approach ○ Discussion and agreement on disclosure to public of the information and relevant documents ○ Discussion on arrangements for field visit ○ Discussion on the need to have the external experts ○ Confirmation of next steps including date of 2nd PNPCHA JCWG Meeting 	<i>PNPCHA JCWG</i>

¹ The Don Sahong was originally submitted for “Notification” on 30 September 2013.

² In the Technical Guidelines to implement the PNPCHA, the MRCS can have up to one month for its internal process.

³ Actually, the PNPCHA JCWG held three meetings already during the Prior Consultation Process for the Xayaburi. It is called the “1st” Meeting but for the Don Sahong Project

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September 2014	Start of technical review by MRCS + External support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MRC Programme to do technical review (based on guidance provided by the PNPCA JCWG ○ Involvement from external experts on some particular fields 	<i>MRCS (relevant Programmes) + Consultants</i>
September – November 2014	Multi-stakeholder Consultation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National consultation meetings⁴ (According to national regulations and requirements) <i>(National consultation should also involve the project developer and representative of the Lao PDR)</i> <i>Discuss overview of process</i> <i>Discuss the project overview + Scoping Assessment Report</i> <i>Get concerns and issues and data/information</i> 	<i>Respective NMCs + possibly MRCS if requested + Developer, and LNMC</i>
30 September – 2 October 2014	40th Meeting of the MRC Joint Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inform and update the JC on PC process, and receive guidance 	<i>MRCS (ICCS + M-IWRMP)</i>
19 November 2014	2nd PNPCA JCWG Meeting on Don Sahong PC Process, and possible back-to-back with field visit to the project site (facilitated by the Lao PDR and developer)⁵ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation and discussion of the draft Don Sahong PNPCA first draft of the Technical Review Report ○ Presentation and discussion of any national review findings, outcome of the national consultation ○ Discussion and comments for further consideration ○ Re-confirmation of next steps of PC Roadmap, including the date of the next meeting 	<i>PNPCA JCWG supported by MRCS (relevant Programmes)</i>
October – December 2014	Continuation of technical Prior Consultation review, and Public Consultation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Possible meeting with LNMC and project developer ○ Continue detailed review of the received PC documents ○ Compilation of the second draft Don Sahong PNPCA Technical Review Report & circulation to PNPCA JCWG 	<i>MRCS (relevant Programmes) + LNMC + Developers</i>
November - December 2014	Second Round of National Consultations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discuss the Draft Report findings ○ Discuss inputs from the National Stakeholders 	
12 December 2014⁶	1st regional public consultation Pakse – Lao PDR and Site Visit	<i>MRCS - ICCS (relevant Programmes) + Developers</i>
9 January 2015	3rd PNPCA Working Group Meeting on Don Sahong PC Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation of the draft Don Sahong PNPCA Technical Review Report. ○ Presentation and discussion of national review findings on the PC ○ Summary of comments from public 	<i>PNPCA JCWG – with support from the MRCS NMCs</i>

⁴ It is noted that for the Xayaburi PC, national consultation or public hearing were held in Cambodia, Viet Nam and Thailand with MRCS financial support and technical support for some NMCs.

⁵ Issue on site visit will need to be discussed in detail and agreed by the PNPCA JCWG.

⁶ This proposed date will be confirmed/agreed at the 2nd PNPCA JCWG Meeting.

Date	Draft Milestones/Rough Outline of Activities	Responsible
	participation/consultation process, if any ○ Final comments for integration	NMCs
Has not been held	2 nd Regional public consultation ⁷	NMCs + MRCS + Developer + other stakeholders
16 - ? January 2015	Final draft of Don Sahong Technical Review Report ○ 14 January – circulation of final draft to MRCS Programmes and Expert Groups for final validation ○ 16 January – submission of final draft to the JCWG for comment ○ tbc – submission of the final Technical Review Report to the Joint Committee	MRCS (M-IWRMP) ICCS
? January 2015	Reply from the Member Countries (notified countries) ○ Official reply form (filled form as Annex II(B) of the PNPCA)	NMCs (JC)
circa 24 January 2015	Conclusion of the Prior Consultation Process ○ Special Session of the Joint Committee (to be decided at the JC Preparatory Meeting for the 21 st meeting of the MRC Council) ○ Decision of the JC regarding the submitted PC	JC with support from the MRCS

⁷ Time constraints have prohibited this second public consultation process. The 3rd JCWG noted this