



## 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>Dr Anoulak Kittikhoun</b>, Chief Executive Officer, MRC Secretariat – (5 min)</li> </ul>
08:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opening Remarks by <b>Mme Bounkham Vorachit</b>, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, and Member of the MRC Council for Lao PDR [TBC] – (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/Forum Facilitator, 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 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 Environmental Management Officer, MRC Secretariat – (20 min)
10:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitated group discussion in each dimension, and report by the group facilitator – (80 min)</li> </ul>
12:00	Lunch break
13:15	<b>State of the Basin Report 2023 – Continued</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reflection panel on the recommendations (<b>CEO of MRC Secretariat, WWF/IR/Oxfam, Private Sector, DP Rep/Chair</b>) – facilitated by <b>Dr Pinida</b> (45 min)</li> </ul>
Session 4: Mekong Hydropower Projects and Regional Planning	
14:00	<b>Preliminary results from the Xayaburi hydropower sediment and fish monitoring</b> – by developer AFRY (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 Lao PDR (LNMCS/MEM) / developer (15 min)
14.40	<b>Luang Prabang Heritage Impact Assessment:</b> Information sharing by Lao PDR (Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism) [TBC] (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	<b>Clarifying questions from the floor (20 min)</b>
Session 7: Closing	
16:25	Forum survey
16:35	Summary of outcomes
16:40	Closing remarks by <b>Dr Anoulak Kittikhoun</b> , CEO of the MRC Secretariat