### DRAFT – PROGRAMME

**13th 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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**Session 1: Welcome**

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| **08:30** | Welcome remarks by **H.E. Mme Siriphone Souphanthong**, Vice Governor of Luang Prabang Province – (5 min)  
Welcome remarks by **Dr Anoulak Kittikhoun**, Chief Executive Officer, MRC Secretariat – (5 min)  
Opening remarks by **H.E. Mr Chanthanet Boualapha**, Vice Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, and Alternate Member of the MRC Council for Lao PDR – (10 min) |

| **08:50** | Setting the scene, expectations, recap/actions from the last Forum, and overview of the forum – by **Mr Sopheak Meas**, Stakeholder Engagement Specialist, MRC Secretariat – (10 min) |

**Session 2: Adaptation to the changing flow regime of the Mekong River**

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| **09:00** | Findings from the First Phase of the MRC-LMC Joint Study: Changing patterns of hydrological conditions of the Lancang-Mekong basin and adaptation strategies – by **Dr Zhang Wenhai**, Senior Engineer, LMC Water Center and **Dr Sarann Ly**, Chief Hydrologist, MRC Secretariat – (30 min)  
*Clarifying questions from the floor*(20 min) |

| **09:50** | Coffee break |

**Session 3: Understanding the State of the Mekong Basin**

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| **10:20** | **State of the Basin Report 2023**: What are some of the early findings on environmental, social, economic, climate change, and cooperation dimensions? – by **Dr Pinida Leelapanang Kamphaengthong**, Chief Environment Management Officer, MRC Secretariat – (20 min)  
*Facilitated group discussion* in each dimension – (80 min) |
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<td><strong>Reflection panel on the recommendations</strong> – facilitated by <strong>Dr Pinida Leelapanang Kamphaengthong</strong>, Chief Environmental Management Officer, MRC Secretariat – (45 min)</td>
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<td>1. <strong>Ms Sarah Quinzio</strong>, Deputy Director, Regional Environment, Science, Technology, and Health Office, East and Southeast Asia, US Department of State</td>
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<td>2. <strong>Mr Veerawit Tianchainan</strong>, Chief of Party, USAID Mekong for the Future, WWF Greater Mekong</td>
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<td>3. <strong>Dr Thanapon Piman</strong>, Senior Research Fellow, Stockholm Environment Institute</td>
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<td>4. <strong>Mr Oudom Ham</strong>, Policy Coordinator, Mekong Water Governance, Oxfam</td>
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<td>Preliminary results from the Xayaburi hydropower sediment and fish monitoring – by <strong>Dr Michael Eric Raeder</strong>, Deputy Managing Director – Engineering, CK Power Public Company Limited – (15 min)</td>
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<td>Joint <strong>Action Plan for the Luang Prabang Hydropower Project</strong>: Project development and recommendations implemented based on the JAP – by <strong>Mr Knut Sierotzki</strong>, Vice President, Hydropower Asia AFRY (Thailand) Ltd – (15 min)</td>
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<td>Luang Prabang <strong>Heritage Impact Assessment</strong>: Information sharing – by <strong>Dr Khamtanh Salienkham</strong>, Deputy Director General of the Department of Heritage, Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism; and <strong>Mr Andrew Croft</strong>, Director CBA Studios, UK–Heritage Impact Assessment Consultant – (10 min)</td>
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<td>Progress and status of the <strong>Prior Consultation Process for the proposed Sanakham and Phu Ngoy hydropower projects</strong>, and the <strong>Don Sahong extension</strong> – by <strong>Mr Theerawat Samphawamana</strong>, Director of Planning Division, MRC Secretariat – (15 min)</td>
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<td><strong>Proactive Regional Planning (PRP)</strong>: Overview and progress on an ambitious plan to chart a more optimal and sustainable Mekong responsive to climate change and changing conditions – by <strong>Mr Sophearin Chea</strong>, Chief River Basin Planner, MRC Secretariat (15 min)</td>
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