

**Regional Multi-Stakeholder Consultation
on MRC's Hydropower Programme
Don Chan Palace Hotel, Vientiane, Lao PDR, 25-27 September 2008**

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Wednesday, 24 September 08		
18.00 – 20.00	Cocktail reception for participants in the garden / lobby of the MRC Secretariat	
Thursday, 25 September 08		
08.00 – 08.30	Registration	
	Opening Session Chaired by Dr Siripong Hungspreug ¹ , Director General, Department of Water Resources and Alternate Member of the MRC Joint Committee for Thailand, on behalf of the MRC Joint Committee Chair for 2008/2009	
08.30 – 08.50	0.1 - Welcome remarks and introduction	Dr Siripong Hungspreug, Director General, Department of Water Resources, Thailand
08.50 – 09.10	0.2 - Opening address: Hydropower development in the Mekong Basin – regional opportunities and shared responsibilities	Mr Viraphonh Viravong, Director General, Department of Electricity Ministry of Energy and Mines, Lao PDR
09.10 – 09.30	0.3 - Keynote address: A development bank's perspective on sustainability	Mr James Bond, Chief Operating Officer, Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency, World Bank Group
09.30 – 09.50	0.4 - Keynote address: Global precedents in trans-boundary conservation: Lessons for the Mekong region?	Mr Stuart Chapman, Programme Director, WWF Greater Mekong Programme
09.50 – 10.10	0.5 - Keynote address: Sustainability assessment – an industry approach ²	Mr Jean-Michel Devernay, Vice President, International Hydropower Association
10.10 – 10.30	Coffee	
	Session 1 – MRC's role in hydropower development Chaired by Dr Siripong Hungspreug on behalf of the MRC Joint Committee Chair	
10.30 – 10.35	Introductory remarks by chair and facilitator	
10.35 – 10.55	1.1 - Hydropower in the context of basin wide water resources planning	Mr Jeremy Bird, CEO, MRCS
10.55 – 11.10	1.2 – Modelling of flow changes in the Mekong mainstream for a range of development scenarios – preliminary results	Ms. Hang Pham Thi Thanh, BDP Coordinator, MRCS
11.10 – 11.25	1.3 - Examining the barrier effects of mainstream dams to fish migration in the Mekong, and taking an integrated perspective to the design of mitigation measures	Dr Patrick Dugan, WorldFish Centre, Facilitator of Expert Group Meeting at MRC

¹ Participation to be confirmed.

² Title of presentation to be confirmed.

11.25 – 11.40	1.4 – Experiences from the “Procedures for Notification, Prior Consultation and Agreement”	Dr George Radosevich, Legal Advisor on the 1995 Agreement
11.40 – 12.30	1.5 - Panel discussion	Dr Torkil Jønch Clausen, Facilitator
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch	
	Session 2 – Hydro potential and development, national and regional perspectives Co-chaired by H.E. Mr Pich Dun, Secretary General, CNMC, Head of the Cambodian Delegation and Mr James Bond, Chief Operating Officer, Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency, World Bank Group	
14.00 – 14.05	Introductory remarks by chair and facilitator	
14.05 – 14.25	2.1 - Hydropower development in Cambodia	Mr Tung Sereyvuth, Deputy Director, Department of Energy Development, Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mines, Cambodia
14.25 – 14.45	2.2 - Lao PDR – powering progress	Mr Viraphonh Viravong, Director General, Department of Electricity, Ministry of Energy and Mines, Lao PDR
14.45 – 15.05	2.3 - Thailand – regional partner in hydropower development	Mr Suthep Liumsirijarearn, Director of Bureau of Energy Development, Department of Alternative Energy Development and Efficiency, Ministry of Energy, Thailand
15.05 – 15.25	2.4 – Viet Nam – meeting rapid demand growth	Mr Vu Van Thai, Deputy Director, International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Viet Nam
15.25 – 15.45	Coffee	
15.45 – 16.05	2.5 - Hydropower development on the Lancang	Mr Peng Cheng, Chief Engineer, China Hydropower and Water Resources Planning and Design General Institute, PR China
16.05 – 16.25	2.6 - Influence of regional power market in the GMS region on hydropower development in the Mekong basin	Mr Yongping Zhai, Principal Energy Specialist, Asian Development Bank
16.25 – 17:30	2.7 - Discussion on Session 2	Facilitator
19.00 – 21.00	<i>Dinner</i> at the Don Chan Palace Hotel, hosted by Mr Chanthavong Saignasith, Director General LNMC, Member of the MRC Joint Committee, Lao PDR	

Friday, 26 September 08		
	Session 3 – Lessons for sustainable hydropower development from around the world Co-chaired by Mr Chanthavong Saignasith, Director General LNMC, Head of the Lao PDR Delegation and Mr Stuart Chapman, Programme Director, WWF Greater Mekong Programme	
08.15 – 08.30	Brief summary of day 1 by facilitator, and introductory remarks by chair and facilitator	
08.30 – 08.55	3. 1 - Adaptive management of the Columbia River System	Dr Bolyvong Tanovan, Chief, Water Management Power Branch and Mr Robert Davidson, Research Hydraulic Engineer, Engineer Research and Development Centre, US Army Corps of Engineers Northwestern Division
08.55 – 09.20	3. 2 - WWF's partnership in the Yangtze Forum, PR China	Dr Ma Chaode, Director of Freshwater Programme, WWF China
09.20 – 09.45	3. 3 - Hydropower and navigation development on the Rhône river – impacts and environmental management	Mr Vincent Piron, Head of International Department, Compagnie Nationale du Rhône
09.45 – 10.25	3.4 - Panel discussion ³	Facilitator
10.25 – 10.45	Coffee	
	Session 4 – Innovative policy instruments, and challenges for implementation Co-chaired by Dr Siripong Hungspreug, Director General, Department of Water Resources, Head of Thai Delegation and Mr Jean-Michel Devernay, Vice President, International Hydropower Association	
10.45 – 10.50	Introductory remarks by chair and facilitator	
10.50 – 11.10	4.1 - Benefit sharing from hydropower projects in Viet Nam	Ms Hoang Ha Quynh Giao, Electricity Regulatory Authority, Ministry of Industry and Trade Viet Nam
11.10 – 11.30	4.2 - Model initiatives in addressing social and environmental concerns ⁴	Mr Mak Sithrith, NGO Forum of Cambodia
11.30 – 11.50	4.3 - Striving for excellence or race to the bottom	Mr Carl Middleton, Mekong Programme Coordinator, International Rivers
11.50 – 12.10	4.4 - Strategic environmental assessment of hydropower development in the Vu Gia-Thu Bon River Basin, Viet Nam	Mr Pham Anh Dzung, Division Head, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Viet Nam
12.10 – 12.30	4.5 – Panel discussion	Facilitator
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch	

³ Tentatively one more presentation under this session: China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research, Prof Zeping Xu

⁴ Title of presentation to be confirmed.

	Session 5 – Project finance, incentives for sustainability Co-chaired by Dr Dao Trong Tu, Deputy Secretary General, VNMC, Head of Viet Nam delegation and Mr Yongping Zhai, Principal Energy Specialist, Asian Development Bank	
14.00 – 14.05	Introductory remarks by chair and facilitator	
14.05 – 14.25	5.1 - Perspective of a developer ⁵	Mr Robert Kay, Executive Vice President, GMS Power, Lao PDR
14.25 – 14.45	5.2 - Perspective of a developer ⁶	Mr Zhong Haixiang, Overseas Investment and Development Department, Sinohydro Ltd, PR China
14.45 – 15.05	5.3 - Perspective of a consultant	Mr Peerawat Premchun, Senior Executive Director, Team Consultants, Thailand
15.05 – 15.25	Coffee	
15.25 – 17.10	5.4 - Discussion on sessions 4 and 5	Facilitator
	Closing of Multi-Stakeholder Consultation	
17.10 – 17.20	5.5 - Concluding remarks: Outcome of consultation	Facilitator and Mr Jeremy Bird, CEO MRCS
17.20 – 17.30	5.6 - Closing: Directions for the MRC Hydropower Programme	Dr Siripong Hungspreug, Director General, Department of Water Resources, Thailand

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Saturday, 27 September 08		
	Working Session 6 – Formulation of MRC Hydropower Programme⁷ Chaired by Mr Jeremy Bird, CEO, MRCS	
08.00 – 08.05	6.1 - Introduction of the working session	Mr Do Manh Hung, Director, Operation Division, MRCS
08.05 – 08.15	6.2 - Summary of national hydropower consultations	Mr Voradeth Phonekeo, HP Project Manager
08.15 – 08.45	6.3 - Presentation of draft documents: A - Draft Hydropower Programme Document	Dr Terry Muir, Technical Advisor, HP, MRCS
08.45 – 09.05	B - Draft Project Document on Environmental Considerations for Sustainable Hydropower Development	Mr Keu Moua, Senior Environment Specialist, EP, MRCS
09.05 – 09.25	6.4 - Ideas emerging from the regional consultation	Facilitator
09.25 – 09.55	Coffee	
09.55 – 11.00	6.5 - Open discussion on MRC Hydropower Programme	Facilitator
11.00 – 11.10	6.6 - Summary, conclusions, issue list and action points	Facilitator
	Closing of Working Session	
11.10 – 11.20	6.7 - Summary statement	Mr Jeremy Bird, CEO, MRCS
11.20 – 11.30	6.8 - Closing statement	Mr Chanthavong Saignasith, Director General, LNMC, Lao PDR
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch	

⁷ The aim of the working session is to provide input to the draft programme document for MRCS Hydropower Programme. All participants to the Consultation are invited to join the Working Session if they wish.

**Field visit to Theun Hinboun Hydropower Scheme
in Khammuan Province, Lao PDR, 27-28 September 2008**

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Saturday, 27 September 08		
12:30-13:00	<i>Assembly at MRCS office in Vientiane Short briefing on trip arrangements</i>	Mr Voradeth Phonekeo, HP Project Manager, MRCS
13:00-18:30	<i>Travel by bus to Thakhek, Khammuan Province with stops at scenic sites</i>	MRCS
18:30-19:00	<i>Transfer to hotels Riviera Thakhek and Menukong in Thakhek</i>	
19:00	<i>Dinner</i>	
Sunday, 28 September 08		
06.00 - 06.30	<i>Breakfast in Hotel Short briefing on trip arrangements</i>	Mr Voradeth Phonekeo, HP Project Manager
07.00 – 10:00	<i>Travel by bus to Theun Hinboun Hydropower Scheme, Khammuan Province</i>	MRCS
10.00 – 10.30	<i>Briefing on Theun Hinboun Hydropower Scheme and Extension Project</i>	Theun Hinboun Power Company
10.30 – 12.00	<i>Visit to damsite</i>	Theun Hinboun Power Company
12.00 – 13.00	<i>Lunch at THPC Camp</i>	Theun Hinboun Power Company, and MRCS
13.00 - 14.30	<i>Site visit to power house, downstream area, local communities</i>	Theun Hinboun Power Company
14:30 – 18:00	<i>Travel by bus to Vientiane</i>	MRCS