

**Country Safeguards Strengthening Knowledge Sharing Event**  
 29-30 November 2012  
 Myat Taw Win Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar

## AGENDA

Time	Session / Topic	Presenter / Resource Persons
<b>DAY 1 – SETTING THE CONTEXT FOR MYANMAR SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM STRENGTHENING</b>		
08:00 – 08:30	Registration	Greater Mekong Subregion Environment Operations Center
08:30 – 09:00	<b>Session I: Welcome and Opening Remarks</b>	
08:30 – 08:50	Welcome by Host Country	H.E. Win Tun, Union Minister, Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry
	Opening remarks by Asian Development Bank	Javed H. Mir, Director Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Division, Southeast Asia Department, ADB
08:50 – 09:00	Group Photo	
09:00 – 09:30	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
09:30 – 10:30	<b>Session II: Myanmar's Natural Resources and State of Environment</b> <i>Co-chairs: MOECAF and J.H. Mir, ADB</i>	
09:30 – 09:50	Myanmar country background, economic assessment and outlook, and development trends and issues	Sharad Bhandari, Principal Country Specialist, ADB Extended Mission in Myanmar
09:50 – 10:10	State of environment and environmental performance in Myanmar	Iain Watson, Senior Environmental Safeguards Specialist, EOC
10:10 – 10:30	Session question and answer	
10:30 – 12:00	<b>Session III: Legislative, Regulatory and Institutional Framework for Environmental Protection</b> <i>Co-chairs: MOECAF and Alex Sanford, EMSP</i>	
10:30 – 10:50	Myanmar's new Environmental Conservation Law, and status of rules and guidelines preparation	Hla Maung Thein, Deputy-Director General, Environmental Conservation Department, MOECAF
10:50 – 11:10	Appraisal of Myanmar's legal framework for country environmental safeguards application	Kala Mulqueeny, Principal Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, ADB
11:10 – 11:30	Regional innovations in national environmental legislation, promoting resource efficiency, sustainable consumption and production, green growth	Wanhua Yang, Legal Officer, United Nations Environment Programme
11:30 – 12:00	Session question and answer	
12:00 – 13:30	<b>Lunch</b>	
13:30 – 16:30	<b>Session IV: Environmental and Social Safeguards International Best Practice</b> <i>Co-chairs: MOECAF and Nessim J. Ahmad, ADB</i>	
13:30 – 14:30	Japan International Cooperation Agency's new guidelines for environmental and social considerations	Takaaki Kawano, Director, Environmental and Social Considerations Review Division, Credit Risk Analysis and Environmental

		Review Department, JICA
14:30 – 15:00	Asian Development Bank safeguard policy and implementation	Sanath Ranawana, Senior Natural Resources Management Specialist, ADB Thailand Resident Mission
<b>15:00 – 15:30</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee</b>	
15:30 – 16:00	Asian Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Network	Peter King, Head of Secretariat, Asian Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Network
16:00 – 16:30	Session question and answer	
<b>DAY 2 – KNOWLEDGE SHARING ON BEST PRACTICE AND DEVELOPING A ROADMAP FOR MYANMAR SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM STRENGTHENING</b>		
<b>09:00 – 12:00</b>	<b>Session V: Regional Experiences in Environmental Performance Monitoring, Environmental Safeguards Application, and Monitoring and Compliance</b> <i>Co-chairs: MOECAF and I. Watson, EOC</i>	
09:00 – 09:20	Environmental assessment and reporting in the Greater Mekong Subregion	Anna Stabrawa, Regional Coordinator for Early Warning and Assessment, UNEP
09:20 – 09:40	An analysis of environmental and social impact assessment in the GMS	Richard Frankel, Adjunct Professor, Institute for the Study of Natural Resources & Environmental Management, Mae Fah Luang University, Thailand
09:40 – 10:00	Status of environmental impact assessment in Asia: A practitioner's network perspective	Peter King, AECEN
<b>10:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee</b>	
10:30 – 10:50	Capacity development in Lao PDR for environmental and social impact assessment, environmental standards, inspection and enforcement	Peter Jensen, Technical Assistance Team Leader, Environmental Management Support Program, Lao PDR
10:50 – 11:10	Standard environmental and social obligations in concession agreements – experiences from Lao PDR	Alex Sanford, Legal Advisor, EMSP
11:10 – 11:30	European Union environmental safeguards capacity building in Myanmar: Selected activities being implemented by International Management Group	Lyndal Barry, Program Manager, EU Capacity Building Program, IMG
11:30 – 12:00	Session question and answer	
12:00 – 12:30	Environmental considerations into projects	Hla Maung Thein, Deputy-Director General, Environmental Conservation Department, MOECAF
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>13:30 – 16:30</b>	<b>Session VI: Development of a Roadmap for Environmental Reporting and Myanmar Safeguards System Strengthening</b> <i>Co-chairs: MOECAF and J.H, Mir, ADB</i>	
13:30 – 16:30	Facilitated discussion on developing a roadmap and coordinating support on environmental reporting and Myanmar safeguards system strengthening	
	<b>Tea/Coffee served during session</b>	
<b>16:30 – 17:00</b>	<b>Session VII: Closing</b>	
16:30 – 17:00	Concluding remarks	MOECAF, ADB, EOC