

GMS-CEP land use modelling capacity building project – Kick-off meeting

Date: Tuesday October 7

Participants: Project team, EOC representatives, Stakeholders, Other partners

Location: Holiday inn Bangkok, 971 Ploen Chit road, Bangkok.

0900-1030: Introduction

The background and aim of the project is described, and all workshop participants are introduced.

1100-1230: LUCS modelling

In this session the current state of the art in land use modeling, especially in the context of policy support, is described. Several examples of land use modelling for policy support are provided.

1230-1330: Lunch

1330-1500: Discussion of possible LUCS model applications

National stakeholders from the respective GMS countries and provinces discuss with their National Academic Coordinators potential projects or activities within which LUCS modelling capacity as developed in this project can have a supporting role. Example projects are subsequently reported to all other participants.

1530-1700: LUCS software

The LUCS software is presented, including experience in other comparable projects, and some use cases related to the use of this software. Stakeholders provide feedback based on the design that is presented.



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0900-1030: LUCS capacity building

The National Academic Coordinators present the university in which they propose to implement the train-the-trainer program. For each university, the relevant programs and related courses are presented, as well as their relation with government activities and the selected staff members. Stakeholders from the GMS countries are asked to provide feedback on the proposed institute in their country

1100-1200: Curriculum development

All participants provide suggestions for what the curriculum should achieve. Specifically, National academic stakeholders are asked what academic criteria should be met; national and international stakeholders are asked what practical criteria should be met (what skills do you expect from a graduated land use modeler?)

1200-1330: Lunch

1330-1500: Project schedule and further interaction

The schedule for the rest of the project is presented, including the major milestones and further opportunities for collaboration and interaction with stakeholders, National Academic Institutes and other parties involved. Subsequently, there is an opportunity for general questions about the project.

1500: Workshop closing

Participants are kindly thanked for their useful feedback and participation



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