



Sixth Roundtable Discussion on Climate Change Adaptation in the Greater Mekong Subregion

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Context

Since March 2013, the Roundtable has become a platform for participating organizations to share knowledge and brainstorm approaches to climate change adaptation. It also facilitates an ongoing dialogue to strategize –collectively or individually through collective knowledge-- how to strengthen existing expertises, approaches and tools, with the objective to: 1) enhance the effectiveness of each organizations's work program on climate change adaptation and; 2) improve environmental sustainability and climate resilience of investments made by the ADB, other development banks, GMS governments, and potentially the private sector.

The 2015 Roundtable meetings will build on the 2014 outcomes and take forward the identified key issues. These are: how to take forward to the momentum generated at the Fourth GMS Environment Ministers' Meeting (EMM4)?; how can the Roundtable partners, who mostly work on the "soft" side of adaptation (i.e. assessments, development of tools, capacity building etc.), influence real investment projects which invest in "hard" infrastructure (such as transport, energy)?; how can the Roundtable be a mechanism to conceptualize and implement some, if not all, of the required actions to influence the investments in an effective way? etc. These questions will be the key guiding elements for a series of roundtable meetings that will take place in 2015.

This first Roundtable of 2015 --the sixth in the Roundtable series— proposes to discuss challenges and opportunities related to a common area of interest of the Roundtable partners i.e. climate vulnerability assessment across scales. In addition, it will reflect on the Roundtable's influence at the EMM4 and discuss a strategy going forward.

FINAL AGENDA

9.00 – 9.15	<p>Introduction</p> <p>Dr. Albert Salamanca, SEI</p> <p>Mr. Sumit Pokhrel, Deputy Technical Program Head, GMS Core Environment Program, ADB</p>
9.15 – 10.30	<p>Identifying Opportunities From Climate Vulnerability Assessment Across Scales in the GMS</p> <p>Presentation 1: Framing the Context - Adapting to Multiple and Uncertain Changes in the Mekong Region: Strategies for Today and a +4C World (10 minutes)</p>

	<p>Dr Chayanis Krittasudthacheewa, SEI</p> <p>Presentation 2: The Watershed Adaptation to Climate Change (WACC) Project (10 minutes)</p> <p>Dr. Geoffrey Blate, Asia Regional Forest Advisor, USDA Forest Service - International Programs</p> <p>Presentation 3: CEP Initiative to Build Capacity for Climate Risk Assessment and Adaptation Planning at the Community Level (10 minutes)</p> <p>Mr. Suppakorn Chinvanno, Research Advisor, SEA START RC</p> <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the linkages and or divergences across scales? • What are the key challenges and opportunities coming out of these works? • How do these works link to investments (RIF, adaptation finance etc.)? <p>Discussants:</p> <p>Mr. Paul Hartman, Chief of Party, USAID Mekong ARCC Project</p> <p>Dr. Puja SAWHNEY, Coordinator of the Regional Hub for Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN), Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Bangkok Regional Center</p> <p>Facilitator: Dr. Albert Salamanca, SEI</p>
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 - 12:15	<p>Recap of 2014 and Visualization of 2015 and Beyond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What did we achieve at the EMM4? • What have been our strengths and challenges? • What do we want to achieve from now? <p>Format: Open discussion, supported by an envisioning process</p> <p>Facilitator: Dr. Alex Smajgl, Mekong Region Futures Institute</p>
12.15 -12.30	<p>Wrap Up and Way Forward</p> <p>Dr. Albert Salamanca, SEI</p> <p>Mr. Pavit Ramachandran, Senior Environment Specialist, ADB</p>