



Eighth Roundtable Discussion on Climate Change Adaptation in the Greater Mekong Subregion/ Workshop

Friday 07 August 2015

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A. Background

1. On 19 June 2015, partners met at the second Roundtable of 2015 --the seventh in the Roundtable series to continue the joint visioning exercising which aims to specify the long-term goals of the roundtable and will help develop sets of actions that will ultimately help achieving the shared vision, and to identify concrete collaborative activities arising from the watershed-scale climate change vulnerability assessment work under the Watershed Adaptation to Climate Change (WACC) Project.
2. Partners jointly identified the following key considerations for the future of the Roundtable mechanism: improved spatial coordination of efforts, identification of flagship test cases for approaches and tools, better institutionalization of the knowledge generated through the partners' activities, and a more effective approach to build capacity a larger scale.
3. Through the visioning exercise, the partners identified five outcomes (Stronger recognition of the importance of "soft" adaptation investments; Integrated, landscape-level planning adopted in the GMS; Spatially prioritized investments in the GMS; Increased investments in natural capital in the GMS; and Institutionalized knowledge for sustainability), and 4 process and outputs to guide the long-term goals of the Roundtable.
4. At the Eighth Roundtable on 07 August 2015, it is proposed to focus on analytical tools available and being used at basin scale, what are the process involved and lessons learnt.

B. Agenda

9.00 – 9.15	Introduction Dr. Geoffrey Blate (Asia Regional Forest Advisor, USDA Forest Service - International Programs) Mr. Sumit Pokhrel, Deputy Technical Program Head, GMS Core Environment Program, ADB
9.15 – 10.15	Analytical approach: Basin level Assessment Facilitator: Dr. Puja Sawhney, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) Presentation 1: Adapting to multiple and uncertain changes in the Mekong Region using Robust Decision Support – a SUMERNET regional assessment (15 min) Dr. Albert Salamanca, SEI Presentation 2: Basin-level assessments: Tool and process design (15 min) Dr. Alex Smajgl, Mekong Region Futures Institute Presentation 3: Strengthening multi-sector planning, Lau Cai province, Viet Nam (15 min) Mr. Sumit Pokhrel, GMS Core Environment Program, ADB Q&A (15 minutes)
10:15 - 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 – 11:45	Analytical approach: Basin level Assessment Facilitator: Dr. Puja Sawhney, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies Presentation 4: "The Mekong ARCC Bible: An integrative method for developing climate change adaptation plans with communities." (15 min) Mr. Paul Hartmann/ Ms. Shannon Dugan, Mekong ARCC Presentation 5: IUCN's experience conducting integrated VAAs at watershed scale (15 min) Dr. Robert Mather, IUCN Presentation 6: Case study on Huay Luang Watershed climate change adaptation assessment: multiple sectors - multiple scales - multiple threats perspective (15 min) Mr. Suppakorn Chinverno, SEA START RC Presentation 7: Early lessons from the WACC Project in Petchaburi Province, Thailand (15 min) Dr. Geoffrey Blate, USFS-IP Q&A (15 minutes)

11:45 -13.00	<p>Open discussion on commonalities in lessons learnt from basin level assessments</p> <p>Format: Open discussion</p> <p>Facilitator: Dr. Geoffrey Blate, USFS-IP</p>
13:00- 14:00	Lunch
14:00- 15:30	<p>Open discussion on advanced design of a basin-level assessment tool / approach and an effective engagement process</p> <p>Format: Open discussion</p> <p>Facilitator: Dr. Alex Smajgl, Mekong Region Futures Institute</p>
15:30- 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45- 16:45	<p>Open discussion on concrete collaborative activities</p> <p>Co-Facilitators: Dr. Geoffrey Blate (USFS-IP) and Dr. Puja Sawhney, (IGES)</p>
16:45- 17:00	<p>Wrap Up and Closing</p> <p>Dr. Puja Sawhney, IGES Mr. Sumit Pokhrel, Head, GMS Core Environment Program, ADB</p>