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

Monday 02 November 2015

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Athenee Tower, 24th Floor
Bangkok, Thailand

Background

At the Eighth Roundtable on 07 August 2015, partners took up the theme on watershed / landscape-scale vulnerability and adaptation assessment (VAA) by sharing analytical approaches and tools, important processes, and key lessons learned in their respective projects. Although development and application of guidelines by practitioners in the region was an objective, Roundtable members agreed to initiate the process by distilling commonalities and best practices from past and ongoing members' activities and by discussing how best to synthesize these best practices.

Partners presented project summaries with a focus on approaches, tools, processes and lessons. The presentations and rich discussions, which followed, raised a variety of key considerations for undertaking robust VAAs at landscape scales. (Presentation can be [accessed here](#)¹). Following the presentations, partners compiled these considerations into a list of 'best practices' and grouped them under four key themes: principles, process / how to, tools, and monitoring and evaluation (M&E). Partners agreed to divide the task of preparing the guidelines. Although everyone agreed to contribute, several partners agreed to take a lead in writing each chapter. Presenters agreed to develop case studies (based on their presentations) in conjunction with lead authors of each chapter.

The Ninth Roundtable will be held on 2 November 2015. This roundtable aims to: i) review the drafted chapters of the proposed guidelines; ii) discuss related issues (i.e. target audience, potential use and users, format and production mode, etc.); and iii) next steps.

¹ If link does not work, try <http://www.gms-eoc.org/events/the-eighth-roundtable-discussion-on-climate-change-adaptation-in-the-gms>

AGENDA

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| 8:30 – 8:45 | Registration |
| 8:45 – 9:00 | Introduction Saengroaj Srisawaskraisorn, Climate Change Adaptation Specialist, USAID/RDMA Mr. Paul Hartman, Chief of Party, USAID Mekong ARCC Project Dr. Geoffrey Blate, Asia Regional Forest Advisor, USDA Forest Service - International Programs |
| 9:00 – 10:15 | The Guidelines for Watershed/Landscape Vulnerability and Adaptation Assessment (VAA): <i>potential use and users, structure, format, and production</i> Facilitator: Dr. Geoffrey Blate USFS-IP Potential discussion points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who do we see using this? • What do we want to do for the WGE with regards to the VAA? • What are other opportunities and timing for dissemination? • What is the mode of publication? Booklet, web-based, what is feasible given our collective resources? • What is the production process? • How do we roll it out? • How long should it be in total and per a section? |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | Coffee Break |
| 10:30 – 12:00 | The Guidelines for Watershed/Landscape Vulnerability and Adaptation Assessment (VAA): <i>review drafted chapters of the VAA guidelines</i> Facilitator: Saengroaj Srisawaskraisorn, USAID/RDMA Presentation 1: Chapter on “Principles” (10 min) Dr. Albert Salamanca, SEI Presentation 2: Chapter on “Process” (10 min) Ms. Shelley Gustafson, Mekong ARCC Presentation 3: Chapter on “Tools” (10 min) Dr. Alex Smajgl, Mekong Region Futures Institute Open discussion (30 minutes) |

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| 12:00 -12:45 | Next Steps - Planning for finalization of the Guidelines and dissemination Facilitator: Dr. Geoffrey Blate, USFS-IP |
| 12:45- 13:00 | Wrap Up and Closing Mr. Paul Hartman, Chief of Party, USAID Mekong ARCC Project Mr. Sumit Pokhrel, Senior Climate Change Specialist, GMS Core Environment Program, ADB |
| 13:00- 14:00 | Lunch |