



## AGENDA

8<sup>th</sup> MRC Regional Stakeholder Forum

5-6 November 2019 | Vientiane, Lao PDR

<b>DAY 1 Preparation of the Basin Development Strategy 2021-2030 and MRC Strategic Plan 2021-2025</b>		
08.00	Registration	<i>All</i>
08.30	Welcome remarks (5')	<i>MRCS CEO</i>
08.35	Opening remarks (5')	<i>Senior representative (ministerial level) of co-host government</i>
08.40	Objectives & MRC stakeholder engagement principles and mechanism for sustainable development (10')	<i>Office of CEO, MRCS</i>
<b>THE MEKONG'S STATE OF BASIN REPORT &amp; BASIN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY</b>		
08.50	Overall strategic planning, monitoring and reporting framework (10')	<i>Office of CEO, MRCS</i>
9:00	State of Basin Report: Environment, Social, Economic, Cooperation, and Q&A (90')	<i>Environment Division, MRCS</i>
10.30	Coffee break	<i>All</i>
11.00	Joint Research on extreme floods and droughts – Key findings and recommendations (90')	<i>MRCS IWMI IWHR and LMWRCC</i>
12.30	Lunch	<i>All</i>
13.30	Overview of the MRC Basin Development Strategy and its progress and general approach for update and roadmap for the preparation of the Strategy for 2021-2030 and Q&A (30')	<i>Planning Division, MRCS</i>

14.00	Roadmap and approach for preparation of the MRC Strategic Plan 2021-2025 to implement the BDS 2021-2030 including stakeholder engagement, gender, cooperation, implementation and monitoring and evaluation, and Q&A (30')	<i>Office of CEO</i>
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**REFLECTION THE STATE OF BASIN CONDITIONS AND FUTURE RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE BASIN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2021-2030**

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14.30	Basin conditions, trends and long-term outlook– Chapter 2 of the BDS, and Q&A (30')	<i>Planning Division, MRCS</i>
15.00	Strategic needs, risks and responses – Chapter 3 of the BDS, and Q&A (30')	<i>Planning Division, MRCS</i>
15.30	Coffee break	

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**ADDRESSING CURRENT AND FUTURE CONDITIONS OF THE BASIN**

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15.45 (working coffee)	<b>Parallel session 1: Social Dimension</b>	<b>Parallel session 2: Economic Dimension</b>	<b>Parallel session 3: Environment Dimension</b>
	1. Development opportunities, risks and challenges	1. Development opportunities, risks and challenges	1. Development opportunities, risks and challenges
	2. Strategic priorities and outcomes toward 2040	2. Strategic priorities and outcomes toward 2040	2. Strategic priorities and outcomes toward 2040
<i>Gender, climate change and cooperation dimensions are cross-cutting of each of the above dimensions</i>			
16.45	Report back to plenary by each representative of each parallel discussion (30', 10' for each group)		<i>Rapporteurs</i>
17.15	Summary of perspectives, inputs and next steps for the BDS 2021-2030 (15 minutes)		<i>All</i>

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## DAY 2 The 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Information Sharing on Luang Prabang Hydropower Project

08.00	Registration	All
08.30	Key messages of Day 1 and Objectives of Day 2 (10')	OCEO, MRCS

### MRC'S PRIOR CONSULTATION PROCESS UNDER THE PNPCA AND THE 1995 MEKONG AGREEMENT

08.40	Overview of the PNPCA under the overall MRC procedural framework and the 1995 Mekong Agreement (15')	Planning Division, MRCS
	Implementation of previous Prior Consultation Processes and progress of implementation of the Joint Action Plans of Pak Beng and Pak Lay Hydropower Projects (15')	
	Objectives and Roadmap for the Prior Consultation of the Luang Prabang Hydropower Project (10')	

### INTRODUCTION OF THE LUANG PRABANG HYDROPOWER PROJECT

09.20	A snapshot of Lao national development strategy and plan including sustainable hydropower policy and practices (10')	Lao PDR
09.30	Overview of the Luang Prabang Hydropower Project (30')	Lao PDR
	Q&A (20')	

### 10.20 Coffee break

10.45	Panel of MRC Joint Committee Members and CEO <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To listen to views from representatives or individuals from stakeholders (one by one, max. 5 minutes each) [Note: collection of the view from online submission and a question box could be made available to collect question during Day 1]</li><li>To reflect on those views</li><li>To take note and suggest ways to addressing concerns and recommendations</li></ul>	OCEO
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### 12.15 Lunch

### APPROACH AND METHODOLOGY FOR THE TECHNICAL REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED LUANG PRABANG HYDROPOWER PROJECT

13.15	Approach and methodology for assessment of the Luang Prabang Hydropower Project – (1) overview, (2) hydrology, (3) sediment, (4) water quality, environment & fisheries, (5) dam safety, (6) navigation and (7) socio-economic issues (75')	<i>Technical Chiefs &amp; Specialists, MRCS</i>
14.30	Coffee break	
<b>PARALLEL SESSIONS</b>		
<b>SESSION A</b>		<b>SESSION B</b>
15.00	Hydrology and Hydraulics Sediment Dam Safety Navigation (75')	Water Quality, Environment & Fisheries Socioeconomics  <i>Dr. So Nam, Ms. Nguyen Thi Ngoc Minh</i>
	<i>Dr. Janejira Chuthong, Dr. Nguyen Duc Tuan, Mr. Palakorn Chanbanyong &amp; Ms. Ton Nu Thi Thanh Yen</i>	
16.15	Reporting back from parallel sessions (30')	<i>Rapporteurs</i>
16.45	Next steps on engagement and communication plan within the Prior Consultation Process for the proposed Luang Prabang Hydropower Project (15')	<i>OCEO, MRCS</i>
17.00	Closure of the 8 <sup>th</sup> Forum (15')	<i>MRCS CEO</i>
<b>17.15</b>	<b>END OF MRC 8<sup>th</sup> REGIONAL STAKEHOLDER FORUM</b>	