



CONCEPT NOTE

9th MRC REGIONAL STAKEHOLDER FORUM

The 2nd Regional Information Sharing & Consultation on Prior Consultation process for the proposed Luang Prabang Hydropower Project & Preparation of Basin Development Strategy 2021-2030 and MRC Strategic Plan 2021-2025

5-6 February 2020, Luang Prabang, Lao PDR

Following the 8th Regional Stakeholder Forum held in November 2019, the 9th Regional Stakeholder Forum will continue the discussion on 02 topics that meet public's interest: (1) Prior Consultation process for the proposed Luang Prabang Hydropower Project (LPHPP) and (2) Basin Development Strategy (BDS) 2021-2030 and Strategic Plan (SP) 2021-2025.

Forum's Objectives

This 2-day forum has two-fold objectives:

Day 1, the 2nd Regional Information Sharing Consultation on Prior Consultation process for the proposed Luang Prabang Hydropower Project is to

- update and follow-up on previous discussion
- present key findings of the Technical Review Report
- solicit further recommendations for the MRC Joint Committee (JC)
- discuss the way forward for the Luang Prabang PNPCA Prior Consultation process and any post-consultation engagement plans.

Day 2, progress on the preparation of the BDS 2021-2030 and the emerging SP 2021-2025, is to:

- discuss the draft BDS 2021-2030 and emerging MRC SP 2021-2025 including strategic priorities and outcomes toward 2030, and outputs toward 2025 as well as cooperation mechanisms and processes
- exchange with other actors/stakeholders on how they can contribute to and will be integrated in the implementation of the new BDS 2021-2030.

Participants

The Forum expects to have the following representatives and participants:

- MRC Member Countries including NMCs, Planning Sector, Energy Focal Agencies, and Implementing Agencies
- Research Institutes and Universities

- INGOs and LNGOs and Civil Society Organizations
- Local authorities and communities
- Private sector and companies
- Development partners
- Dialogue partners
- Media
- Other interested groups

Expected outcomes

The following outcomes are expected from the forum:

1. Stakeholders are well informed on proposed Luang Prabang Hydropower Project as well as the draft Technical review report for the Luang Prabang Hydropower project conducted and the development of BDS 2021-2030 and MRC SP 2021-2025 by the MRC Secretariat
 2. Constructive suggestions to the draft Technical Review Report for the Luang Prabang Hydropower project
 3. Engagement with concerned stakeholders throughout PNPCA process and MRC planning exercise
 4. Sharing outcomes from national consultation meetings on Luang Prabang Hydropower project conducted at notified countries
 5. Documentation of comments for PNPCA process and preparation of BDS 2021-2030 and MRC SP 2021-2025
 6. Commitment, collaboration and cooperation from interested stakeholders for development and implementation of the BDS 2021-2030 and the MRC SP 2021-2025.
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AGENDA (AS OF JANUARY 2020)

The 9th MRC Regional Stakeholder Forum

5-6 February 2020, Luang Prabang, Lao PDR

DAY 1. 2ND REGIONAL INFORMATION SHARING & CONSULTATION ON LPHPP PC PROCESS

SESSION 1: INTRODUCTION

8:00	Registration	
8:30	Welcome remarks (10')	MRC CEO
8:40	Opening remarks (10')	Vice Minister, MONRE, Government of Lao PDR
8:50	Forum introduction & objectives (5')	Chief Strategy and Partnership, OCEO
8:55	Recap of the 8th Regional Stakeholder Forum , documentation and response to key comments, and the specific inputs needed from this forum (10')	Stakeholder Engagement Specialist, OCEO
9:05	Overview and progress with the PNPCA Prior Consultation process for Luang Prabang hydropower project, including summary of key events so far and roadmap for future consultations and information sharing (10')	Director, PD
9:15	Report on National Information Sharing/Consultation Meeting by Notified Countries and Notifying Country, including national consultation process and outcomes (10' for each Member Country) Q&A (10')	MRC Member Countries

10:00 Coffee break

SESSION 2: DRAFT TECHNICAL REVIEW REPORT

10:15	Overview and background of the draft Technical Review Report for the Luang Prabang project (10') Q&As (5')	Chief Basin Planner, PD
10:30	Hydrology and Hydraulics & Sediments and River Morphology (20')	TD
10:50	Environment & Fisheries (20')	ED
11:10	Dam safety & Navigation & Socioeconomics (30')	PD
11.40	Plenary discussion	All

12:00	Lunch	
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13.00	Invited stakeholder’s technical views on the proposed LPHPP (20’)	
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SESSION 3: RECOMMENDATIONS ON DRAFT TECHNICAL REVIEW REPORT		
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Parallel discussions & recommendations (120’) on preliminary technical review findings in two break-out groups:

13:20	1) Hydrology & Hydraulics and Sediments & River Morphology Facilitator: Jane Note taker: Saraan, Tuan, Mayvong	All
	2) Dam safety & Navigation Facilitator: Palakorn Note taker: Erinda, Yen	
	3) Environment and Fisheries & Socioeconomics Facilitator: So Nam Note taker: Minh, Pagna, Nittana	

15:00	Coffee break	
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15:30	Report back on key comments and recommendations (10’ per group)	Stakeholder
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16:00	Reflection on the feedbacks by Lao PDR/ developer (10’), by MRCS (10’), notified countries & Plenary discussion (10’)	All, facilitated by Chief OCEO
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SESSION 4: CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS		
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16:30	Recap of overall key points and next steps for prior consultation process for Luang Prabang Hydropower Project	Chief Basin Planner, PD
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DAY 2. PREPARATION OF BDS 2021-2030 AND SP 2021-2025		
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8:30	Registration	
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8:35	Forum introduction & objectives (5’)	Director, PD
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SESSION 1. OVERALL APPROACH		
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8:40	Recap on the overall strategic planning, monitoring and reporting framework (10’)	Chief Strategy & Partnership, OCEO
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8:50	Lessons learned from the current BDS and approach to preparing the BDS 2021-2030 and SP 2021-2025, followed by Q&A (20’)	Chief Basin Planner, PD
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9:10	Overview of the draft BDS 2021-2030, followed by Q&A (20’)	Chief Basin Planner, PD
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10:00	Coffee break	
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SESSION 2. BASIN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY RESULTS CHAIN		
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10.15	Presentations by other MRC related regional frameworks and organizations	
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10.30	Basin Vision to 2040 and results chain to 2030 (30’)	M&E Specialist, OCEO
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	Parallel Discussion on Strategic Priority, Outcomes, Outputs (incl. key actors and impact pathway to achieve Outcomes) (90')		
11:00	1. Environment Dimension & Climate Change Dimension Facilitator: So Nam & Jane	Note taker: Sarann, Erinda	
	2. Social Dimension & Economic Dimension Facilitator: Ly & Ton	Note taker: Minh, Pagna	
	3. Cooperation Dimension Facilitator: Anoulak & Santi	Note taker: Nhu, Nittana	
12:30	Lunch		
13.30	Report back and plenary discussion from each parallel session (10' for each group)		Stakeholder
14.30	Reflection panel of stakeholders on what need and how to deliver the Outcomes and Outputs in each of the 5 dimensions (45') Facilitator: OCEO		All, facilitated by Chief OCEO
15.15	Coffee break		
SESSION 4. IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS			
15.45	Overview of BDS implementation arrangements, followed by a plenary discussion supported by a panel (60'), with a focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementation of development opportunities – roles of various actors and stakeholders - Implementation of the results chain – roles of various actors and stakeholders - Stakeholder engagement in the development and management of the Mekong Basin – what further improvements can be made? - Funding of the implementation of the BDS and SP 		Chief Strategy & Partnership, OCEO
16.45	Summary of perspectives, inputs and next steps for the BDS 2021-2030 & SP 2021-2025 (15')		Chief Basin Planner, PD
17.00	Forum closure		MRCS CEO

END OF THE 9TH REGIONAL STAKEHOLDER FORUM