



2nd Regional Consultation Meeting and Capacity Development Workshop

for

Building Water Sector Youth Leadership Network in the Lancang-Mekong Region Project

13-15 November 2024, Ayutthaya, Thailand

(Version: 11 November 2024)

A. Background

The Mekong-Lancang Cooperation (MLC) has always had a strong interest in youth engagement and involvement, their capacity and social contribution. In the Vientiane Declaration of the Third MLC Leaders' Meeting in 2018, MLC reaffirmed its intention to “further explore an intellectual cooperation exchange model that incorporates youth to provide innovative ideas to support the long-term development of the MLC”. In line with the above declaration and to contribute to the implementation of the Five-Year Plan of Action on Mekong-Lancang Water Resources Cooperation (2018-2022), whereupon it was agreed, “the six member countries will encourage youth to participate in water-related cooperation activities”.

In 2022, the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Special Fund (LMCSF) granted “Building Water Sector Youth Leadership Network in the Lancang-Mekong Region Project (WSYLN)” to Thailand’s Office of the National Water Resources (ONWR), Environmental Research Institute Chulalongkorn University (ERIC), Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) Asia Centre, and LMC Water Centre, for joint implementation during 2023-2024.

The WSYLN project is envisioned as a long-term multi-year program with an initial scoping phase of 2 years - to *“build a regional Water Sector Youth Leadership Network consisting of a new generation of practitioners, researchers and community leaders for inclusive governance and management of water resources and related issues, by sharing knowledge, best practices, and cooperating on research and other joint actions across the basin and beyond, building on existing youth networks in the Mekong-Lancang Region.”*

Through close cooperation among all implementing agencies, along with valuable inputs and active participation from stakeholders across six countries, the project has made significant progress in several areas. These include organizing the first regional consultation workshop, assessment of capacity building needs, capacity development activities for youth leaders, reviewing existing youth networks and initiatives in the region, producing outreach materials, developing a proposal for the second phase of the project and organizing the exchange visit to work on the design of youth leadership network and build partnership with key agencies working on youth engagement and youth networks in China.

To present project achievements, findings and recommendations in relation to the design of long-term youth leadership network and further enhance the capacities in priority areas earlier identified by the youth leaders, the 2nd Regional Consultation Meeting and the Capacity Development Workshop will be organized during 13-15 November 2024 in Ayutthaya province, Thailand.

B. Objectives:

1. To highlight project achievements, findings, and recommendations for enhancing youth engagement in the Lancang-Mekong Region.
2. To discuss the draft design and the five-year action plan (2025-2029) for the water sector youth leadership network in the Lancang-Mekong Region.
3. To finalize the joint statement from the youth leadership network for consideration by the Joint Working Group (JWG) on MLC water resources cooperation.



4. To further strengthen the knowledge and capacity of youth leaders from the MLC countries in communications, climate-smart technology and innovations, multi-stakeholder engagement, and leadership through collaborative activities while fostering partnerships among one another.

C. Meeting venue: The Cavalli Casa Resort, Ayutthaya Province

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About Ayutthaya: Ayutthaya was the second capital of the Siamese Kingdom. was strategically located on an island surrounded by three rivers connecting the city to the sea. This site was chosen because it was located above the tidal bore of the Gulf of Siam, which existed at that time, thus preventing attack on the city by the sea-going warships of other nations. The location also helped to protect the city from seasonal flooding. At present, it is located in Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya District, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya Province. **The total area of the World Heritage property is 289 ha.**

Mode of participation: Onsite participation only

D. Key events, dates and participants:

- **Capacity development workshop (13 November 2024):** 40-45 people including youth leaders, policymakers and government officers, academic institutes/researchers and media
- **Regional Consultation Meeting (14-15 November):** 75-80 people, including policymakers and government officers, farmers, academic institutes/ researchers, youth leadership, and media

Remark: If convenient, all delegates are requested to wear **national/traditional costumes** for the farewell dinner and water cultural activities on **Friday, 15 November, 2024.**

E. Contact details:

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Tentative Agenda

Tuesday 12 November 2024 – Traveling to Ayutthaya

Time	Activities
07:00-17:00	Traveling from home country to Bangkok (by flights and others) Traveling from Bangkok to Ayutthaya province (by vans organized by the projects) Check-in at The Cavalli Casa Resort, Ayutthaya
17:00-17:30	Traveling to Sai Thong Restaurant
17:30-20:00	Dinner at Sai Thong Restaurant
20:00-20:20	Traveling to The Cavalli Casa Resort.



Wednesday 13 November 2024 – Capacity Development Workshop

- MC: Ms. Bouanong Lathouly & Ms. My Le
- Notetakers: Ms. Chloe Pottinger-Glass, Mr. Guoyi Han, Ms. Parichat Pinsri, Ms. Souvanna Phengsisomboun
- Facilitators: Dr. Chayanis Krittasudthacheewa & Dr.Thanapon Piman

Time	Activities	Remarks
08.40 – 09.00	Registration	Ms.Unchulee & Ms.Patchapun & Ms.Souvanna
09:00-09:20	Introduction	All
09.20 – 10.00	Ice breaking activities	Ms.Chloe & Guoyi
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee break and group photos	
10:15-10:40	Highlight for the activities during 13-15 November 2024	Dr. Chayanis & Dr. Thanapon
10:40-11:00	<u>Learning topic 1</u> : Changing Mekong	Dr. Thanapon
11:00-12:30	<u>Learning topic 2</u> : Communications trainings (e.g. how to write blogs, taking good photos)	Mr. Rajesh & Ms.Variya
12.30 – 13.30	Group lunch	
13:30 – 15:30	Working on Assignments #1 Planning for Assignments #2 and #3.	All youth leaders and supporters are separated into 3 groups for collaborative activities: <u>Group Assignment #1</u> : Review and provide feedback (if any) on draft design of WSLYN network, draft 5-year action plan and draft joint statement. (80 min) <u>Group Assignment #2</u> : Produce a blog or write a short story with the photo taken on the theme "Mekong-Lancang: Our Home, Our futures". (20 min) <u>Group Assignment #3</u> : Learning water culture and joint activities related to Loy Krathong Festival.
15:30-17:30	Coffee break & Exploring the city for Collaborative Group Assignments.	All
17:30-20:00	Group dinner at Dereva Restaurant	All
End of Capacity Development Workshop		

Thursday 14 November 2024 - Regional Consultation Meeting

- MC: Ms. Bouanong Lathouly & Ms. My Le
- Notetakers: Ms. Chloe Pottinger-Glass, Mr. Guoyi Han, Ms. Parichat Pinsri, Ms. Souvanna Phengsisomboun
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Time	Activity	Responsibility
08.00-08.30	Registration	Unchulee, SEI
Moderator: Ms.Bouanong Lathouly, SEI		
08.30-09.00	Session 1: Welcoming remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Surasri Kidtimonton, Secretary-General, ONWR • Xia Wenfang, Director of Political Division, The Embassy of the People’s Republic of China • Zhou Zhiwei, Secretary General, LMC Water Center • Assoc. Prof. Dr. Penradee Chanpiwat, Deputy Director, SERI (ERIC) • Niall O’Connor, Centre Director, SEI Asia 	<p>The Office of the National Water Resources (ONWR)</p> <p>The Embassy of the People’s Republic of China</p> <p>Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Water Resources Cooperation Center (LMC Water Center)</p> <p>Sustainable Environment Research Institute (SERI) (formerly known Environmental Research Institute Chulalongkorn University or ERIC)</p> <p>Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)</p>
09:00-09:50	Session 2: Key achievements of two LMC projects	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building Water Sector Youth Leadership Network in the Lancang-Mekong Region Project Promoting climate-smart water technologies and innovations for sustainable water resources and rice production under climate change in the Lancang-Mekong Region Project 	<p>Dr. Chayanis Krittasudthacheewa, Project Lead</p> <p>Dr. Thanapon Piman, Project Lead</p>
09:50-10:30	Appreciation, group photo, and break	
10:30-11:00	<p>Session 3: Findings and recommendations for Building Water Sector Youth Leadership Network in the Lancang-Mekong Region Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design of water sector youth leadership network 	Ms. Klomjit Chandrapanya (Reflection by Youth Group 1)
11:00-11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five-year action plan for building a water sector youth leadership network 	Ms. Klomjit Chandrapanya (Reflection by Youth Group 2)
11:30-12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint statement of the water sector youth leadership network 	Youth leader representative (Youth Group 3)
12:00-12:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open discussion on future recommendations 	All
12:20-12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wrap up and next steps for building water sector youth leadership network 	Dr. Chayanis Krittasudthacheewa, Project Lead
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
Moderator: Dr. Thanapon Piman, SEI		
13:30-14:10	<p>Session 4: Findings and sharing lessons learned for promoting climate-smart water technologies and innovations for sustainable water resources and rice production under climate change in the Lancang-Mekong Region Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present key findings from pilot case studies in Thailand and China 	<p>Dr. Somphinit Muangthong, RMUTI, Thailand</p> <p>Dr. Fan Linlin, CRSRI, China</p>
14:10-15:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharing lessons learned from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lao PDR Cambodia Vietnam Myanmar Thailand Mekong Institute 	<p>Asst. Prof. Oulavanh Sinsamphanh, NUOL</p> <p>Dr. Ham Kimkong, RUPP</p> <p>Mr. Nguyen Van Tuan, IRRI</p> <p>Mr. Thant Wai Lin, Loka Ahlinn Social Development Organization</p> <p>Dr. Panuwat Pinthong, KMUTNB</p> <p>Ms. Than Tha Aung, MI</p>
15:10-15:30	Break	
15:30-15:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a pathway to promoting climate-smart water technologies and innovations at the farm level (small-scale) 	Group work
15:55-16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wrap up and next steps 	
16:00-16:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop evaluation 	Agus Nugroho, SEI
16:10-16:30	Session 5: Closing remarks by ERIC and SEI	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Penradee Chanpiwat , Deputy Director, ERIC (SERI)



Time	Activity	Responsibility
		Niall O'Connor, Centre Director, SEI Asia
16:30-17:30	Cultural activities	
18:00-20:00	Group dinner at The Cavalli Casa Resort	

Friday 15 November 2024 - Field Visits

- MC: Ms. Bouanong Lathouly & Ms. My Le
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Time	Activities
7.30-8.00	Check out The Cavalli Casa Resort
8.20-10.00	Traveling from Ayutthaya to Bangkok
10.00-11.30	Visiting Smart Water Operation Centre (SWOC), Royal Irrigation Department (RID), Bangkok
11:30-12:00	Traveling to Pleon Restaurant
12.00-13.00	Lunch
13:00-13:30	Traveling to Hydro Informatics Institute (HII)
13.30-15.00	Visiting Hydro Informatics Institute (HII), Bangkok
15:00-16:00	Traveling from Bangkok to Ayutthaya
16:00-16:30	Check-in at Classic Kameo Hotel & Serviced Apartments, Ayutthaya https://maps.app.goo.gl/xzcLr1DgbkZvV1k97
16:30-17:40	Change into a national/traditional costume
17:40-18:00	Traveling to The Cavalli Casa Resort
18.00-21.00	Farewell dinner & Water Cultural Activities – Loy Kratong
21.00-21.20	Traveling to Classic Kameo Hotel & Serviced Apartments, Ayutthaya
End of 2nd Regional Consultation Meeting	

Saturday 16 November 2024-Departure (Main group)

-	Travel from Classic Kameo Hotel & Serviced Apartments, Ayutthaya, to the airport
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