
Kick-off Meeting

Solutions and Opportunities in managing water Storage to reduce transboundary water-related disaster risks and to address multiple water demands (SOS)

24-25 July 2024

**Venue: MJ The Majestic Hotel,
Sakon Nakhon Province, Thailand**

Objectives

- **Introduce the SOS project:** Present the design of the SOS project, including the objective, scope, activities, expected outputs and outcomes, and work plan.
- **Understand regional and community priorities:** Gain insights into the regional and community needs for managing and operating water storage systems.
- **Promote gender equality and inclusivity:** Develop a comprehensive understanding of gender equality, disability, and social inclusion within water storage management practices.

Mode of meeting: Onsite meeting

On-site meeting: MJ The Majestic Hotel, Sakhon Nakhon Province, Thailand

Participants: 70~80 participants from key agencies and boundary partners from Thailand and Lao PDR, including :

- Policymakers
- Government officers (Water, Energy, Agriculture sectors at Provincial and National level)
- Dam operators
- Academic institutes/ Researchers
- Local Community representatives
- Local CSO representatives
- Disability and Women's Unions/Associates
- Media representatives

Tentative Agenda

Day 0: Tuesday 23 July 2024

- International Travel from the Lao PDR to Bangkok, Thailand
- Local Travel from Bangkok to Sakhon Nakhon Province
- Hotel check-in
- Flagship Team Dinner

Day 1: Wednesday, 24 July 2024, Kick-off Meeting

Master of Ceremony- Dr Thanapon Piman, Senior Research Fellow, SEI-Asia

Time	Activities	Facilitator/speakers
8.30-9.00	Registration	Unchulee (SEI) /Parichat Pinsri (SEI)
9:00-9:20 (20 mins)	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sakhon Nakhon Province Vice-Governor Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) 	TBC - Dr Chayanis Krittasudthacheewa, MTT Programme Lead and Deputy Director, SEI Asia
9:20 -9:40 (20 mins)	Kick-off meeting objectives and agenda Introduction to Mekong Thought Leadership and Think Tanks Network (MTT) programme	- Dr Thanapon Piman, Water Cluster Lead, SEI - Dr Chayanis Krittasudthacheewa, MTT Programme Lead and Deputy Director, SEI
9:35-9:50 (15 mins)	Icebreaker	Engagement activity- guiding questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Which group do you represent (Govt/media/academia/KBPIO/CSO/Boundary partner) Where are you from? (Lao PDR/Thailand) Introduce yourself to the person on your left and right What are your expectations from the meeting today?
9:50-10:30 (40 mins)	Session 1: Setting the scene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Regional Context on Water Storage Management in Mekong Basin- Priorities and Challenges</i> <i>Community-based water storage management in Nong Han, Thailand</i> <i>Data sharing and monitoring on hydropower operation in Lao PDR</i> 	- Dr Peeti Ngamprapasom, Sustainable Hydropower Specialist, Mekong River Commission - Nipon Muanmuang, Basin Development Sustainable Promote Association - Lamphone Dimanivong, Head of Division, Electrical Generation Planning Division, Department of Energy Policy and Planning
10:30-10:45 (15 mins)	Coffee break	
10:45-11:15 (30 mins)	Session 2: Introduction of the SOS project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Overview 	- Dr Ridhi Saluja, Project Co-lead, Research Fellow, SEI-Asia
11:15 -12:00 (45 mins)	<i>Feedback on project design and needs from the ground</i>	- All
12:00-13:00	Lunch	
13:00 – 14:00 (60 mins)	Session 3: Mapping benefits/demands of water storage (both natural and man-made) Group work: to discuss existing and potential benefits of water storage in study areas for multi-demand and transboundary flood and drought risk reduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thailand (Nam Kam and Nam Songkhram) Lao (Nam Thuen and Xe Bangfi) 	- Dr. Yanyong Inmuong, Mahasarakham University (MSU), Thailand - Dr. Phoummixay Siharath, National University of Laos (NUOL), Lao PDR
14:00-14:30 (30 mins)	Group report back	

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14:30-14:45 (15 mins)	Coffee Break	
14:45-15:45 (60 mins)	<p>Session 4: Integration of Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) for water storage management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concept of GEDSI and inclusive approach in the programme (10 mins) - Mainstreaming Gender in natural resources management and climate change adaptation in Lao PDR (10 mins) <p>Group work: Mapping key stakeholders in Thailand and Lao PDR for the project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thailand (Nam Kam and Nam Songkhram) - Lao (Nam Thuen and Xe Bangfi) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Jeeranuch Sakkhamduang, TEI, Thailand - Assist Prof. Oulavanh Sinsamphanh, National University of Laos (NUOL), Lao PDR - Sizwile Khosa, Gender Expert, SEI Asia - Dr. Ninphaseuth Xayaphonesy, Department of Women in Development, Lao Women's Union
15:45- 16:15 (30 mins)	Group report back	
16:15-16:25 (10 mins)	Key takeaways and next steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Thanapon Piman, Senior Research Fellow, SEI-Asia
16:25-16:30 (5 mins)	Closing remark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Chayanis Krittasudthacheewa, MTT Programme Lead and Deputy Director, SEI Asia
17:30- 20.00 (150 mins)	Dinner	

Day 2: Thursday 25 July 2024, Field Visit

Time	Activities	Facilitator/speakers
7:30-8:00 (30 mins)	Check-out from Hotel	Unchulee Lualon, Programme Coordinator, SEI Asia
8:00-9:30 (90 mins)	Travel from the hotel to the field site	
9:30-12:30 (180 mins)	<p>Field visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nam Pung Hydropower Storage ▪ Flood Operation Gate ▪ Nong Han Lake and Agro tourism community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EGAT - Village head - Nipon Muanmuang, Basin Development Sustainable Promote Association

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12.30-14.00 (90 mins)	Lunch at Restaurant (TBC)	
14:00-15:00	Travel back to the Airport/Bangkok/Vientiane	