



## SUMERNET Lancang-Mekong Policy Forum 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### Moderators



**Dr. Chayanis  
Krittasudthacheewa**  
SUMERNET Programme  
Director

SEI Asia Deputy Director

Dr. Chayanis Krittasudthacheewa is a Programme Director of SUMERNET and also a Deputy Director for SEI Asia in Bangkok. She has been working in the Mekong Region for more than 20 years and has extensive experience in leading multicountry projects across several research disciplines combined with policy engagement.

Since 2011 she has been managing and currently serving as the Director of Sustainable Mekong Research Network (SUMERNET, a regional research network of 390 members delivering credible research to influence sustainable development policy in the Mekong Region. She previously worked at the Mekong River Commission (MRC) to manage the hydro-meteorological database, conduct the hydrological studies and build relevant capacities of national line agencies and as a water resources engineer for a number of consulting firms in Thailand.

She holds a Ph.D. in Hydrology and Water Resources Engineering from the University of Tokyo, Japan with two distinguished prizes.



**Prof. Dr. Chantana  
(Banpasirichote)  
Wungaeo**  
SUMERNET Steering  
Committee Co-Chair

Chantana Banpasirichote Wungaeo is a retired professor of political science from Chulalongkorn University, serving as a Co-Chair of SUMERNET Steering Committee. She is a member of the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies at Chulalongkorn University.

Her research interests have been multiple subjects covering peace and conflict studies, social movements and nonviolence, development and political crisis, and sustainability transition.

On-going research networks are on Strategic Non-violence Working Group supported by Thailand Science Research and Innovation- TSRI, and international research network on Creating Safer Space: Strengthening Unarmed Civilian Protection supported by Arts & Humanities Research Council, UK.



**Dr. Leonie Pearson**  
SUMERNET Research  
Coordinator

SEI Asia Senior Research Fellow  
(Water).

Leonie Pearson is SUMERNET's Coordinator for research for policy and practice, as well as Senior Research Fellow (Water) for SEI Asia. Her work is focused on securing vulnerable people's access and rights to water through high impact research for the SEI SUMERNET programme. She has worked for more than two decades at the intersection of sustainability research, public policy and collaborative engagement. As a world-renowned ecological economist, she has delivered innovative knowledge to governments, on-ground policy change and over 150 articles and papers with keynote addresses. Her expertise is in sustainable development, landscape water management, livelihood policy, integrated assessment urban-rural and the knowledge-practice nexus.

Leonie has a PhD in Applied Economics from the University of Queensland in Australia and a BSc (Hons) in Economic Geography from the University of New South Wales, Australia. She also a Diploma in Corporate Governance from the Australian Institute of Company Directors and certificates in Tertiary Education from the University of Queensland and Development Economics, Policy and Practice, from the World Bank.



**Ms. May Thazin Aung**  
SUMERNET Multi-stakeholder  
Engagement Coordinator

SEI Asia Research Fellow  
(Policy).

May Thazin Aung works on SUMERNET's Policy Engagement and is a Research Fellow with SEI Asia working on policy analysis and stakeholder engagement.

May works closely with government agencies and civil society in Southeast Asia to promote evidence-based decision-making for sustainability in the region.



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### Opening and Closing Sessions



#### **Dr. Surasri Kidtimonton**

Secretary-General, Office of National Water Resources (ONWR), Thailand

Surasri Kidtimonton is the Secretary-General of the Office of National Water Resources (ONWR), Thailand. Within his role, Surasri lead the development of Strategic planning for River Basin development for flood and drought mitigation and irrigation development in Thailand.

Prior to the current position Surasri was the Director-General of Department of Royal Rainmaking and Agricultural Aviation. He holds a PhD on Engineering and Agricultural Technology.



#### **Dr. Eren Zink**

Senior Programme Manager, Embassy of Sweden in Bangkok, Development Cooperation Section – Regional Asia and the Pacific.

Eren Zink (PhD, Uppsala University) is Senior Research Advisor in the Development Cooperation Section of the Embassy of Sweden in Bangkok, where he coordinates Sweden's regional development research cooperation.

During 2017-2019 he was Research Advisor at Sida's Unit for Research Cooperation in Stockholm. Prior to joining Sida, Dr. Zink was Senior Researcher and Lecturer at the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology at Uppsala University.

His research focuses on the relationships between local scientific knowledge production, international development cooperation and national policy-making related to climate/environment/health.

He has carried out research in Viet Nam, Uganda and Ghana, and is the author of Hot Science, High Water: Assembling Nature, Society and Environmental Policy in Contemporary Vietnam (NIAS Press 2013).



## Ms. Hap Navy

SUMERNET Steering Committee Chair; Deputy Director, Inland Fisheries Research and Development Institute (IFReDI), Fisheries Administration, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Cambodia

Hap Navy is the Chair of the SUMERNET Steering committee. She is currently the Deputy Director of Inland Fisheries Research and Development Institute (IFReDI), Fisheries Administration, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. She has extensive experience on fisheries, agriculture, value chain and natural resource management.

She worked in a number of projects as Socio-economist/Resource economist, Social Development and Gender and Livelihood Analysis Specialist with difference organization/institution including the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), CamConsult/Ministry of Tourism, KCC/Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology, Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction, etc. She s.

Navy holds a Master's Degree in Agricultural and Natural Resource Economics and Management from University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB), the Philippines.



## Dr. Louis Lebel

SUMERNET Steering Committee Co-Chair (Thailand); Director, Unit for Social and Environmental Research (USER), Chiang Mai University, Thailand.

Louis Lebel has been with Chiang Mai University since 1999 and began working in Thailand in 1991. He has on-going research interests and a range of publications spanning ecology, epidemiology and public health, political science and environmental governance. He helps lead and coordinate the Mekong Program on Water, Environment and Resilience (M-POWER) a network of some 30 organizations committed to improving livelihood security, human and ecosystem health in the Mekong Region through democratizing water governance.

He has contributed to several of the international global environmental change research programs over the past 15 years. Currently he heads Unit for Social and Environmental Research (USER) based at Chiang Mai University as Director and serves as SUMERNET Steering Committee Co-Chair.



## Dr. Bach Tan Sinh

SUMERNET Steering Committee Co-Chair; Associate Partner, Viet Insight, Vietnam.

Dr. Bach Tan Sinh is currently Associate Partner of Viet Insight. He received his Ph.D. in Social Environmental Science from Alborg University, Denmark, Master of Science and Technology Policy from Research Policy Institute, University of Lund, Sweden, and B.Sc. in Precision Mechanical Engineering from Ilmenau Technical University, Germany in 1998, 1993, and 1985 respectively.

Dr. Sinh was a post-doctoral Fulbright Scholar at the University of California, Berkeley, USA during 1999-2000 and a visiting lecturer and scholar at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University, the USA in 2011.

He is currently the co-chair of the Steering Committee for SUMERNET, and the founding member of Asialics Innovation Study Network since 2004.



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### Session 3: Understanding transboundary water policy priorities on water security for all in Lancang-Mekong Region under two frameworks of MRC and LMC Water Resource Cooperation



**Mr. Sophearin Chea**

Regional Water Policy Expert,  
Mekong River Commission Secretariat.

Sophearin Chea is Regional Water Policy Expert at the Mekong River Commission Secretariat. He manages and advises on the overall implementation of the five MRC Procedures.

For five years from 2010 to 2015, he was also with the MRC Secretariat as Program Officer for MRC's Procedures and Policies. He was Civil Society Coordinator and Expert on Social Accountability for the World Bank from 2015 to 2019. From 2002 to 2010, he worked at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia in-charge of bilateral cooperation between Cambodia and other ASEAN countries, and some sub-regional groupings namely CLV, CLMV and ACMECS.

He received his Bachelor of Law and a High-Ranking Civil Servant Diploma in Diplomacy in Cambodia, and a Master of International Affairs from Australian National University.



**Ms. Tong Yuchen**

Technical Support, Joint Working Group (JWG) on Water Resources Cooperation, Lancang-Mekong Water Resources Cooperation Center,  
P.R. China

Ms. Tong Yuchen was awarded Bachelor by Central South University in 2017, and graduated from Nankai University with Master of Engineering in 2020.

She devoted herself to research in environmental engineering in campus, following which she joined the Lancang-Mekong Water Resources Cooperation Center and started her career in the field of transboundary water cooperation.

She is now responsible for technical support to the Joint Working Group (JWG) on Water Resources Cooperation of LMC, coordination of project implementation, and engaged in organization of exchanging and training activities of the Center.



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### Session 4: Panel discussion to identify policy needs and opportunities for cooperation

#### Panel 1: Shifting policy priorities in water resources management in times of COVID19



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**Ms. Chawee  
Wongprasittiporn**

Expert on Strategy, Office of National Water Resources (ONWR), Thailand.

Chawee Wongprasittiporn is an Expert on Strategy at the Office of National Water Resources (ONWR), Thailand.

Chawee has in overall 34 years of experience in water resource management. These experiences include strategic planning for River Basin development for flood and drought mitigation, and irrigation development in Thailand, Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in specific river basins, hydrodynamic and water quality modelling application, development of the 20 year National Water Resources Master Plan of Thailand, strategic planning for climate change adaptation measures in Mun River Basin, a Mekong Tributary.

She holds Masters degree in Water Resource Engineering and a bachelor in Irrigation Engineering.



## **Ms. Xu Jing**

Deputy Director, International Economic and Technical Cooperation and Exchange Center, Ministry of Water Resources, P. R. China.

Since July 2004, Xu Jing worked in the Department of International Cooperation, Science and Technology, MWR, P. R. China, and was appointed Deputy Division Chief in 2015 and Division Chief in 2017.

From September 2006 to September 2007, Xu Jing worked in the Water Resources Protection Bureau of the Yellow River Conservancy Commission.

In March 2021, Xu Jing was appointed Deputy Director of International Economic and Technical Cooperation and Exchange Center, MWR, P. R. China.

She obtained Master's degree from the Australian National University.



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He received his Bachelor of Law and a High-Ranking Civil Servant Diploma in Diplomacy in Cambodia, and a Master of International Affairs from Australian National University.



## **Dr. Le Thi Van Hue**

SUMERNET Gender Advisor, Senior Researcher, Central Institute for Natural and Environmental Studies (CRES), Vietnam National University, Hanoi, Vietnam.

Dr. Hue Le is senior researcher and lecturer from the Central Institute for Natural Resources and Environmental Studies (CRES), Vietnam National University, Hanoi.

Dr. Le's research focuses on livelihoods, resilience, ecosystem services and environmental management in mangrove social-ecological systems and the gendered, social, political, economic and biophysical drivers of vulnerability of people to climate-related water stresses in selected peri-urban and rural areas in Vietnam and their adaptive responses to these stresses.



Yanyong Inmuong finished his first degree in sanitary science from Mahidol University Bangkok Thailand. He also received his master and doctorate degrees in environmental studies from the University of Tasmania Australia.

Dr. Yanyong has been working on sustainable watershed management in Thailand and in Greater Mekong Sub-Region for more than 25 years. In recent years, he has devoted his time in doing research and development activities on climate change adaptation, with supports from the Mekong River Commission, Stockholm Environment Institute, and German International Cooperation.

## **Dr. Yanyong Inmuong**

Director, Research Center for  
Environment and Sustainability  
Faculty of Environment and Resources  
Studies, Mahasarakham University,  
Thailand.





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### Session 5: Water management through epidemics, political turmoil and development

#### Panel 2 (Parallel): Flood



#### **Dr. Truong Hong Tien**

Deputy Director General, Vietnam National Mekong Committee, Vietnam.

Truong Hong Tien was born on 10 November 1965, Vietnamese citizen. He obtained his Bachelor's degree in irrigation and drainage engineering from Moscow Water Resources University in 1989; Master's degree in water resources development from Asian Institute of Technology in 1996; Doctoral degree in civil engineering and environment from the Nagoya University (Japan) in 2000; and from 2001-2003, he conducted a postdoctoral study in Nagoya University in the field of soil and groundwater contamination and remediation.

Tien is currently working as Deputy Director General of Viet Nam National Mekong Committee (VNMC). Before joining with VNMC, he worked as Director of the Environmental Management Division of the Mekong River Commission's Secretariat from 2013-2018, Coordinator of the Regional Flood Management and Mitigation Programme (MRC Secretariat) from 2005-2009 and senior researcher at the Viet Nam National Institute for Agricultural Planning and Projection from 1991-2005. His experiences include integrated water resources management, basin development planning, trans-boundary impact assessment, flood risk management, water quality emergency management, and climate change adaptation



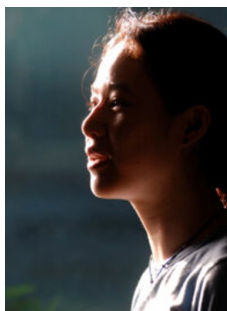
#### **Ms. Kaing Khim**

Deputy Director General of the Fisheries Administration (FiA), Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Cambodia.

Kaing Khim is the Deputy Director General of Fisheries Administration (FiA) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) of Cambodia and responsible for Community Fisheries management and gender.

She has 21 years' experiences in planning, monitoring and evaluation and management of the fisheries sector, with particular expertise in fisheries co-management through Community Fisheries management and development in Cambodia as the form of fisher rights based approach, including gender mainstreaming and the elimination of the worst forms of child labor in the fisheries sector and transboundary fisheries co-management between bordering countries.

Khim got a Bachelor degree on Fisheries Science in 1994 from Royal University of Agriculture in Cambodia, Master's degree on Rural and Regional Development Planning in the program of Rural Development, Gender and Resources (RDGR) from Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) in Thailand.



## **Ms. Piyaporn Wongruang**

Founder/Editor,  
Bangkok Tribune Online News Agency

Piyaporn Wongruang is founder and editor of Bangkok Tribune Online News Agency.



## **Ms. Fan Linlin**

Engineer, Agricultural Conservancy  
Department, Changjiang River  
Scientific Research Institute (CRSRI),  
China.

Fan Linlin is currently an engineer of Agricultural Conservancy Department, Changjiang River Scientific Research Institute, China.

Her work mainly focuses on the characteristics of flood-drought situation in rural areas of Yangtze River Basin under climate change. She also concerns about the rural water supply management technology and application under the rural revitalization strategy.

She has participated in the Lancang-Mekong Special Cooperation Fund project called “Lancang-Mekong Countries rural water supply safety guarantee technology and demonstration”, and is now working with Cambodia to solve the rural drinking water problems.



## **Dr. Seree Supratid**

Director, Climate Change and Disaster  
Centre, Rangsit University, Thailand.

Seree Supratid is Thailand's leading disaster expert and flood analyst and played an active role in response to the flooding in Thailand in 2011. He also contributes to the 2015-2016 extreme droughts in Thailand. He is also a board member of the National Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Committee and has been participating in the government's Strategic Planning Group on Water Resources Management and Asia & Pacific Planning group on Hazard and Disaster of ICSU since 2005.

In 2010-2012 and 2018-present, he was appointed as Lead Author of SREX “Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters to Advance Climate Change Adaptation” and Assessment Report 6 (AR6), IPCC(WG2).

Prior to this he was the Managing Director of the Sirindhorn International Environmental Park and the Governor of Provincial Water Works Authority of Thailand.



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### Session 5: Water management through epidemics, political turmoil and development

#### Panel 3 (Parallel): Drought



**Dr. Li Hao**

Professor, Trans-boundary River Management, Hubei Economics University, P.R. China.

Li Hao is Professor in Trans-boundary River Management at Hubei Economics University. He has a background in water resources management and holds a PhD from the Chinese Academy of Science, Beijing, China in 2008.

From 2011 to 2014, He participated two phases of Post-doctor Research programme on adaptation to Climate Change in Mekong River Basin at UNESCO-IHE, the Netherlands. He previously also worked as department director for Lancang-Mekong Water Resources Cooperation Center and Changjiang River Scientific Research institute.

He has led various large projects funded by Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Special Fund, China-ASEAN Maritime Cooperation Fund



**Mr. Ix Hour**

Technical Expert on Drought Management and Mitigation, Mekong River Commission Secretariat.

Ix has been working for the Mekong River Commission Secretariat for 12 years. He started his career with MRCS as a Regional Drought Management Expert in 2010, then a Programme Coordinator of the Drought Management Programme from 2012 to 2016, and the Technical Expert on Drought Management and Mitigation from 2017 to present.

He completed his master's degree in 2007 from Kyushu University, Japan, in the field of Environmental Science. He was specializing in surface runoff modeling using GIS and Remote Sensing and water quality for agriculture irrigation.



## **Dr. Surin Worakijthamrong**

Director, Bureau of Groundwater Development, Department of Groundwater Resources, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand.

Surin Worakijthamrong is the Director of Bureau of Groundwater Development, Department of Groundwater Resources, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand. He has over 20 years of experience in water resource management, especially groundwater resources development and management.

Surin's interests are on the topics such as numerical groundwater modeling, Integrated Water Resource Management, and groundwater management and development.

He holds a Ph.D. in Water Resources Engineering and Management, Department of Civil Engineering, The University of Bristol, Bristol, United Kingdom and an M.Sc. from the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, The University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia specialising on groundwater management.



## **Dr. Lam Vu Thanh Noi**

Vice Manager, Training & International Cooperation Department, Southern Institute of Water Resources Research, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

Lam Noi is Senior Researcher of SIWRR. She has 20 years of experience in water resources management, integrated risk assessment for water sector.

Currently, Dr. Lam is the PI of a SUMERNET 4 All project with the title "Integrated assessment of domestic water accessibility for vulnerable communities in the Lower Mekong Basin", the leader of some research projects at SIWRR that focus on rural water supply, climate change risk assessment and adaptation for water resources management. She has involved in several projects funded by international donors and organizations such including SIDA, BMUB, World Bank, ADB, AIT.



## **Ms. Chau Thi Minh Long**

Vice Head of Agricultural Systems Division, Western Highlands Agriculture and Forestry Science Institute (WASI), Vietnam.

Long Chau is a senior researcher, Vice Head of Agricultural Systems Division at the Western Highlands Agriculture and Forestry Science Institute (WASI) in Vietnam.

She has been working for a long time in Agriculture and Rural Development in the Central Highlands of Vietnam. She also has worked with SUMERNET as a research fellow under M-POWER program. She is a partner leader of VOICE project and a SUMERNET SC member as well.

Long Chau is very interested in working to enhance farmers livelihoods while protecting natural resources in the Mekong region to contribute to the sustainable development.