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## Appendix 1 – Meeting agenda

# 26th Annual Meeting of the Greater Mekong Subregion Working Group on Environment (GMS WGE AM26)

26-28 October 2022 (in-person and online)  
Holiday Inn Bangkok Sukhumvit  
Bangkok, Thailand

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## AGENDA

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### Background

To support the implementation of the Strategic Framework and Action Plan, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a technical assistance (TA) entitled the GMS Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Program (CCESP). This is the third and current phase of the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Core Environment Program (CEP), covering 2020–2025. CCESP consists of six priority themes, which were identified during the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the GMS Working Group on Environment (WGE AM-24), held in April 2019 in Kunming, People's Republic of China (PRC). The TA will help GMS countries implement nationally determined contributions under the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially SDG 2, SDG 5, and SDG 13. Through enhancing capacities and enabling policies, demonstrating innovative activities, and catalyzing private sector opportunities, the TA will help develop climate-friendly projects in the GMS regional investment framework (RIF) and help the GMS realize its overarching vision of an integrated, prosperous, and equitable subregion.

The CCESP Program targets three outputs, each covering two themes:

- (i) Climate and disaster resilience enhanced (Theme 1), and low carbon transitions facilitated (Theme 2)
- (ii) Climate-smart landscapes promoted (Theme 3), and environmental quality enhanced (Theme 4)
- (iii) Green technologies (Theme 5) and financing instruments demonstrated (Theme 6)

The TA is aligned with the following impact: climate compatibility and environmental sustainability of economic growth in the GMS improved, and the following outcome: climate resilience, green growth, and environmental quality in the GMS enhanced. Three key groups of activities are planned uniformly across each of the six themes: (i) policy dialogues, (ii) capacity building, and (iii) pilot demonstrations.

In support of realizing the intentions and outcomes of the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15), held in 2021 in Kunming PRC, and the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) held in 2021 in Glasgow, the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the GMS Working Group on Environment (WGE AM 26) will specifically focus on CCESP Theme 1: Building climate and disaster resilience and Theme 3: Promoting climate-smart landscapes.

The 26<sup>th</sup> GMS WGE Annual Meeting will discuss key challenges and possible solutions for the region in the light of the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15) and the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) and in preparation on their pathway to the upcoming COP27 and COP15 in 2022. Day 1 will focus on Theme 1 building climate and disaster resilience by focusing on climate risks, challenges and possible solutions in the light of the themes identified at COP26 to tackle the root causes of climate vulnerability. Day 2 will focus on Theme 3 promoting Climate-smart Landscapes (CSL), how climate change and biodiversity loss can be addressed, and how local livelihoods can improve as a result of these measures. There will be a short field visit on Day 3.

### **WGE AM26 Objectives**

1. To share national priorities and strategies of the GMS countries to build climate resilience and strengthen biodiversity conservation
2. To examine challenges and opportunities in the light of the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15) and the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) for the GMS
3. To explore solutions to build climate and disaster resilience and strengthen biodiversity conservation in the GMS on their pathway to the upcoming COP27 and COP15 in 2022
4. To discuss national and subregional climate resilience and post-2020 biodiversity conservation frameworks and actions in the GMS in the context of COPs, COVID-19 and the GMS RIF
5. To agree upon priority actions for regional cooperation under the CCESP to improve climate and disaster resilience, and biodiversity conservation in the GMS

### **WGE AM – 26 Expected Output**

1. Better GMS regional understanding of the national and subregional climate resilience and biodiversity conservation frameworks and national priorities and strategies of the GMS countries to build climate resilience and strengthen biodiversity conservation
2. Challenges, opportunities and solutions identified to build climate and disaster resilience and strengthen biodiversity conservation in the GMS on their pathway to the upcoming COP27 and COP15 in 2022
3. GMS WGE Annual Meeting Summary Statement with priority actions for regional collaboration

### **Target Participants**

- GMS WGE representatives
- Representatives from GMS agencies for climate change adaptation and biodiversity conservation
- Academic institutions
- Relevant private sector
- Development partners
- ADB staff
- TA9915 Consultant team

## Tentative Agenda

### Day 1 – Wednesday 26 October 2022

07:30 – 08:30	<b>Registration</b>
08:30 – 09:00	<p><b>Opening remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Thalearngsak Petchsuwan, Deputy Permanent Secretary Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand</li> <li>Dr. Jiangfeng Zhang, Director, Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Division (SEER), Southeast Asia Department (SERD), ADB</li> </ul> <p><b>Welcome and introduction to agenda of the WGE annual meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Jens Christian Riise, TA-9915 Co-Team Leader, Capacity Building Specialist, Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Specialist, and Facilitator</li> </ul>
09:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Theme 1 Session 1: National priorities and strategies to build climate and disaster resilience in the GMS towards the upcoming COP27</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator: Dr. Jiangfeng Zhang, Director, SEER, ADB</b></p> <p><b>Presentations by GMS WGE and country representatives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Leang Sophal, Chief of Office, Ministry of Environment (MoE), Cambodia</li> <li>Mr. Zeyu Zhou, Senior Program Officer, Department of Climate Change, Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE), PRC</li> <li>Mr. Malabou Baylatry, Deputy Director, Department of Climate Change, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE), Lao PDR</li> <li>Ms. Rosalind Amornpitakpun, Director of Climate Measure and Mechanism Development Section, Office of Natural Resources and Environment Policy and Planning (ONEP), Thailand</li> <li>Ms. Dao Minh Khue, Official, Department of Climate Change, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Viet Nam</li> </ul>
10:30 – 10:45	<b>Tea and Coffee Break and Photo</b>
10:45 - 12:00	<p><b>Theme 1 Session 2: Climate and disaster resilience, challenges, and priority actions in the GMS</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator: Dr. Albert Salamanca, Senior Research Fellow, Stockholm Environment Institute, Bangkok</b></p> <p><b>Keynote</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Xi Jiao, TA-9915 Thematic Lead Building Climate and Disaster Resilience and Co-Team Leader</li> <li>Dr. Albert Salamanca, Senior Research Fellow, Stockholm Environment Institute on Loss and Damage</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Zhaohui Qian, Senior Program Officer, Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center, Ministry of Ecology and Environment, PRC</li> <li>Mr. Manish Tewani, Global Response Lead for the American Red Cross/ International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies</li> <li>Ms. Katuscia Fara, Senior Regional Climate and Disaster Risk Reduction Advisor, World Food Programme</li> </ul>
12:00 – 13:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>
13:00 – 14:15	<b>Theme 1 Session 3: Mainstreaming climate and disaster resilience development, and establishing multi-stakeholder partnership mechanism in the GMS</b>

	<p><b>Facilitator: Mr. Dao Xuan Lai, Head of Climate Change and Environment Unit, UNDP, Viet Nam</b></p> <p><b>Keynote</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Sok Ty, TA-9915 National Adaptation Planning Specialist</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Leang Sophal, Chief of Office, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia</li> <li>• Mr. Malabou Baylatry, Deputy Director, Department of Climate Change, MONRE, Lao PDR</li> <li>• Mr. Akhteruzzaman Sano, Team Leader, Save the Earth</li> <li>• Dr. Laurent Umans, Climate Change Expert, Former First Secretary Water Management and Climate Change, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Vietnam</li> </ul>
14:15 – 15:30	<p><b>Theme 1 Session 4: Enhancing community-based adaptation (CBA) and disaster risk management, and harnessing ecosystem-based adaptation (EBA) and natural-based solutions in the GMS</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator: Mr. Kevin Jeanes, Chief Technical Advisor, FAO, Lao PDR</b></p> <p><b>Keynote</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Noel Puno, TA-9915 Community-based CCA and DRM Specialist on CBA</li> <li>• Mr. Kevin Jeanes, Chief Technical Advisor, FAO, Lao PDR on EBA</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Ouk Navann, Deputy Director General, General Directorate of Local Community, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia</li> <li>• Ms. Mayfourth Luneta, Deputy Executive Director, Center for Disaster Preparedness Foundation Inc.</li> <li>• Dr. Niladri Gupta, Senior Water Resources Management Specialist, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center</li> <li>• Dr. Duong Nong, Lecturer, Vietnam National University of Agriculture</li> </ul>
15:30 – 15:45	<b>Tea and Coffee Break</b>
15:45 – 17:00	<p><b>Theme 1 Session 5: Identifying adaptation finance needs and gaps, and employing innovative financing instruments in the GMS</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator: Dr. Srinivasan Ancha, Principal Climate Change Specialist, ADB</b></p> <p><b>Keynote</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Ornsaran Pomme Manuamorn, Climate and Sustainable Finance Expert, World Bank, Climate Bonds Initiative, and Fiscal Policy Research Institute</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Nakhalin Vorasarn, Deputy Director, Department of Planning and Finance, MONRE, Lao PDR.</li> <li>• Ms. Ying Zhou, Senior Program Officer, Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center, Ministry of Ecology and Environment, PRC</li> <li>• Dr. Nguyen Phuong Nam, Founder Climate Innovation Consulting and Services, Klinova JSC.</li> <li>• Dr. Kamal Ahmed, Institutional Lead, Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center</li> </ul>
17:00 – 17:15	<b>Day 1 conclusion</b>
18:00	<b>Dinner co-hosted by WGE Thailand (MONRE)</b>

## Day 2 – Thursday 27 October 2022

08:30 – 09:00	<b>Registration</b>
09:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Theme 3 Session 1: National priorities and strategies for biodiversity conservation and post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework in the GMS towards the upcoming COP15</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator: Dr. Srinivasan Ancha, Principal Climate Change Specialist, ADB</b></p> <p><b>Presentations by GMS WGE and country representatives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Sam Oeurn Sothy Roth, Chief of Ex-situ Conservation Office, Department of Biodiversity, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia</li> <li>• Ms. Jing Guan, Senior Program Officer, Department of Nature and Ecology Conservation, Ministry of Ecology and Environment, PRC</li> <li>• Mr. Theverack Phonekeo, Deputy Director General of Department of Environment, MONRE, Lao PDR</li> <li>• Ms. Benchamaporn Wattanatongchai, Environmentalist, Senior Professional Level, Office of Natural Resources and Environment Policy and Planning (ONEP), Thailand</li> <li>• Ms. Ta Thi Kieu Anh, Official, Viet Nam Environment Administration, Viet Nam</li> </ul>
10:30 – 10:45	<b>Tea and Coffee Break and Photo</b>
10:45 – 12:00	<p><b>Theme 3 Session 2: Biodiversity conservation and post-2020 global biodiversity framework, challenges and priority actions in the GMS</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator: Mr. Jake Brunner, Head of Indo-Burma Group, The International Union for Conservation of Nature</b></p> <p><b>Keynote</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Anouxay Phommalath, Land Use Planning and Spatial Analysis Specialist, and Dr. Eilyn Kathalina Damayanti, TA-9915 Thematic Lead and Landscape Management and REDD+ Specialist</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Hexiao Chen, Deputy Director, Guangxi Environmental Protection International Cooperation and Exchange Center, PRC</li> <li>• Ms. Regan Pairojmahakij, Senior Programme Officer, RECOFTC, Thailand</li> <li>• Dr. Beria Leimona, Senior Expert Landscape Governance and Investment Principal Investigator, World Agroforestry (ICRAF)</li> </ul>
12:00-13:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>
13:00 – 14:15	<p><b>Theme 3 Session 3: Employing ecosystem-based approaches and natural-based solutions to contribute to mitigation and adaptation to climate change in the GMS</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator: Dr. David Ganz, Executive Director, RECOFTC</b></p> <p><b>Keynote</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Michael Victor Galante, Director, Climate Forestry and Secretary-General, The Alliance for Responsible Forest Management</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Sam Oeurn Sothyroth, Chief of Ex-situ Conservation Office, Department of Biodiversity, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia</li> <li>• Mr. Raphael Glemet, Senior Programme Officer, Water, Wetlands and Nature-Based Solutions, The International Union for Conservation of Nature</li> <li>• Mr. Michal Zrust, Co-Founder and CEO, Lestari Capital</li> </ul>



14:15 – 15:30	<p><b>Theme 3 Session 4: Mobilizing effective financial resources, and leveraging private finance, taking into account national biodiversity finance planning in the GMS</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator: Dr. Srinivasan Ancha, Principal Climate Change Specialist, ADB</b></p> <p><b>Keynote</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Jiayi Xu, Programmes Director, Greenovation Hub, and Ms. Yunwen Bai, Director of Financing Nature Based Solutions Centre, Institute of Finance and Sustainability/Senior Researcher, Greenovation Hub, China</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Nakhalin Vorasarn, Deputy Director, Department of Planning and Finance, MONRE, Lao PDR</li> <li>• Dr. Yang Bai, Researcher, Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden, Chinese Academy of Sciences, PRC</li> <li>• Mr. Michal Zrust, Co-Founder and CEO, Lestari Capital</li> <li>• Ms. Niran Nirannoot, Project Manager, BIOFIN Thailand: The Biodiversity Finance Initiative, United Nations Development Programme</li> </ul>
15:30 – 15:45	<p><b>Tea and Coffee Break</b></p>
15:45 – 17:00	<p><b>Discussion priority actions for regional cooperation under the CCESP to improve climate and disaster resilience, and biodiversity conservation in the GMS towards COP15 and COP27</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator: Dr. Srinivasan Ancha, Principal Climate Change Specialist, ADB</b></p>
17:00 – 17:15	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Srinivasan Ancha, Principal Climate Change Specialist, ADB</li> </ul>
18:00	<p><b>Dinner co-hosted by ADB</b></p>

**Day 3 – Friday 28 October 2022**

08:30 – 09:00	<b>Registration</b>
9:00 – 11:30	<p><b>CCESP recap and way forward (for WGE)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Jens Christian Riise, TA-9915 Co-Team Leader, Capacity Building Specialist, Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Specialist, and Facilitator</li> <li>• TA-9915 Thematic Leads</li> </ul> <p><b>Feedback and expectations by GMS WGE representatives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Loeung Kesaro, Deputy Director General, General Directorate of Protected Areas, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia</li> <li>• Mr. Jun Zhou, Director, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Ecology and Environment, PRC</li> <li>• Mr. Theverack Phonekeo, Deputy Director General of Department of Environment, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Lao PDR</li> <li>• Ms. Narumol Oris, Environmentalist, Senior Professional Level, Foreign Affairs Division, Office of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand</li> <li>• Dr. Kim Thi Thuy Ngoc, Director of Science Technology and International Cooperation Department, Institute of Strategy, Policy on Natural Resources and Environment, ISPONRE, Viet Nam</li> </ul>
8:00 – 12:00	<b>Field Visit to Wastevegetable rooftop farm including presentation, Q&amp;A, and discussions</b>

## Appendix 2 – Profiles of Facilitators, Keynote Speakers and Panelists

### **Mr. Leang Sophal, Chief of Office, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia**

Mr. Leang Sophal is the head of GHG Inventory and Mitigation Office, Department of Climate Change, General Directorate of Policy and Strategy, Ministry of Environment. He has participated in the GHG Inventory Office and has been involved with GHG Inventory since 2011. He has also been responsible for national communication, first biennial update report, intended Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), NDC roadmap, updated NDC and long-term strategy for carbon neutrality to respond to climate change at global, regional, national, and sub-national level. Mr. Leang leads the implementation of the national sub-working group of GHG Inventory and other necessary tasks within the department.

### **Mr. Zeyu Zhou, Senior Program Officer, Department of Climate Change, Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE), PRC**

Mr. Zhou Zeyu, is an Associate Senior Researcher of the China's National Center for Strategic Research and International Cooperation on Climate Change. He is engaged in research on international cooperation in climate change adaptation and has participated in the preparation of the National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2035. He has published more than 20 papers in domestic and foreign academic journals and jointly published one academic monograph. Since 2017, he has assisted the Chinese government in organizing and participating in major international conferences such as the conference of the UNFCCC. Members of the Chinese government delegation have participated in the UN climate change negotiations several times and -are mainly responsible for issues related to adaptation to climate change.

### **Ms. Rosalind Amornpitakpun, Director of Climate Measure and Mechanism Development Section, Office of Natural Resources and Environment Policy and Planning (ONEP), Thailand**

### **Ms. Dao Minh Khue, Official, Department of Climate Change, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Viet Nam**

Ms. Dao Minh Khue is currently an officer of the Climate change Adaptation Division, Department of Climate Change, at Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment in Viet Nam. She graduated with the Doctor of Philosophy in Sustainable Environmental Sciences, from the Graduate School of Life and Environment Sciences, University of Tsukuba, Japan. She has experience in climate change adaptation, environmental economics, solid waste management, water management, energy, carbon market, and the application of geographic information systems. She published an article on Unlocking the Energy Recovery Potential from Sustainable Management of Bio-Resources Based on GIS Analysis: Case Study in Hanoi, Viet Nam.

### **Dr. Albert Salamanca, Senior Research Fellow, Stockholm Environment Institute, Bangkok**

Albert is a Senior Research Fellow at the Stockholm Environment Institute's Asia Centre where he leads its climate change, disasters, and development cluster. Albert has over 20 years of experience working on climate change adaptation, natural resources management, conservation, development, and sustainable livelihoods issues in several countries in Southeast Asia. His current research interests are on the themes of resilience, risk and vulnerabilities, traditional ecological knowledge, mobility and spatial linkages, disaster displacement, and sustainable livelihoods. He

is a member of the UK GCRF Living Deltas Hub and the WIM Loss and Damage Expert Group on slow onset events. He also contributes to weADAPT, an adaptation portal. His co-edited volumes entitled "Climate Change, Disasters, and Internal Displacement in Asia and the Pacific" and "The Routledge Handbook of Global Development" were published recently. Mr. Albert previously led SEI's global initiative on transforming development and disaster risk, the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Knowledge Platform (AKP) and the Partnership in Governance Transition: the Bali Cultural Landscape. He has a PhD in Geography from Durham University (UK).

**Mr. Zhaohui Qian, Senior Program Officer, Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center, Ministry of Ecology and Environment, PRC**

Mr. Qian Zhaohui, is an Associate Researcher on ecological remote sensing with the Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China and Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Center, mainly responsible for the project's development, implementation and management of the regional sustainable infrastructure, Knowledge hub for south-south cooperation on climate change and Lancang-Mekong knowledge hub for low-carbon, green, sustainable infrastructure. He has extensive experience in policy research, project development and international cooperation in the Lancang-Mekong region.

**Mr. Manish Tewani, Global Response Lead for the American Red Cross/International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies**

Mr. Manish Tewani is the response lead, for the Asia Pacific region for the American Red Cross. He leads American Red Cross partnerships in the region with the International Red Cross Red Crescent network and other partners to support communities affected by disasters or likely to be affected by hazards. He has over 19 years' experience of leading disaster risk reduction, climate action, community resilience, institutional response readiness, disaster response, and programming in 12 countries of the Asia Pacific and Caribbean regions.

Most recently, Manish served as Country Representative for Myanmar, American Red Cross for six years. In Myanmar, he supported local organizations to strengthen community resilience as well as their institutional response readiness. He assisted the Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) in risk reduction and climate action programs in schools and communities and in responding to several emergencies including floods, population movement, COVID-19, among others.

An architect and environmental planner by training, Manish is passionate about strengthening local systems and capacities to ensure reduced or no impact from hazards and climate change affecting vulnerable communities.

**Ms. Katuscia Fara, Senior Regional Climate and Disaster Risk Reduction Advisor, World Food Programme**

Ms. Katuscia Fara is a Senior Climate and Disaster Risk Reduction Advisor with the World Food Programme Asia Pacific regional bureau, where she leads a small team focusing on climate, disaster risk reduction and resilience. A geographer by training, Katuscia has over 20 years of experience in climate and disaster risk management, sustainable development, and community-based adaptation. Key area of focus in her work are supporting countries to access climate finance, participatory approaches to develop tailored, context specific adaptation strategies, and translating scientific knowledge into action to empower vulnerable communities to adapt to climate variability and change.

**Mr. Dao Xuan Lai, Head of Climate Change and Environment Unit, UNDP, Viet Nam**

Mr. Dao Xuan Lai is the Assistant Resident Representative and Head of Climate Change and Environment, with UNDP in Viet Nam. Mr. Dao has been working in UNDP country offices in Bhutan, Indonesia, Myanmar, and Viet Nam, and has more than 25 years of experience in policy advocacy and policy formulation in the areas of climate change, disaster risk reduction, climate resilience, green growth, energy, circular economy, and environmental protection. He has engaged in mainstreaming climate, disaster, risks, and environment in development planning processes.

**Dr. Sok Ty, TA-9915 National Adaptation Planning Specialist**

Dr. Sok Ty is the National Adaptation Planning (NAP) Specialist under ADB TA 9915: Greater Mekong Subregion Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Program. Dr. Sok has been involved and (co-) leading a wide range of development and research projects for national and international agencies. He has expertise in disaster management, climate change policy and water resources in the Mekong region. Currently, he has been involved in climate change policy projects as a specialist and project coordinator. Dr. Sok has experience working with the World Bank, ActionAid, SEI, ADB, Ministry of Water Resources in Cambodia related to Climate change issues, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, SUMERNET/SEI, Integrated Water Resources Management Institute, People in Need, and AIMF/Phnom Penh Capital Administrative Cambodia.

**Mr. Malabou Baylatry, Deputy Director, Department of Climate Change, MONRE, Lao PDR**

Mr. Malabou Baylatry is currently Deputy Director Disaster Risk Reduction of the Department of Climate Change, Ministry of Natural Resource and Environment, in Lao PDR. He is also a member of the ASEAN Disaster Management community. He used to work for the GMS Division and Lao National Mekong Committee Secretariat. He has co-authored the studies “A Cost-Benefit Analysis of Ecotourism: A Case Study of Xe Pian National Protected Area, Champasak Province, Lao PDR” and “Valuing Environmental Services Using Contingent Valuation Method.”

**Mr. Akhteruzzaman Sano, Team Leader, Save the Earth**

Mr. Akhteruzzaman Sano is the Chair of the GEF CSO Network, working with GEF partners in 184 countries and 18 GEF agencies focusing on GEF policy architectures, programs, projects, and monitoring and evaluation. He has experience with the World Bank and ADB funded projects, and worked as a team leader, project manager, and gender mainstreaming, capacity building and climate change specialist for several projects. He has experience in conducting age and sex disaggregated comprehensive needs assessment focusing on climate, disaster and manmade caused risks; instrumentalizing multi-stakeholder dialogue platforms at country, regional and global levels; and facilitating dialogues at community, national, regional, and global levels with governments, MDBs, UN Agencies, CSOs, business chambers, and universities etc.,

**Dr. Laurent Umans, Climate Change Expert, Former First Secretary Water Management and Climate Change, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Vietnam**

Dr. Laurent Umans (1961) is an International Senior Advisor, expert and diplomat specialized in rural development and institutional development. During almost 30 years of experience, he built up a multi-disciplinary orientation covering biology, anthropology, forestry, and sociology. Dr. Laurent worked in The Netherlands, Asia, Latin America, and Africa. He developed great sensitivity to diversity and pluralism in the fields of gender and multi-cultural relations. His focus is on the facilitation of societal transformation with an emphasis on learning and sustainability. He effectively links academic work with policy and practice.

**Mr. Kevin Jeanes, Chief Technical Advisor, FAO, Lao PDR**

Mr. Kevin has a disciplinary background in landscape ecology, hydrology, and project implementation. His 41-year career focuses on natural resource and environmental management, food production systems, biodiversity conservation and institutional support under programs of development aid (FAO, UNOPS, GEF, World Bank and ADB; Japanese, Australian, Dutch, French, British and US Bilateral), research (CGIAR ICRAF), government direct (Australia, Zambia, Pakistan) and NGOs (Wetland International & FFI). Mr. Kevin's sectoral focus has been across water, land, forest, agriculture, livestock, and fisheries. His experience spans 19 countries with regional focus in South and Southeast Asia, Middle East, Africa, Europe, Australia, and Western Pacific. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in Natural Resource Management, a master's degree in Tropical Agriculture Development and PhD in Tropical Hydrology and Environmental Management.

**Mr. Noel Puno, TA-9915 Community-based CCA and DRM Specialist on CBA**

Mr. Noel has more than 20 years of experience in development work, disaster risk reduction and management, specifically specializing in community-based disaster risk reduction, recovery, and climate change adaptation. He has experience in various disaster contexts such as cyclones, volcanic eruptions, earthquake, tsunami, landslides, armed conflict/IDPs and urban disasters. Mr. Noel has worked and provided services to various organizations and governments including CARE, OXFAM, Red Cross, UNDP, World Bank, ADB, Government of Vietnam and the Philippines. His country experiences include the SEA Region including Philippines, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Vietnam. Other country experience includes Solomon Islands, Tonga, Bangladesh, Pakistan and DPR (North Korea). He has a BS Civil Engineering and Master's in Public Administration (on-going).

**Mr. Ouk Navann, Deputy Director General, General Directorate of Local Community, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia**

Mr. Ouk Navann is responsible for administrative work at the MoE and supporting the livelihood of people who live in or around Protected Areas. He worked for the UNEP-Adaptation Funds project as a National Project Coordinator, entitled Enhance Climate Change Resilience of Rural Community Living in Protected Areas to Adapt to the Impact of Climate Change. The project has utilized an Ecosystem-based Adaptation approach to build the resilience of rural Cambodian communities. In addition, he worked as a team leader for the mitigation sector for the First National Communication under the UNFCCC and was the team leader for the adaptation sector under the NAPA project supported by UNDP. He has a master's degree in Climate Change Science from the University of East Anglia, the United Kingdom.

**Ms. Mayfourth D. Luneta, Deputy Executive Director, Center for Disaster Preparedness Foundation Inc.**

Ms. Mayfourth has more than 20 years of experience in community-based disaster risk reduction. She is currently the Deputy Director of the Center for Disaster Preparedness Foundation. Her passion is working with communities with the aim of helping them improve their current situation through capacity development on CBDRRM and CCA. She has been involved in different DRR and humanitarian work at the local and regional levels. She is also the current head of the Adventist Community Services in Pasig, where she blended her DRR work and faith. She graduated from the University of the Philippines with a course in community development. She did her Master's in Public Health at the Adventist University of the Philippines.

**Dr. Niladri Gupta, Senior Water Resources Management Specialist, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center**

Dr. Niladri Gupta is a Water Resources Management professional, presently working as a Senior Water Resources Management Specialist at Asian Disaster Preparedness Center, Thailand focusing on climate change adaptation to build resilience of the water sector. He has more than 18 years of technical and research experience in the areas of geoinformatics, system dynamics and analysis, fluvial geomorphology, and integrated water resources management. His professional career started in India on several flagship programs of the Indian Space Research Organization and Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, and on land and water resources management as well as disaster risk reduction.

Dr. Nildari has experience in UK, South and Southeast Asia. He completed his PhD in Geoinformatics and Fluvial Geomorphology from University of Southampton, UK in 2012. He holds dual master's degree in Applied Geological Sciences from Jadavpur University, India and in Geoinformation and Earth Observation for Environmental Modelling and Management (GEM) as an EU Erasmus. He has several publications in international peer reviewed journals and has led international projects as part of the UKERI Research Grant as well as various multi-lateral donors.

**Dr. Duong Nong, Lecturer, Viet Nam National University of Agriculture**

Dr. Nong Huu Duong, is a lecturer at the Faculty of Natural Resources and Environment, Viet Nam National University of Agriculture (VNUA), where he focuses on forest resources management, GIS and remote sensing for resource manager, agroforestry, and natural resources management. In the past years, his research and projects have focused on land-use and land-cover change, forest resources management, sustainable agroforestry, and climate smart agriculture technologies and practices (CSA T&Ps). Currently, he is a key member of a joint project between VNUA and University of Ireland at Galway, funded by Irish Research Council (IRC) on “Resilience at the margins: Climate risk mapping and spatial decision support systems for strengthening the climate change resilience of the furthest behind in rural communities in Viet Nam”. Before joining VNUA, he worked as a GIS specialist at the East-West Center, Hawai'i, USA. He obtained his BSc in Social Forestry from Viet Nam Forestry University in 2004, an MSc in Natural Resources Management from the Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand in 2008, and a PhD in Natural Resources and Environmental Management from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, USA in 2015.

**Dr. Ornsaran Pomme Manuamorn, Climate and Sustainable Finance Expert, World Bank, Climate Bonds Initiative, and Fiscal Policy Research Institute**

Dr. Ornsaran Pomme Manuamorn is a climate change and sustainable finance expert based in Bangkok. She is currently a senior consultant to the World Bank, working on climate finance in South Asia, and to the Climate Bonds Initiative (CBI), promoting sustainable finance and Paris-aligned climate transition in ASEAN. Concurrently, she is also an advisor for Thailand's Fiscal Policy Research Institute (FPRI), working on a UNDP-financed project on an integrated financing framework for sustainable development goals (SDGs). She has more than 18 years of international experience on a range of issues, including climate change, climate and sustainable finance, environment and natural resource governance, landscape management (agriculture-forest landscapes), weather insurance and agricultural risk financing, with country experiences from Southeast and South Asia.

Between 2012-2015, Dr. Ornsaran served as the Climate Change Adaptation Coordinator for the ADB's Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Core Environment Program (CEP). She holds a Ph.D.

in Governance and Policy Analysis (Climate Change Adaptation Finance) from Maastricht University, an MPA (international development) from Princeton University, an M.Phil. (International Relations) from Cambridge University, and a BA (Political Science) from Chulalongkorn University.

**Mr. Nakhalin Vorasarn, Deputy Director, Department of Planning and Finance, MONRE, Lao PDR**

Mr. Nakhalin Vorasarn, is the Deputy Director of Planning and Cooperation Division under Department of Planning and Finance of Lao PDR's MONRE. He is the Assistant for One Planet Network NFP of Lao PDR, and the Coordinator of SWITCH Asia II Program Implementation for Lao MONRE. He specializes in circular economy, sustainable consumption and production, strategic environmental assessment, comprehensive waste management, IT, IEC materials and information dissemination. He has been a trainer including 25 years of interpretation and translation. He has worked on projects such poverty reduction, environment and pollution control including with the ASEAN and regional cooperation division since 2018. He is responsible for the overall cooperation of MoNRE policies, including the operation and monitoring the sustainable consumption and production roadmap of Lao PDR 2022-2025. Mr. Nakhalin is also the alternate focal point for Lao ASEAN Coordinator Secretary and alternate focal point for GMS WGE, and environmental cooperation mission. He has a Master 's in Political Science from National University of Laos and a BA in English Linguistics.

**Ms. Ying Zhou, Senior Program Officer, Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center, Ministry of Ecology and Environment, PRC**

Ms. Ying Zhou is an Associate Researcher of the China-ASEAN Environmental Protection Cooperation Center/Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Center. In recent years, she has mainly engaged in research on China-EU environmental cooperation, China-EU circular economy cooperation, marine debris control, green value chain establishment, and has been deeply involved in several regional environmental cooperation projects.

**Dr. Nguyen Phuong Nam, Founder Climate Innovation Consulting and Services, Klinova JSC**

Dr. Nguyen Phuong Nam is a senior specialist in environmental-related issues with over 17 years of experience working closely with development partners and Vietnamese governmental agencies. For climate finance experiences, Dr. Nguyen has more than 10 years of experience being the national consultant for ADB, UNDP, GIZ and WB since 2012. From 2021 onwards, Dr. Nguyen found his new role as the Founder and CEO of Climate Innovation KLINOVA, and has delivered substantial contributions in research, policy advising and consulting. He has engaged in enhancing institutional and policy systems on environment with focus on financial instruments, analysis, developing and testing no-regret measures and market-based instruments including databases, MRV/M&E systems, and institutional and regulatory frameworks. Dr. Nguyen was the Division Head of Center for Climate Change Responding (CliTech) under Vietnam MONRE from 2012 to 2019. He supported the global NGO - C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group as the climate advisor until 2021 and earned his PhD in waste-to-energy at Bonn University, Germany in 2012.

**Dr. Kamal Ahmed, Institutional Lead, Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center**

Dr. Kamal Ahmed is the Institutional Lead on Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance at the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), Bangkok. Under the World Bank supported Climate



Adaptation and Resilience (CARE for South Asia) project, he is leading the country teams of Bangladesh, Nepal, and Pakistan and advising the national governments in these countries on risk financing and transfer. Prior to this, he headed the Disaster Risk Financing (DRF) Unit of the National Disaster Risk Management Fund (NDRMF) and led the development of Pakistan's first national DRF strategy. With a master's degree in economics, Dr. Kamal also holds a doctorate in Understanding and Managing Extremes from the Scuola Universitaria Superiore (IUSS Pavia), Italy.

## Day 2

### **Mr. Sam Ourn Sothy Roth, Chief of Ex-situ Conservation Office, Department of Biodiversity, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia**

Mr. Sam Ourn Sothy Roth is chief of ex-situ at the Department of Biodiversity, General Directory of Policy and Strategy, Ministry of Environment and one of the key people for Southeast Asia Botanic Gardens Conservation International (SEBGCI). He has experience in research, environmental and social safeguard and compliance, environment management framework, environmental and social impact assessment, biodiversity assessment and conservation, community-based management, and value chain and ecosystem services in protected areas. He has degrees with research on the estimate of methane emission from landfills by IPCC and current available models in solid waste at Sanitary Landfill in Phnom Penh, Cambodia and Saen Suk Landfill, Thailand.

His research is focused on the impact of greenhouse gases emission and reduction. Recently, he committed to establish Sok-An Phnom Kulen Orchid Research and Conservation Center as part of the ex-situ conservation facilities and botanic garden in order to bring research, conservation, education, and entertainment in north region of Cambodia.

### **Ms. Jing Guan, Senior Program Officer, Department of Nature and Ecology Conservation, Ministry of Ecology and Environment, PRC**

Ms. Jing Guan is the Senior Program Officer and Associate Researcher at the Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center (FECO), Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE). With a master's degree in biodiversity conservation, Ms. Guan has almost ten years of experience in environmental policy research and international cooperation related to biodiversity conservation.

### **Mr. Theverack Phonekeo, Deputy Director General of Department of Environment, MONRE, Lao PDR**

Mr. Thevarack Phonekeo is a Deputy Director General at the Department of Environment at the Ministry of Natural Resource and Environment, Lao PDR. He is also the national focal point to CBD for Lao PDR, and responsible for supervising and managing the environment policy and international cooperation related to CBD. He is also the focal point for certain COPs like Montreal Protocol and has worked with GMS countries for over two decades.

### **Ms. Benchamaporn Wattanatongchai, Environmentalist, Senior Professional Level, Office of Natural Resources and Environment Policy and Planning (ONEP), Thailand**

### **Ms. Ta Thi Kieu Anh, Official, Viet Nam Environment Administration, Viet Nam**

Ms. Ta Thi Kieu Anh is currently an officer of the Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Agency, at Viet Nam Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment. She has experience in developing policy and legislation in the field of biodiversity such as national strategy on biodiversity, access to genetic resources and benefit sharing (ABS), genetically modified organism (GMO), and invasive alien

species (IAS). She has also published various international and national articles in the above fields, and graduated with the Master of Ecology, Vietnam National University.

**Mr. Jake Brunner, Head of Indo-Burma Group, The International Union for Conservation of Nature**

Jake Brunner is Head of the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Lower Mekong Sub-region covering Viet Nam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand, and Myanmar. Based in Hanoi and supervising a staff of 45, he leads IUCN's work on transboundary river governance, water-food-energy tradeoffs, wetlands management, and nature-based solutions in agriculture and aquaculture in cooperation with IUCN's regional and global specialists. Before joining IUCN in 2008, he spent eight years running Conservation International's Indo-Burma Program from Washington, DC, Hanoi, and Phnom Penh with a focus on protected areas and species conservation. Previously, he spent eight years at World Resources Institute, an environmental think tank in Washington, DC working on water and forest policy. He holds a BA in Geography from Oxford University and a MS in Remote Sensing/GIS from London University.

**Mr. Anouxay Phommalath, Land Use Planning and Spatial Analysis Specialist, TA-9915**

Mr. Anouxay Phommalath is a consultant on climate change, environment and social safeguards, natural resource management, land management and project evaluation. He has worked in the field of natural resource management, climate change and environment for over 15 years with INGOs, UNDP, WB and ADB funded projects. He conducted an assessment on the lower Mekong on biodiversity and civil society in biodiversity conservation (specific in Laos) for Biodiversity Consultancy Co. Ltd in 2018. He conducted another assessment on climate change impact assessment, specific on biodiversity habitus in Laos PDR for Adam Smith International. Mr. Anouxay has worked in land use and spatial planning by applying the biodiversity concepts at the community and district levels for district development. He also worked with NGOs like SNV for reducing emissions deforestation and forest degradation and conservation, sustainable forest management and forest restoration (REDD+) as innovation for climate change mitigation. He received a master's degree in Natural Resource Management from University for Peace in Costa Rica.

**Mr. Hexiao Chen, Deputy Director, Guangxi Environmental Protection International Cooperation and Exchange Center, PRC**

Mr. CHEN Hexiao is a senior engineer and the deputy director of Guangxi Environmental Protection International Cooperation and Exchange Center. Since 2012, he has undertaken more than 30 national and provincial projects in environmental protection, published more than 10 papers and obtained 8 patents. He is currently engaged in research in the field of international exchanges and cooperation in ecology and environment. He has a master's degree in Environmental and Energy Engineering in the University of Sheffield, UK

**Ms. Regan Pairojmahakij, Senior Programme Officer, RECOFTC, Thailand**

Ms. Regan Pairojmahakij is a Senior Program Officer at RECOFTC for landscapes collaboration in changing climate. Her work focuses on developing a portfolio of landscape programs in RECOFTC's seven focal countries which employ a forest landscape approach to achieve social and ecological outcomes at scale. Previously, Regan has worked with WWF Greater Mekong program championing conservation in the Dawna Tenasserim transboundary landscape, with RECOFTC in various roles including as lead of a civil society network on REDD+ and with FAO as long-term consultant on regional forest policy. Current interests include landscape and habitat

connectivity, forest landscape restoration, biodiversity conservation, market-based approaches yielding ecological benefits and strengthening climate resilience.

**Dr. Beria Leimona, Senior Expert, Landscape Governance and Investment Principal Investigator, World Agroforestry (ICRAF)**

Dr. Leimona is a Senior Expert from Landscape Governance and Investment of World Agroforestry (ICRAF) based in Indonesia. As a Principal Investigator, Dr. Leimona is coordinating and leading research programs specializing in landscape governance and policy, innovative financing, community-based natural resource management, public-private-partnership, and sustainability standards and certifications for agricultural commodities across Asian countries. She is one of the resource persons for the Indonesian Ministry of Environment and Forestry for developing national guidelines and policy reviews, and senior associate of Economics Environmental Programme of Southeast Asia (EEPSEA). Dr. Leimona is a member of the Executive Steering Committee of the Ecosystem Services Partnership Network, an Associate Editor – Ecosystem Services Journal of Elsevier, and a lead author for the Intergovernmental Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). Dr. Leimona has a PhD from Wageningen Agricultural University, Netherlands.

**Dr. David Ganz, Executive Director, RECOFTC**

Dr. David Ganz is the Executive Director of RECOFTC and joined the institution at a key moment in its history when there is growing recognition that forest land rights of local communities are central to peace, economic development, and climate change mitigation and adaptation. Dr. David is a strong advocate for community forestry in the region and for path-breaking private sector models that respect local rights and deliver lasting and tangible benefits from millions of hectares of community forests in the Asia-Pacific region.

Dr. David joins RECOFTC from SERVIR-Mekong, a joint USAID NASA Initiative, where he has been its Chief of Party since 2014. Prior to this he was Chief of Party for Winrock International's Lowering Emissions in Asia's Forests (USAID LEAF) Program, where he worked to strengthen the capacity of developing countries in Asia to achieve sustained reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from the agriculture forestry-land use sector. Dr. David also held global roles as Director with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and as Technical Officer with the United Nation' Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). He is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and Yale University.

**Dr. Michael Victor Galante, Director, Climate Forestry and Secretary-General, The Alliance for Responsible Forest Management**

Dr. Michael Galante is a professional forester with over 20 years of experience in Asia-Pacific, in the fields of forest management planning, forest certification, timber legality, forest finance and climate change mitigation. Dr. Michael is the Director of Climate Forestry, a private company supporting responsible forest management in Asia-Pacific, and he is the Founder of the Alliance for Responsible Forest Management (ARFM), an independent not-for-profit NGO with the goal to accelerate the implementation of responsible forest management across the tropical world by creating a global knowledge management system with regionally appropriate training material and training centers in Africa, Asia-Pacific and Latin America.

**Mr. Raphael Glemet, Senior Programme Officer, Water, Wetlands and Nature-Based Solutions, The International Union for Conservation of Nature**

Mr. Raphael Glemet is the Programme Coordinator for Water and Wetlands at the IUCN Asia Regional Office in Bangkok, as well as regional focal point for Nature Based Solutions, the

UNFCCC, and the Ramsar Convention. He has fourteen years of experience working on environmental conservation with governments, INGOs, and intergovernmental organisations, covering a range of topics including water and transboundary cooperation, wetlands management, coastal ecosystems, fisheries, and nature-based solutions for resilience. He holds a MS in Wetlands Management and Engineering (University of Angers, France).

**Mr. Michal Zrust, Co-Founder and CEO, Lestari Capital**

Mr. Michal Zrust brings over 20 years of expertise working in the conservation, biodiversity and corporate sustainability space across Asia, Africa, Europe, and Latin America, stretching from the field to corporate boardrooms. He leads Lestari Capital's strategy for the sustainable commodities sector, spearheading the conceptualization, development, and implementation of our innovative conservation finance mechanisms. Mr. Michal is an invited expert and representative on numerous technical and governance bodies for certification systems, including the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil and the Forestry Stewardship Council. He lives in Indonesia where he has worked extensively for the last ten years. Lestari Capital is a conservation finance company, based in Southeast Asia, that develops innovative, nature-based products that enable companies to deliver on their sustainability objectives.

**Ms. Jiayi Xu, Programmes Director, Greenovation Hub**

Ms. Jiayi Xu is leading the biodiversity program and organizational strategy and development in Greenovation Hub. For more than ten years, she has been active in domestic and international non-governmental organizations in the field of sustainable development, and is committed to promoting policy research, advocacy and capacity building projects related to climate, forest, biodiversity, and green finance issues. She has extensively promoted multilateral and bilateral non-governmental policy dialogues, such as China-US, China-India, China-Europe and China-Brazil and Central Asian countries. Ms. Jiayi has provided professional consulting services for several international organizations and served as a researcher of the World Resources Institute's climate change economics project, a Special Assistant to China Country Director, and an Officer of the climate change project of Institute of Environment and Development. She holds a BSc in Economics from the University of Bristol and a Master of Regional Development from the University of Queensland.

**Ms. Yunwen Bai, Director of Financing Nature Based Solutions Centre, Institute of Finance and Sustainability/Senior Researcher, Greenovation Hub, China**

Ms. Yunwen Bai is the co-Founder and Executive Director of Greenovation Hub. Her expertise focuses on international financial flows, climate, and energy governance, and several international joint research projects. She works closely with Chinese financial regulators and institutions to open the evidence-based policy discussion on green finance and environment/climate risk management. Prior to GHub, she has worked with international environmental organizations and foundations for over a decade. Ms. Yunwen was a visiting research fellow at the Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment of Oxford University from 2013 to 2014. She has served on the board of the China Climate Action Network. She holds a master's degree in environmental science from the University of Manchester, as well as a master's degree in Environmental Policy and Management from International Institute for Industrial Environmental Economics at Lund University.

**Dr. Yang Bai, Researcher, Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden, Chinese Academy of Sciences, PRC**

Dr. Yang Bai's group is ground in tropical areas of China, facing Southeast Asian countries, focusing on major scientific and practical issues, including spatial pattern planning of biodiversity conservation, optimization of conservation area system, and sustainable development model of community. As a think tank, they provide scientific evidence and support for improving regional biodiversity protection, ecological security barrier construction, and rural revitalization.

The priority researches are following: (1) To explore the spatial and temporal distribution patterns of rare and endangered species or other flagship species in the Yunnan and Indochina Peninsula Area and reveal their ecological causes and maintenance mechanisms; (2) To study the change and response of ecosystem structure-pattern-process-function-service under human activity stress and climate change; (3) To study the multi-objective coupling and synergistic mechanism of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and to develop planning schemes for regional tropical rainforest landscape restoration and habitat restoration; (4) Put forward the sustainable development model of protected areas and communities, and promote the effective conservation of biodiversity and the sustainable and coordinated development of surrounding communities.

**Ms. Niran Nirannoot, Project Manager and Head of The Biodiversity Finance Initiative (BIOFIN) Thailand, United Nations Development Programme**

Ms. Niran Nirannoot worked for the Federation of Thai Industries where she supported private sector in advocating for policy changes through trade and investment dialogues in various free trade agreements. She joined the United Nations Office for Project Service (UNOPS) on a Tsunami recovery program in the Maldives in the capacity of Monitoring, Reporting and Knowledge Management Officer. With the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), she served as the Regional Coordinator and the Chief Technical Advisor of the Technical Cooperation among developing countries program to support smallholder farmers and agribusiness in the GMS region on integrated cross-border value chains development and organic agriculture certification. Her educational background gives her deep perspectives in finance and political economy. Niran believes that finance is the key to conserving Thailand's biodiversity, so she is now involving herself in 'finance for nature'.

She led the development of Thailand's Biodiversity Finance Plan—roadmaps towards a more sustainable finance. Niran leads the design of innovative finance solutions by pioneering the crowdfunding 'Koh Tao, Better Together' for COVID-19 green recovery to preserve ecosystem and sustain livelihoods of impacted communities in Thailand. By thriving on the Sustainable Development Goals<sup>14</sup> and 15, she pilots the biodiversity conservation financing at sub-national level in Thailand with the first-of-its-kind legal framework enacted by Municipality Office. The tourist users charge' collection can now bridge the finance gap on coral reefs conservation efforts. Thus, improving approaches to resources allocation in fiscal budgeting for nature-based tourism.

## Appendix 3 – Participant list

**Table 1: List of WGE AM-26 participants**

<b>CAMBODIA</b>								
Day 1	Day 2	Name	Designation	Organization	Participant/Panelist	Type	Attendance	
1	Yes	Yes	Mr. Ouk Navann	Deputy Director General	General Directorate of Local Community, Ministry of Environment (MoE)	Theme 1 Session 4	Government	in-person
2	Yes	Yes	Mr. Sam Oeurn Sothyroth	Chief of Ex-situ Conservation Office	Department of Biodiversity, Ministry of Environment	Theme 3 Session 1 and Session 3	Government	in-person
3	Yes	Yes	Mr. Kamal Uy	Deputy Director General, Vice Chair Secretariat of Working Group Cooperation on and Planning and planning	General Directorate of Environmental Knowledge and Information, Ministry of Environment (MoE)	Participant	Government	in-person
4	Yes	Yes	Mr. Chanborey Yun	Chief of Office	Department of Inspection and Law Enforcement, Ministry of Environment (MoE)	Participant	Government	in-person
5	Yes	Yes	Mr. Leang Sophal	Chief of Office	Ministry of Environment (MoE)	Theme 1 Session 1 and Session 3	Government	in-person
6	Yes	Yes	Dr. Loeung Kesaro	Head of Delegation, Deputy Director General	General Directorate of National Protected Area, Ministry of Environment	Panelist - Day 3	Government	in-person
<b>CHINA</b>								
Day 1	Day 2	Name	Designation	Organization	Participant/Panelist	Type	Attendance	
7	Yes	Yes	Mr. Jun Zhou	Director	Department of International Cooperation, MEE	Panelist - Day 3	Government	online
8	Yes	Yes	Mr. Peng Ning	Program Officer	Department of International Cooperation, MEE	Participant	Government	online
9	Yes	Yes	Mr. Hou Fang	Director	Department of Climate Change, MEE	Participant	Government	online
10	Yes	Yes	Mr. Zhou Zeyu	Senior Program Officer	Department of Climate Change, MEE	Theme 1 Session 1	Government	online
11	Yes	Yes	Mr. Jing Guan	Senior Program Officer	Department of Nature and Ecology Conservation, MEE	Theme 3 Session 1	Government	online
12	Yes	Yes	Mr. Wang Lei	Assistant Researcher	Department of Nature and Ecology Conservation, MEE	Participant	Government	online

13	Yes	Yes	Mr. Ding Shineng	Deputy Director	Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center (FECO), MEE	Participant	Government	online
14	Yes	Yes	Mr. Zhaohui Qian	Senior Program Officer	Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center (FECO), MEE	Theme 1 Session 2	Government	online
15	Yes	Yes	Ms. Ying Zhou	Senior Program Officer	Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center (FECO), MEE	Theme 1 Session 5	Government	online
16	Yes	Yes	Ms. Li Xiang	Program Officer	Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center (FECO), MEE	Participant	Government	online
17	Yes	Yes	Mr. Wu Yi	Director	Department of Ecology and Environment, Guangxi, China	Participant	Government	online
18	Yes	Yes	Mr. Hexiao Chen	Deputy Director	Guangxi Environmental Protection International Cooperation and Exchange Center	Theme 3 Session 2	Government	online
19	Yes	Yes	Mr. Xi Hongbin	Director	Department of Ecology and Environment, Yunnan, China	Participant	Government	online
20	Yes	Yes	Mr. Wang Yunzhai	Director	Yunnan Ecological and Environmental Cooperation Office	Participant	Government	online
21	Yes	Yes	Mr. He Yan	Director	Yunnan Research Academy of Eco-environmental Sciences	Participant	Government	online
22	Yes	Yes	Mr. Zhang Yan	Division Chief	Bureau of Ecology and Environment, Xishuangbanna, Yunnan, China	Participant	Government	online
23	Yes	Yes	Mr. Yang Bai	Researcher	Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden, Chinese Academy of Sciences	Theme 3 Session 4	Government	online
<b>LAO PDR</b>								
	<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Participant/ Panelist</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
24	Yes	Yes	Mr. Chanthaly Chansompheng	Director of Regional and International Integration Division	Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Planning and Investment	Participant	Government	in-person
25	Yes	Yes	Mr. Malabou Baylatry	Deputy Director	Department of Climate Change, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE)	Theme 1 Session 1 and Session 3	Government	in-person

26	Yes	Yes	Mr. Nakhalin Vorasam	Deputy Director	Department of Planning and Finance, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE)	Theme 1 Session 5, Theme 3 Session 4	Government	in-person
27	Yes	Yes	Mr. Sounadeth Soukchaleun	Deputy Director General	Department of Planning and Finance, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE), Alternate National Focal Point	Participant	Government	in-person
28	Yes	Yes	Mr. Thevarack Phonekeo	Deputy Director General	Department of Environment, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE)	Theme 3 Session 1, Panelist - Day 3	Government	in-person
<b>MYANMAR</b>								
	<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Participant/ Panelist</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
29	Yes	Yes	Dr. San Oo	Deputy Director General	Environmental Conservation Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation	Participant	Government	Online
30	Yes	Yes	Dr. San Win	Director	Environmental Conservation Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation	Participant	Government	Online
31	Yes	Yes	Ms. Thaw Thaw Han	Director	Environmental Conservation Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation	Participant	Government	Online
32	Yes	Yes	Ms. Khaing Yi Mon Lin	Assistant Director	Environmental Conservation Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation	Participant	Government	Online
33	Yes	Yes	Ms. Yin Min Thant Thant	Staff Officer	Environmental Conservation Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation	Participant	Government	Online
<b>VIET NAM</b>								
	<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Participant/ Panelist</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
34	Yes	Yes	Ms. Kim Thị Thuy Ngoc	Head	Division of Science and International Cooperation, Institute of Strategy and Policy on Natural Resources and Environment (ISPONRE)/MONRE	Panelist - Day 3	Government	in-person



35	Yes	Yes	Ms. Le Thi Le Quyen	Official	Division of Science and International Cooperation, Institute of Strategy and Policy on Natural Resources and Environment (ISPONRE)/MONRE	Participant	Government	in-person
36	Yes	Yes	Mr. Le Nam	Research Assistant	Institute of Strategy and Policy on Natural Resources and Environment (ISPONRE)/MONRE	Participant	Government	in-person
37	Yes	Yes	Ms. Ta Thi Kieu Anh	Government Officer	Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Agency, MONRE	Theme 3 Session 1 and Session 3	Government	online
38	Yes	Yes	Mrs. Dao Minh Khue	Official	Department of Climate Change, MONRE	Theme 1 Session 1 and Session 4	Government	in-person
<b>THAILAND</b>								
	<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Participant/Panelist</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
39	Yes		Mr. Thalearnsak Petchsuwan	Deputy Permanent Secretary	Office of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	Opening Remarks	Government	Online
40			Mr. Pavich Kesavawong	Director of Foreign Affairs Division	Office of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	Panelist - Day 3 (TBD)	Government	in-person
41	Yes		Mr. Teerapong Laopongpith	Director of Policy and Strategy Section	Climate Change Management and Coordination Division, Office of Natural Resources and Environment Policy and Planning (ONEP)	Theme 1 Session 1	Government	in-person
42	Yes	Yes	Ms. Narumol Oris	Environmental list, Senior Professional Level	Foreign Affairs Division, Office of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	Participant	Government	in-person
43	Yes	Yes	Mr. Phuriputr Huvanandana	Environmental list, Professional level	Foreign Affairs Division, Office of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	Participant	Government	in-person

44	Yes		Mrs. Rosalind Amornpitakpun	Director of Climate Measure and Mechanism Development Section	Office of Natural Resources and Environment Policy and Planning (ONEP), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	Theme 1 Session 3	Government	in-person
45	Yes	Yes	Ms. Nitchanon Tadkaew	Environmental list, Senior Professional Level	Office of Natural Resources and Environment Policy and Planning (ONEP), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	Participant, Day 1 onsite + Day 2-3 Online	Government	Online
46	Yes	Yes	Ms. Chanakan Tangchit	Environmental list, Professional Level	Office of Natural Resources and Environment Policy and Planning (ONEP), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	Participant, Day 1 onsite + Day 2-3 Online	Government	Online
47		Yes	Ms. Benchamaporn Wattanatongchai	Environmental list, Senior Professional Level,	Office of Natural Resources and Environment Policy and Planning (ONEP), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	Theme 3 Session 1	Government	in-person
48		Yes	Ms. Sawitree Boonyalug	Environmental list, Practitioner Level	Office of Natural Resources and Environment Policy and Planning (ONEP), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	Participant	Government	in-person
49		Yes	Ms. Jinjutha Jitanuntarat	Plan and Policy Analyst	Office of Natural Resources and Environment Policy and Planning (ONEP), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	Participant: Day 2 onsite + Day 3 online	Government	online
<b>Keynote Speakers, Facilitators, and Panelists</b>								
	Day 1	Day 2	Name	Designation	Organization	Participant/ Panelist	Type	Attendance
50	Yes		Dr. Jiangfeng Zhang	Director Environment	Natural Resources and Agriculture Division (SEER), Southeast Asia Department (SERD), ADB	Opening Remarks	ADB	online
51	Yes	Yes	Dr. Albert Salamanca	Senior Research Fellow	Stockholm Environment Institute, Bangkok	Facilitator - Theme 1 Session 2	Research Institute	in-person
52	Yes	Yes	Mr. Manish Tewani	Global Response Lead	American Red Cross/ International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies	Theme 1 Session 2	INGO	in-person
53	Yes		Ms. Katuscia Fara	Senior Regional Climate and Disaster Risk Reduction Advisor	World Food Programme	Theme 1 Session 2	UN	in-person

54	Yes		Mr. Dao Xuan Lai	Head of Climate Change and Environment Unit	UNDP, Viet Nam	Facilitator - Theme 1 Session 3	UN	online
55	Yes		Mr. Akhteruzzaman Sano	Team Leader	Save The Earth	Theme 1 Session 3	INGO	online
56	Yes		Dr. Laurent Umans	Climate Change Expert, Former First Secretary Water Management and Climate Change	Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Vietnam	Theme 1 Session 3	Embassy	online
57	Yes	Yes	Mr. Kevin Jeanes	Chief Technical Advisor	FAO, Lao PDR	Keynote and Facilitator - Theme 1 Session 4	UN	in-person
58	Yes		Ms. Mayfourth Luneta	Deputy Executive Director	Center for Disaster Preparedness Foundation Inc.	Theme 1 Session 4	Resource Centre	online
59	Yes		Dr. Niladri Gupta	Senior Water Resources Management Specialist	Asian Disaster Preparedness Center	Theme 1 Session 4	Autonomous International Organization	in-person
60	Yes		Dr. Duong Nong	Lecturer	Vietnam National University of Agriculture	Theme 1 Session 4	Education	in-person
61	Yes	Yes	Dr. Srinivasan Ancha	Principal Climate Change Specialist	ADB	Facilitator - Theme 1 Session 5, Theme 3 Session 1, Theme 3 Session 4	Regional Development Bank	in-person
62	Yes		Dr. Ornsaran Pomme Manuamorn	Climate and Sustainable Finance Expert	World Bank, Climate Bonds Initiative, and Fiscal Policy Research Institute	Keynote - Theme 1 Session 5	Global Development Bank	in-person
63	Yes	Yes	Dr. Phuong-Nam Nguyen	Founder Climate Innovation Consulting and Services	Klinova JSC.	Theme 1 Session 5	Private Sector	in-person
64	Yes		Dr. Kamal Ahmed	Institutional Lead, Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance	Asian Disaster Preparedness Center	Theme 1 Session 5	Autonomous International Organization	in-person
65		Yes	Mr. Jake Brunner	Head of Indo-Burma Group	The International Union for Conservation of Nature	Facilitator - Theme 3 Session 2	Membership Union	online
66		Yes	Ms. Regan Pairojmahakij	Senior Programme Officer	RECOFTC, Thailand	Theme 3 Session 2	Non for profit	online
67		Yes	Dr. Beria Leimona	Senior Expert Landscape Governance and Investment Principal Investigator	World Agroforestry (ICRAF)	Theme 3 Session 2	Research Institute	in-person

68		Yes	Dr. David Ganz	Executive Director	RECOFTC	Facilitator - Theme 3 Session 3	Non for profit	in-person
69		Yes	Dr. Michael Victor Galante	Director, Climate Forestry and Secretary-General	The Alliance for Responsible Forest Management	Keynote - Theme 3 Session 3	NGO	in-person
70	Yes	Yes	Mr. Raphael Glemet	Senior programme officer, Water, Wetlands and Nature-Based Solutions	The International Union for Conservation of Nature	Theme 3 Session 3	Membership Union	online
71		Yes	Mr. Michal Zrust	Co-Founder and CEO	Lestari Capital	Theme 3 Session 3 and Theme 3 Session 4	Private Sector	online
72		Yes	Ms. Jiayi Xu	Programmes Director	Greenovation Hub, China	Theme 3 Session 4	Environmenta I Think Tank	online
73		Yes	Ms. Yunwen Bai	Director of Financing Nature Based Solutions Centre Institute of Finance and Sustainability/ Senior Researcher,	Greenovation Hub, China	Theme 3 Session 4	Environmenta I Think Tank	online
74		Yes	Ms. Niran Nirannoot	Project Manager	BIOFIN Thailand: The Biodiversity Finance Initiative, United Nations Development Programme	Theme 3 Session 4	UN	online
75	Yes	Yes	Mr. Chanthaphone Thammavong	Capacity Development Expert	FAO CAWA Project, Lao PDR	Participant		online
76	Yes	Yes	Mr. Peeranan Towashiraporn	Director, Geospatial Information Department	Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)	Participant		in-person
<b>TA TEAM</b>								
	<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Participant/ Panelist</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
77	Yes	Yes	Mr. Jens Christian Riise	Capacity Building Specialist, Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Specialist, and Co-Team Leader	Ramboll	All	Facilitator	in-person
78	Yes	Yes	Dr. Xi Jiao	CCA and DRM Specialist and Thematic Lead and CoTeam Leader	Ramboll	Theme 1	Keynote - Theme 1 Session 2	online
79	Yes	Yes	Mr. Søren Hansen	Climate Change Mitigation Specialist and Technical Lead	Ramboll	Theme 2	Participant	in-person

80	Yes	Yes	Dr. Ellyn Kathalina Damayanti	Landscape Management and REDD+ Specialist and Technical Lead	Ramboll	Theme 3	Participant	in-person
81	Yes	Yes	Ms. Maria Chiara Metallo	Environmental Quality Specialist and Technical Lead	Ramboll	Theme 4	Participant	in-person
82	Yes	Yes	Mr. Andy Brahney	Digital Technology Specialist and Technical Lead	Ramboll	Theme 5	Participant	online
83	Yes	Yes	Mr. Kim Madsbjerg	Disaster Risk Financing Specialist and Technical Lead	Ramboll	Theme 6	Participant	online
84	Yes	Yes	Mr. Anouxay Phommalath	Land Use Planning and Spatial Analysis Specialist	Ramboll	Theme 3	Keynote - Theme 3 Session 2	in-person
85	Yes	Yes	Ms. Qudisia Sadiq	Assisting Team Leader/Expediter	Ramboll	All	Coordinator	online
86	Yes	Yes	Mr. Gonzalo Fuentes Dellepiane	Knowledge Management Specialist	Ramboll	All	Event Producer	in-person
87	Yes	Yes	Ms. Agata Sliwa	Assistant Communication Specialist	Ramboll	All	Communications	online
88	Yes	Yes	Ms. Ratchadaporn (Anne) Pattanasirimongkol	National Consultant - Thailand	Ramboll	All	Participant	in-person
89	Yes	Yes	Mr. Nguyen Quoc Dinh	National Consultant - Viet Nam	Ramboll	All	Participant	online
90	Yes	Yes	Dr. Ratha Sor	National Consultant - Cambodia	Ramboll	All	Participant	online
91	Yes	Yes	Dr. Sok Ty	National Adaptation Planning Specialist	Ramboll	Theme 1	Keynote - Theme 1 Session 3	online
92	Yes	Yes	Mr. Noel Puno	Community-based CCA and DRM Specialist on CBA	Ramboll	Theme 1	Keynote - Theme 1 Session 4	in-person
93	Yes	Yes	Ms. Yujie Zhang	Assistant to PRC National Consultant	Ramboll	Theme 1	Participant	online
94	Yes	Yes	Cynthia Nitsch	Intern	SEI	All	Support	in-person
95	Yes	Yes	Mathieu Mal	Intern	SEI	All	Support	in-person
96	Yes	Yes	Pranita Rimal	Intern	SEI	All	Support	in-person
97	Yes	Yes	Criselda G. Rufino	Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture Division (SEER) Southeast	ADB	All	Participant/Support	in-person

			Asia Department				
98	Yes	Yes	Dilokchon Chakriyarat (Khun Tong)	ADB	All	Support	in-person

**Table 2: Additional online registrations**

Note: Names for registration in Zoom were entered by participants.

	First Name	Last Name
1	Oanh	Nguyen
2	Khaingyimon	Lin
3	Ebere	Ihetu
4	Michael	Ruggeri
5	Peter	King
6	DARARATH	YEM
7	Tin Mar	Thein
8	Anh	Tuan
9	Brigitte	Balthasar
10	Moniratana	Mao
11	Van Doang	Nguyen
12	Liqiong	YANG
13	Ying	Zhou
14	Jinzhou	Wang
15	Wenhui	LIU
16	Suzanne	Robertson
17	Vinh	Bùi
18	Supatra	Sripumphet
19	Dr. THEIN SAUNG	SAUNG
20	Vichelle	Arunsuwannakorn
21	Rafaelita	Jamon
22	Jam	Vinluan
23	Keiju	Mitsuhashi
24	Alex	Smajgl
25	Nguyen Thi	Sam
26	Wish	Techa
27	Jitsupa	Nititanapisal
28	Hsu Sandar	Aung
29	Chinh	Luu
30	ณัฐนันท์	หัตถแก้ว
31	Nghia Duc	HOANG
32	Sukan	Pungkul
33	Andrea	Bassi
34	Triệu	Lựa

35	Jessel	Crispino
36	Trinh	Thuy

## Appendix 4 – Presentations

- [26<sup>th</sup> WGE Annual Meeting – Day 1 slide deck](#)
- [26<sup>th</sup> WGE Annual Meeting – Day 2 slide deck](#)
- [26<sup>th</sup> WGE Annual Meeting - Day 3 field visit slide deck - Wastegetable Circular Urban Farming Business](#)