



# AGENDA

## 6<sup>th</sup> Greater Mekong Subregion Environment Ministers' Meeting

Phnom Penh | Cambodia | 10-13 September 2024







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# Overall program

The 6<sup>th</sup> Greater Mekong Subregion Environment Ministers' Meeting consists of three days of events leading up to the official EMM-6, which will take place on Friday, 13 September 2024.

| Day 1 - Tuesday,<br>10 September  | Day 2 - Wednesday,<br>11 September | Day 3 - Thursday,<br>12 September | Day 4 - Friday,<br>13 September |
|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| International Workshop on Climate Actions and Environmental Sustainability in the GMS         | Technical Parallel Sessions        | WGE AM-28                         | EMM-6                           |
| Exhibition on green and resilient technologies and products for sustainable and inclusive GMS |                                    |                                   |                                 |

Day 1 - Tuesday, 10 September

## International Workshop on Climate Actions and Environmental Sustainability in the GMS

The workshop will look back on the initiatives, successes, and lessons learned during the GMS Environment Program Phases I-III (2006-2025), highlighting the strategic environmental achievements and institutional strengthening within the GMS countries. Participants will discuss gaps and priorities for further cooperation, setting up the way forward for future phases of the program.

Day 2 - Wednesday, 11 September

## Technical Parallel Sessions

On the second day, partners will host technical sessions with a broad range of stakeholders as a platform for discussing regional priorities for action up to 2030 and beyond. Topics will include a development partner dialogue, private sector dialogue, youth, gender and social inclusion, plastic pollution control, holistic resilience, net-zero transition, innovative financing mechanisms, digital technologies for climate action, and more.

Day 3 - Thursday, 12 September

## 28th Annual Meeting of the GMS Working Group on Environment (WGE-AM 28) (morning sessions by invitation only, afternoon sessions open)

The 28th Annual Meeting of the GMS WGE will look back on the current, third phase of the GMS Environment Program, with a focus on progress in environmental quality management and financing of low-carbon and climate resilient infrastructure and technologies. The meeting will discuss the way forward for the next phase of the program, as well agree to submit the GMS 2030 Strategic Framework for Accelerating Climate Actions and Environmental Sustainability and the Phnom Penh Joint Statement on Prevention of Plastic Pollution in the GMS to the GMS Ministers for their endorsement.

Day 4 - Friday, 13 September

## **6<sup>th</sup> Greater Mekong Subregion Environment Ministers' Meeting (EMM-6)** (opening session open, all other sessions by invitation only)

On the fourth and final day of the event, the GMS Environment Ministers will hold a closed-door meeting to discuss and endorse the GMS 2030 Strategic Framework for Accelerating Climate Actions and Environmental Sustainability and Phnom Penh Joint Statement on Prevention of Plastic Pollution in the GMS. Ministers will give their formal comments, and meet with invited guests from the WGE and strategic development partners, for a formal adoption of the new SF 2030. The Ministers will pay by a courtesy call to Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and close with a press conference.

Days 2-4 - Wednesday-Friday, 11-13 September

## **Exhibition on green and resilient technologies and products for sustainable and inclusive GMS**

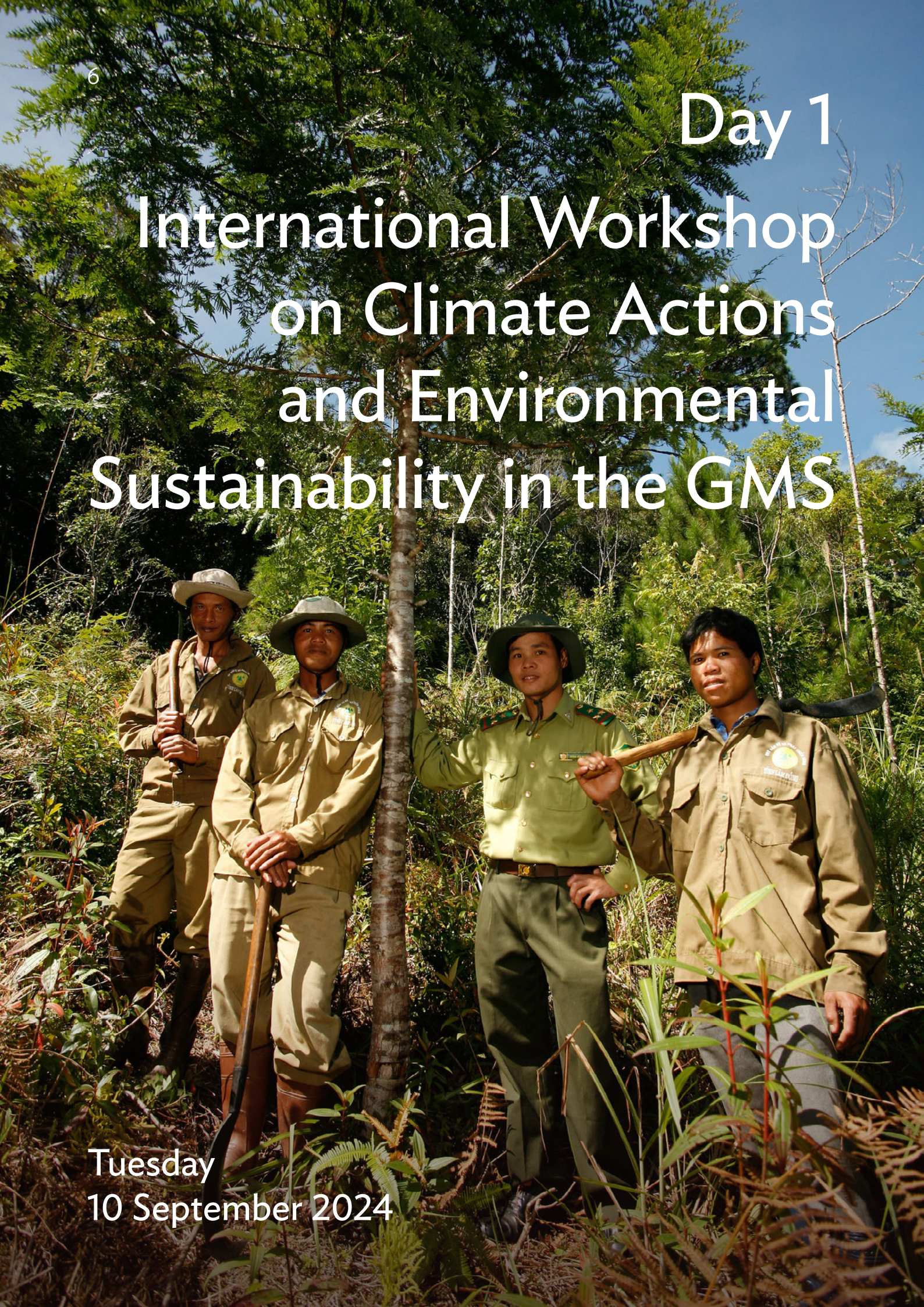
The Ministry of Environment and Asian Development Bank invited tech companies, startups, and firms, development partners, academic and research institutions to showcase innovative solutions and technologies to climate challenges and environmental issues during three days of the EMM-6. The exhibition will be open to all participants and will be visited officially by the GMS Environment Ministers during the last day of the event.



Day 1

# International Workshop on Climate Actions and Environmental Sustainability in the GMS

Tuesday  
10 September 2024





# International Workshop - Agenda

Tuesday, 10 September 2024

|               |   |  |
|---------------|---|--|
| 08:30– 09:00  | Participant Registration (Physical and online)  |  |
| 09:00 – 09:45 | Welcome remarks<br><br>Keynote speech: “Accelerating climate action and promoting environmental sustainability in the GMS”<br><i>Location: Ballroom 2</i> |  |
| 09:45-10:00   | Photo session   |  |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | <i>Coffee break</i>   |  |
| 10:30 – 12:00 | Session A<br>Building Climate and Disaster Resilience<br><i>Location: Phokeethra 1</i>  | Session B<br>Facilitating Low Carbon Transitions<br><i>Location: Phokeethra 2, 3, and 4</i>  |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | <i>Lunch break</i>  |  |
| 13:00 – 14:30 | Session C<br>Promoting Climate-Smart Landscapes<br><i>Location: Phokeethra 1</i>  | Session D<br>Enhancing Environmental Quality through Pollution Control and Waste Management<br><i>Location: Phokeethra 2, 3, and 4</i> |
| 14:30 – 14:45 | <i>Coffee break</i>   |  |
| 14:45 – 16:15 | Session E<br>Deploying Digital Technologies for Climate Action and Environmental Sustainability<br><i>Location: Phokeethra 1</i>                          | Session F<br>Innovative Climate and Disaster Risk Financing Instruments<br><i>Location: Phokeethra 2, 3, and 4</i>                     |
| 16:15 – 17:15 | Report at the Plenary   |  |
| 17:15 – 17:30 | Wrap-up of Day 1 and conclusions<br><i>Location: Phokeethra 1</i>   |  |

# Opening session

09:00 – 10:00 Location: Ballroom 2

## Welcome remarks

### **Dr. Jiangfeng Zhang**

Director, Agriculture, Food, Nature, and Rural Development,  
Sector Office, Sectors Group, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

## Opening remarks

### **H. E. San Vanty**

Permanent Secretary of State, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia

## Keynote

Accelerating climate action and promoting environmental sustainability in the GMS

### **Mr. Warren Evans**

Special Climate Envoy, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

## Photo session



# Session A

## Building Climate and Disaster Resilience

10:30 – 12:00

Location: Phokeethra 1

### Moderator

**Mr. Callum Mackenzie**

Co-Founder & Managing Director, Yunus Thailand

### Setting the scene

**Mr. Alvaro Fonseca**

Technical Assistance Team Lead

### Keynote

**Dr. Subrata Sinha**

Regional Environmental Affairs Officer, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

### Panel Discussion

- **Mr. Vanhthone Phonnasane**  
Deputy Director of Adaptation Division,  
Department of Climate Change, Ministry of  
Natural Resources and Environment, LAO PDR
- **Ms. Supattira Rodboontham**  
Deputy Office Director, Regional Environment Office,  
Regional Development Mission for Asia, United States  
Agency for International Development (USAID)
- **Dr. Nguyen Phuong Nam**  
Founder Climate Innovation Consulting  
and Services, Klinova JSC, Viet Nam
- **Dr. Niladri Gupta**  
Senior Water Resources Management Specialist,  
Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)

### Session description

#### Objectives

- To analyze and address the critical challenges related to climate adaptation and disaster resilience in the GMS.
- To identify key priorities, outline gaps, and discuss on potential developments in the GMS to address these gaps.
- To recommend strategies and priorities for regional collaboration aimed at enhancing climate resilience and disaster risk management, establishing key pathways for sustainable development in the GMS.

#### Expected Outputs

- Comprehensive identification of the major challenges to achieving climate and disaster resilience in the GMS region.
- A prioritized list of regional issues and an actionable plan addressing gaps in current approaches and policies.
- Recommendations for strengthening regional collaboration mechanisms, including proposed initiatives and partnerships to improve climate and disaster resilience and support sustainable development.

# Session B

## Facilitating Low-Carbon Transitions

10:30 – 12:00

Location: Phokeethra 2, 3, 4

### Moderator

**Mr. Stefan Boessner**

Policy Lead, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)

### Setting the scene

**Mr. Erik Hedman**

Technical Assistance Thematic Lead

### Keynote

**Ms. Shomi Kim**

Country Representative, Global Green Growth Institute, Cambodia

**Dr. Rathana Peou Norbert-Muns**

Sustainable Development and Agrifood System Policy Expert, United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

### Panel Discussion

- **Ms. Zhou Ying**  
Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center (FECO), Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE), PRC
- **Dr. Delia Catacutan**  
Principal Scientist & Natural Resources Management Specialist, Center for International Forestry Research and World Agroforestry (CIFOR-ICRAF)
- **Dr. Pyanoot Sumrit**  
President, Thai Transport and Logistics Association
- **Prof. Abdul Salam**  
Dean, School of Environment, Resources, and Development, Asian Institute of Technology

### Session description

#### Objectives

- To analyze and address the challenges related to facilitating low carbon transitions in the agriculture, freight, and energy sectors in the GMS.
- To identify key priorities, outline gaps, and discuss on potential developments in the GMS to address these gaps.
- To recommend strategies and priorities for regional collaboration aimed at facilitating low carbon transitions in the region, particularly within the agriculture, freight, and energy sectors as a key pathway for sustainable development in the GMS.

#### Expected Outputs

- Comprehensive identification of the major challenges and lessons learned in achieving low carbon transitions in the GMS region.
- A prioritized list of regional issues and an actionable plan addressing gaps in current approaches and policies.
- Recommendations for strengthening regional collaboration, including proposed initiatives and partnerships to improve policy, design, implementation, and management of actions toward the coordinated realization of a low carbon transitions in all sectors.

# Session C

## Promoting Climate-Smart Landscapes

13:00 – 14:30

Location: Phokeethra 1

### Moderator

**Ms. Daniella Chehade**

Climate Change Policy Officer,  
Commonwealth and Development Office

### Setting the scene

**Ms. Ellyn Kathalina Damayanti**

Technical Assistance Thematic Lead

### Keynote

**Dr. Andrew Wyatt**

Deputy Head Lower Mekong Sub-Region,  
International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

**Mr. Chris Howe**

WWF Resilient Asian Deltas Initiative & Mekong  
Delta Landscape Leader, WWF Greater Mekong

### Panel Discussion

- **Dr. Chheang Dany**  
Deputy Director General, Forestry  
Administration, Cambodia
- **Dr. Sonya Dewi**  
Principal Scientist, CIFOR-ICRAF
- **Dr. Andrea Pavlick**  
Environment Team Leader, Regional  
Environment Office, USAID
- **Ms. Christie Getman**  
Country Director, SNV Viet Nam

### Session description

Objectives

- To analyze and address the critical challenges related to climate-smart landscapes in the GMS.
- To identify key priorities, outline gaps, and discuss on potential developments in the GMS to address these gaps.
- To recommend strategies and priorities for regional collaboration aimed at enhancing climate-smart landscapes as a key pathway for sustainable development in the GMS.

Expected Outputs

- Comprehensive identification of the major challenges and lessons learned in achieving climate-smart landscapes in the GMS region.
- A prioritized list of regional issues and an actionable plan addressing gaps in current approaches and policies.
- Recommendations for strengthening regional and transboundary collaboration, including proposed initiatives and partnerships to improve policy, design, implementation, and management of climate-smart landscapes.

# Session D

## Environmental Quality Management

13:00 – 14:30

Location: Phokeethra 2, 3, 4

### Moderator

**Dr. Jürgen Stäudel**

Advisor for Solid Waste Management,  
Ministry of Environment, Cambodia

### Setting the scene

**Ms. Chiara Metallo**

Technical Assistance Thematic Lead

### Keynote

**Dr. Wijarn Simachaya**

President, Thailand Environment Institute

### Panel Discussion

- **Dr. Kim Thi Thuy Ngoc**  
Head, Division of Science and International Cooperation,  
Institute of Strategy and Policy on Natural Resources  
and Environment (ISPONRE), MONRE, Viet Nam
- **Ms. Maria Katherina Patdu**  
Associate Programme Officer – Asia  
Pacific Clean Air Partnership, UNEP
- **Mr. Si Len**  
CEO & Director, Save the Lives, Cambodia
- **Dr. Chettiyappan Visvanathan**  
Emeritus Professor, Environmental Engineering  
Management, Department of Water Resources and  
Environmental Engineering, Mahidol University

### Session description

#### Objectives

- To analyze and address the challenges related to pollution control and waste management in the GMS.
- To identify key priorities, outline gaps, and discuss on potential developments in the GMS to address these gaps.
- To recommend strategies and priorities for regional collaboration aimed at enhancing environmental quality through pollution control and waste management, establishing key pathways for sustainable development in the GMS.

#### Expected Outputs

- Comprehensive identification of the major pollution control and waste management challenges in the GMS region.
- A prioritized list of regional issues and an actionable plan addressing gaps in current approaches and policies.
- Recommendations for strengthening regional collaboration, including proposed initiatives and partnerships to improve environmental quality and support sustainable development.

# Session E

## Deploying Digital Technologies for Climate Action and Environmental Sustainability

14:45 – 16:15

Location: Phokeethra 1

### Moderator

**Mr. Stefano Zenobi**

Data and Transparency Specialist, WWF Greater Mekong

### Setting the scene

**Mr. Andy Brahney**

Technical Assistance Thematic Lead

### Keynote

**Dr. Peeranan Towashiraporn**

Director, Geospatial Information, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)

### Panel Discussion

- **Dr. Sakda Tridech**  
Director of Air Quality and Noise Innovation subdivision, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Pollution Control Department Thailand
- **Mr. Radtasiri Wachirapunyanont**  
Regional Innovation Hub Manager - South and Southeast Asia (Chief of Party), Tetra Tech/ Water and Energy for Food (WE4F) Program
- **Dr. Sushil Kumar Himanshu**  
Assistant Professor, AIT, Thailand
- **Ms. Pyrou Chung**  
Director, East West Management Initiative-Open Development Initiative (EWMI-ODI)

### Session description

#### Objectives

- To analyze and address the critical challenges related to deploying green and digital technologies for effective climate action and environmental sustainability in the GMS.
- To identify key priorities, outline gaps, and discuss on potential developments in the GMS to address these gaps.
- To recommend strategies and priorities for regional collaboration aimed at enhancing application and effectiveness of green and digital technologies as a key pathway for sustainable development in the GMS.

#### Expected Outputs

- Comprehensive identification of the major challenges and lessons learned in advancing digital technologies for climate action and environmental sustainability in the GMS region.
- A prioritized list of regional issues and an actionable plan addressing gaps in current approaches and policies.
- Recommendations for strengthening regional collaboration mechanisms, including proposed initiatives and partnerships to improve policy, design, implementation, and governance of green and digital technologies for climate action and environmental sustainability.

# Session F

## Innovative Climate and Disaster Risk Financing Instruments

14:45 – 16:15      Location: Phokeethra 2, 3, 4

### Moderator

**Dr. Anastasia Maga**

Climate Finance Expert, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)

### Setting the scene

**Mr. Kim Madsbjerg**

Technical Assistance Thematic Lead

### Keynote

**Dr. Arup Kumar Chatterjee**

Principal Financial Sector Specialist, ADB

### Panel Discussion

- **Dr. Heng Chanthoeun**  
Deputy Director General, General Directorate of Policy and Strategy, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia
- **Mr. Guoping Zhang**  
Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- **Ms. Xu Jiayi**  
Program Director, Greenovation Hub, PRC
- **Ms. Dewi Sari**  
World Resource Institute (WRI) Indonesia
- **Mr. Paul Smith**  
Senior Consultant, Climate Change, UNEP Finance Initiative

### Session description

#### Objectives

- To review the progress made and lessons learned from GMS CEP Phases I-III (2006-present) in facilitating the testing and adoption of innovative financing instruments.
- To showcase the significance and potential of innovative financing instruments in achieving the climate financing targets of the GMS region by 2030.
- To identify the multidimensional barriers and enabling factors necessary to catalyze the adoption of innovative climate financing instruments in the GMS.
- To recommend priorities for regional collaboration as well as sharing of best practices within the GMS to accelerate the adoption of innovative climate financing instruments.

#### Expected Outputs

- Comprehensive identification of the major challenges and lessons learned in advancing deployment of and access to innovative climate and disaster risk financing instruments in the GMS region.
- Identification of the major barriers and enabling factors necessary to mainstream adoption of innovative climate financing instruments in each GMS country.
- Recommendations for improving regional collaboration within the GMS countries on adopting innovative climate financing instruments.

# Report at the Plenary and closing of Day 1

16:15 - 17:30

Location: Phokeethra 1

## Chair

**Ms. Yolanda Fernandez Lommen**

Senior Advisor, Climate Change and Sustainable  
Development Department, ADB

## Rapporteurs from the Six Sessions

- **Session A**  
Ms. Ellyn Kathalina Damayanti  
Technical Assistance Team
- **Session B**  
Mr. Kim Madsbjerg  
Technical Assistance Thematic Lead
- **Session C**  
Mr. Anouxay Phommalath  
Technical Assistance Team
- **Session D**  
Ms. Pareena Prayukvong  
Technical Assistance Team
- **Session E**  
Mr. Erik Hedman  
Technical Assistance Thematic Lead
- **Session F**  
Mr. Jens Christian Riise  
Technical Assistance Team Coordinator

## Wrap-Up of Day 1

**Mr. Alvaro Fonseca**

Technical Assistance Team Lead

## Conclusion

**Dr. Srinivasan Ancha**

Principal Climate Change Specialist, ADB

# Day 2 Technical Parallel Sessions



Wednesday  
11 September 2024



# Technical Parallel Sessions - Agenda

Wednesday, 11 September 2024

|               |   |   |  |
|---------------|---|---|--|
| 08:30– 09:00  | Participant Registration (Physical and online)  |   |  |
| 09:00 – 10:30 | <b>Development Partners Roundtable</b><br>Session host: Asian Development Bank (ADB)<br>Location: Phokeethra 1  | <b>Disaster Risk Management</b><br>Session host: Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)<br>Location: Ballroom 1  | <b>Nature-based Solutions (NbS)</b><br>Session host: WWF<br>Location: Ballroom 2   |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee break  |   |  |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | <b>Private Sector Roundtable</b><br>Session host: ADB<br>Location: Phokeethra 1   | <b>Holistic Resilience</b><br>Session host: World Bank<br>Location: Ballroom 1  | <b>Nature-based Solutions (NbS) (continued)</b><br>Location: Ballroom 2  |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch break   |   |  |
| 13:30 – 15:00 | <b>Gender and Climate Action</b><br>Session host: ADB<br>Location: Phokeethra 1   | <b>Innovative Finance Mechanisms</b><br>Session host: Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)<br>Location: Ballroom 1   | <b>Plastic Pollution</b><br>Session host: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lead: Ministry of Environment, Cambodia</li> <li>Co-organiser: IGES</li> </ul> Location: Ballroom 2 |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | Coffee break  |   |  |
| 15:30-17:00   | <b>Youth and Climate Action</b><br>Session host: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lead: The Coalition for Integrity and Social Accountability (CISA)</li> <li>Co-organizer: ADB</li> </ul> Location: Phokeethra 1 | <b>Climate Transition and Cooperation in GMS</b><br>Session host: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)</li> <li>Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)</li> </ul> Location: Ballroom 1 | <b>Plastic Pollution (continued)</b><br>Location: Ballroom 2   |
| 18:00         | Welcome Dinner  |   |  |

# Development Partners Roundtable

09:00 – 10:30 Location: Phokeethra 1

## Session host

Asian Development Bank (ADB)

## Moderator

**Dr. Srinivasan Ancha**

Principal Climate Change Specialist, ADB

## Opening remarks

**Ms. Yolanda Fernandez Lommen**

Senior Advisor, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB

## Roundtable members

Multilateral Development Banks

- **Mr. Africa Eshogba Olojoba**  
Practice Manager, East Asia and Pacific Region 2, World Bank
- **Dr. Guoping Zhang**  
Principal Investment Solutions Specialist, AIIB
- **Ms. Sunita Lukkhoo**  
Head of the EIB Group for Southeast Asia and the Pacific, European Investment Bank

Bilateral Organizations

- **Ms. Linda McElroy**  
Deputy Mission Director, USAID
- **Mr. Emmanuel Dollfus**  
Deputy Director, Agence Française de Développement (AFD) Phnom Penh
- **Mr. Frank Jattke**  
Team Leader ASEAN, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) Cambodia

## Session description

Development partners play a pivotal role in supporting the GMS by engaging in policy dialogue, participating in planning processes, implementing programs, and providing financial support to ensure the effective execution of various climate actions and measures to promote environmental sustainability.

This session will provide an opportunity for development partners to discuss their contributions and explore ways to enhance support for national and local governments in the GMS. The discussion will focus on strategic approaches and collaborative efforts required to achieve significant progress by 2030 and beyond.

UN Organizations

- **Dr. Subrata Sinha**  
Regional Environmental Affairs Officer, UNEP
- **Mr. Shakeel Ahmad**  
Deputy Resident Representative, UN Development Programme (UNDP) Cambodia

Think Tanks

- **Ms. Guohua Liu**  
Director of Sustainable Energy and Environment Department, Mekong Institute
- **Mr. Eric Arndt**  
Director, Asia, The Rockefeller Foundation
- **Mr. Watt Botkosal**  
Director, Mekong River Commission Secretariat
- **Prof. P. Abdul Salam**  
Dean of School of Environment, Resources and Development, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)

# Disaster Risk Management – Enhancing Climate Resilience in the GMS Through Data-Driven Strategies

09:00 – 10:30      Location: Ballroom 1

## Session host

Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)

## Moderator

**Dr. Peeranan Towashiraporn**

ADPC

## Keynote

**Mr. Aaron Brownell**

USAID Regional Development Mission for Asia

## Panel Discussion

- **Mr. Hans Guttman**  
ADPC
- **Mr. Jaiganesh Murugesan**  
ADB Lao PDR Resident Mission
- **Ms. Yann Kosal**  
Community Advancement Organization, Cambodia
- **Ms. Parichat Pinsri**  
Stockholm Environment Institute

## Session description

The Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), along with development organizations and the GMS member countries, have played an important role in enhancing resilience across the GMS by leveraging its expertise in climate risk analytics and climate services. The GMS countries have increased regional and transboundary cooperation through data-driven strategies, enabling them to share critical climate and disaster risk information. This collaboration has resulted in improved early warning systems, climate-smart planning, and evidence-based decision-making, strengthening the region's capacity to adapt to the impacts of climate change, which are transboundary in nature. These initiatives have demonstrated how regional cooperation can effectively build resilience and safeguard livelihoods in one of the world's most climate-vulnerable regions.

The session will showcase the successes and lessons learned from regional and transboundary cooperation in the GMS through the application of data-driven strategies in climate risk analytics and climate services. The session will highlight development organizations' role in facilitating these collaborative efforts, demonstrate how shared data and analytics have improved climate resilience and disaster preparedness across the GMS, and identify gaps, needs and priorities for scaling these approaches to further strengthen resilience against climate-related risks at the regional level.

# Nature-based Solutions (NbS) – Transforming Development by Maximizing Nature-People-Climate Synergies

9:00-12:30 Location: Ballroom 2

## Session host

World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

## Moderator

### Mr. Stefano Zenobi

Data and Transparency Specialist,  
WWF Mekong For the Future

## Keynote

### Mr. Christopher Howe

Resilient Asian Deltas Initiative and  
Mekong Landscape Leader, WWF

### Ms. Urvana Menon

Specialist - Environmental Security  
and Climate Resilience; WWF

## Session description

In this session, WWF, through a collaboration between Mekong for the Future (MFF) and Climate Resilient by Nature (CRxN) projects, along with partners, helps break down how Nature-based Solutions have the potential to offer smart and effective ways of simultaneously tackling biodiversity loss, climate change, and equitable development and their associated societal challenges.

The session will consist of a technical deep dive on NbS for developmental initiatives followed by a panel discussion on the potential to leverage opportunities and scale these ideas. We look at key principles that can help scale NbS for impact, the opportunity for climate resilient development and the necessary investments we need to deliver NbS at scale for impact.

## Panel Discussion

- **Mr. Ouk Navann**  
Deputy Director General, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia
- **Ms. Corazon De Jesus**  
ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity
- **Ms. Dewi Sari**  
World Resources Institute
- **Ms. Urvana Menon**  
Specialist - Environmental Security and Climate Resilience; WWF
- **Mr. Christopher Howe**  
Resilient Asian Deltas Initiative and Mekong Landscape Leader
- **Mr. Veerawit Thianchainan**  
Chief of Party, WWF-USAID Mekong for Future
- **Ms. Sareoun Soung**  
NGO Forum
- **Mr. Bou Vorsak**  
CEO, Naturelife, Cambodia
- **Mr. Jake Brunner**  
International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- **Mr. Nathan Conaboy**  
Conservation International
- **Mr. Alvaro Fonseca**  
Ramboll
- **Ms. Phuong Hoang Ai Nguyen**  
World Bank
- **Sideth Moung**  
Agence Française de Développement (AFD)

# Private Sector Roundtable

11:00 – 12:30

Location: Phokeethra 1

## Session host

ADB

## Moderator

**Mr. Kewal Thapar**

Consultant, ADB

## Opening Remarks

**Dr. Srinivasan Ancha**

Principal Climate Change Specialist, ADB

## Roundtable members

- **Mr. Youk Chamroeunrith**  
CEO, Forte Insurance Company, Cambodia
- **Mr. Tobias Huinink**  
Asia Business Director, ALBA Group  
Asia Limited, Hong Kong, PR China
- **Mr. Vin Samea**  
Senior Program and Stakeholder Manager,  
Husk Ventures, Cambodia
- **Mr. Mony Chhey**  
Board Director and Chief Financial  
Officer, KOFI Co., Ltd., Cambodia
- **Mr. Chav An Chin**  
Groupe de Recherches et d'Echanges  
Technologiques (GRET)

## Session description

The private sector plays a pivotal role in securing and developing climate actions and the environment sustainability in the GMS. By leveraging their resources, expertise, and market-driven approaches, private enterprises can significantly contribute to investing in climate mitigation actions, enhancing the resilience of communities, and ensuring sustainable practices. Private sector investment is critical as it brings in much-needed capital, innovation, and technology that can drive the investment in cleaner energy, green circular economy, adoption of climate-smart practices and improving environmental safeguards.

Private sector should be encouraged to invest in advanced technologies using IoT and blockchain, drones and mobile applications all of which can potentially improve climate resilience, reduce waste and improve traceability of polluting substances. To catalyze private sector investment, it is essential to provide opportunities that align with their business interests while also promoting sustainability. This includes offering incentives such as tax breaks, subsidies, and access to green finance options.

# Holistic Resilience: Reconciling Economic Success with Climate Risks in GMS

11:00 – 12:30

Location: Ballroom 1

## Session host

World Bank

## Moderator

**Ms. Salimata Folei (TBC)**

Senior Environmental Specialist, World Bank

## Keynote

**Dr. Muthukumara Mani**

Lead Environmental and Climate Change Economist,  
Southeast Asia, Region, World Bank

## Panel Discussion

- **Ms. Khlok Vichetrotha**  
Deputy Director, Department of Climate Change,  
Ministry of Environment, Cambodia
- **Dr. Liang Qidi**  
Assistant Researcher, Department  
of International Policy Research, PRC
- **Dr. Albert Salamanca**  
Senior Research Fellow, SEI, Cluster Lead:  
Climate Change, Disasters and Development
- **Dr. Eng Netra**  
Executive Director, Cambodia  
Development Resource Institute
- **Mr Jonathan Lim**  
CFO, Amru Rice

## Session description

The GMS is at a pivotal moment, where economic progress is increasingly at odds with climate risks. Rapid economic growth, urbanization, and industrialization have driven significant reductions in poverty. However, these achievements have also heightened the region's vulnerability to climate change, with urban expansion and coastal development making it more susceptible to rising sea levels and extreme weather events. While the scale of investment required is significant, achieving this transformation needs unparalleled collaboration among governments, private sector, investors, and multilateral institutions.. This shift not only presents substantial investment opportunities but also spans key areas such as mitigation, adaptation, climate technology, and the development of green infrastructure.

Drawing from the in-depth analysis in the Country Climate and Development Reports, this session will emphasize the urgent need to harmonize economic growth with climate resilience. The discussion will focus on why GMS's role in the global climate battle is crucial; despite its high vulnerability, the region has a unique opportunity to spearhead the transition to a greener, more inclusive, and prosperous future.

# Gender and Climate Action

13:30-15:00

Location: Phokeethra 1

## Session host

ADB

## Moderator

**Benjamin Burckhart**

Senior Social Development Specialist, WB, Cambodia

## Opening remarks

**H. E. Sivann Botum**

Secretary of State and Head of Gender and Climate Change Department, Ministry of Women's Affairs, Cambodia

## Keynote

**Ms. Zonibel Woods**

Senior Social Development Specialist, ADB

**Ms. Seinn Le Le Htet**

ADB Gender Specialist (consultant)

## Panel Discussion

- **Dr. Ninpaseuth Xayaphonesy**  
Director General, Department of Women in Development, Lao Women's Union
- **Ms. Supattira Rodboontham**  
Deputy Office Director, Regional Environment Office, USAID Regional Development Mission/Asia
- **Ms. Sophea Khun**  
UN Women Country Programme Manager in Cambodia
- **Dr. Thai Huynh Phuong Lan**  
Head of the Department of Rural Development and Natural Resources Management, An Giang University, Vietnam
- **Mr. Sano Akhteruzzaman**  
CEO, Save the Earth Cambodia
- **Ms. Thary Vorn**  
CEO and Founder, SUDrain - Cambodia

## Session description

Women are disproportionately impacted by environmental degradation, deforestation and climate-related stress. A recent ADB report highlighted that income reductions in women-headed households are nearly three times greater than in men-headed households due to the impacts of extreme heat and precipitation. Despite facing significant challenges, women's role is underrepresented in climate action due to barriers such as limited access to financial resources and technology, and low-capacity. The GMS Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Program aims to foster inclusivity by empowering women and other vulnerable groups to actively participate in achieving climate and environmental goals. This session will focus on advancing women participation and leadership to enhance climate and disaster resilience, just net-zero transitions, pollution control, and nature-based solutions.

Key objectives of the session include assessing the progress in the participation of women in advancing climate action and enhancing environmental sustainability, examining the gaps and challenges, and identifying key priorities for regional cooperation in terms of women's participation and decision-making in accelerating climate action and sustainability in the GMS by 2030.



# Innovative Finance Mechanisms

13:30-15:00

Location: Ballroom 1

## Session host

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

## Moderator

**Dr. Guoping Zhang**

Principal Investment Solutions Specialist, AIIB

## Opening Remarks

**Mr. Hun Kim**

Acting Vice President, Investment Solutions, AIIB

## Keynote

**Mr. Rachid Benmessaoud**

Senior Advisor, Investment Operations, AIIB

**Mr. Sabyasachi Mitra**

Senior Solutions Consultant, AIIB, ex-ADB Director

## Panel Discussion

- **Ms. Dewi Sari**  
Nature-based Solutions Manager  
Senior Program Lead, World Resource Institute (WRI)
- **Dr. Prasun Kumar Das**  
Secretary General, Asia Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (APRACA)
- **Dr. Arup Kumar Chatterjee**  
Principal Financial Sector Specialist, ADB
- **Mr. Xiang Li**  
Investment Solutions Specialist, AIIB
- **Mr. Alex Lebel**  
Senior Natural Resources and Agriculture Specialist, ADB

## Session description

The role of innovative finance in addressing climate change is growing in significance, particularly in supporting sustainable and environmentally conscious infrastructure projects. Conventional financing methods are often not enough, especially in low-income settings.

New financial strategies are crucial for generating extra funds, enticing private sector participation, and closing the investment shortfall. These strategies open up possibilities to pursue different funding options, including policy-based financing with a climate focus, debt-for-nature/ climate swaps, and issuance of green bonds. Adopting innovative finance allows members to effectively address environmental challenges and reinforce related policies through regulatory frameworks, planning methods, and legal systems, all supported by inventive financing models.

Financial institutions play a critical role in assisting their members in finding and applying cost-effective, innovative climate solutions that require the inclusion of these practices within funded projects. In this regard, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) is exploring green and technology-enabled solutions for its projects, complementing traditional funding sources and addressing the unmet need for sustainable financing.



# Plastic Pollution

13:30 – 17:00

Location: Ballroom 2

## Session host

- Lead: Ministry of Environment, Cambodia
- Co-organiser: Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)

## Moderators

**Dr. Premakumara Jagath**

**Dickella Gamaralalage**

Director, IGES Centre Collaborating with UNEP on Environmental Technologies (IGES CCET)

**Ms. Chochoe Devaporihartakula**

Programme Manager, IGES

## Keynote

**Dr. Premakumara Jagath Dickella Gamaralalage**

Director, IGES CCET

**Mr. Taing Meng Eang**

Director of Green Economy, General Directorate of Policy and Strategy

## Panel Discussion

- **Dr. Wijarn Simachaya**  
Chairman of Public Private Partnership for Sustainable Plastic and Waste Management (PPP Plastics), Thailand
- **Mr. Jakob Lambsdorff**  
CEO of Smart City Circular Economy Solutions Ltd
- **Ms. Chochoe Devaporihartakula**  
Programme Manager, IGES
- **Mr. Reo Kawamura**  
Director for Environmental Policy and Director for Regional Knowledge Center for Marine Plastic Debris (RKC-MPD), ERIA
- **Dr. Subrata Sinha**  
Regional Environmental Affairs Officer, UNEP
- **Mr. Jerome Stucki**  
Project Manager, UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

## Session description

This session will address the critical issue of plastic pollution with a focus on the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS). It aims to foster dialogue, share insights, and explore effective methods to manage and reduce plastic debris in marine and terrestrial environments. The session will bring together esteemed speakers, including policymakers, industry leaders, and international experts, to discuss innovative strategies and collaborative efforts across the region.

The objectives of the session are: (i) Enhance understanding of current challenges and innovations in managing plastic pollution, (ii) Strengthen partnerships and increase engagement between GMS countries, NGOs, private sector and international organisations, (iii) Mobilize investment in sustainable technologies and infrastructure that contribute to effective plastic pollution control, (iv) Develop actionable recommendations for policy enhancements, technological adoption, and community engagement strategies.

# Youth and Climate Action

15:30-17:00

Location: Phokeethra 1

## Session host

- Lead: The Coalition for Integrity and Social Accountability (CISA)
- Co-organizer: ADB

## Moderator

### Ms. Petra Pontier

Assistant Policy Analyst (Environment and Climate Change), UNDP Cambodia

## Keynote

### Mr. Pawattapum Charoensuk

Youth Fellow, Climate Investment Funds, Thailand

### Mr. Pongsan Hunuon

Partnership Lead and Co-founder, Youth Council for Climate Action, Cambodia

## Panel Discussion

- **Dr. Chaipon Juntawang**  
Director of Children and Youth Environment Promotion Section, Department of Climate Change and Environment, Thailand
- **Ms. Southida Souliyavong**  
Country Manager for the Lao PDR, The ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB)
- **Mr. Him Yun**  
Executive Director, CISA, Cambodia
- **Ms. Pareena Prayukovng**  
Circular Economy Youth Fellowship Project Manager, Trainer and Consultant on Circular Design and Strategy, Thailand
- **Mr. Tuan Anh Khong**  
Adolescent & Youth Environmental Engagement Coordinator, UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office

## Session description

Young people are addressing climate and environmental issues with innovative solutions, bringing new perspectives, and actively shaping the future they envision. Through their efforts, they are not only contributing to global sustainability but also fostering human development for themselves and their communities. With the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the role of youth is recognized to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

Governments and development partners should systematically promote and invest in meaningful youth participation. Meanwhile, young people should be encouraged to use their voices, actions, and solutions, as well as their willingness to influence decision-making on climate action and environmental governance.

This session aims to examine the past activities and to explore key priorities for youth engagement up to 2030 concerning climate change and environmental sustainability. By reflecting on previous initiatives and identifying future priorities, this session seeks to encourage different stakeholders to empower young people in taking an active role in shaping a sustainable future for the GMS region and to discuss the key challenges, potential, and enablers in GMS to accelerate youth-led climate action.

# Climate Transition and Cooperation in GMS: Current Challenges and Future Pathways to Achieve Net-Zero

15:30-17:00

Location: Ballroom 1

## Session host

- Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)
- Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)

## Keynote

### Dr. Jun Ichihara

Director, Regional Centre in Bangkok, IGES

### Dr. Venkatachalam Anbumozhi

Senior Research Fellow for Innovation, ERIA

## Panel Discussion

- **Dr. Tang The Cuong**  
Director General, Department of Climate Change, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Viet Nam
- **Mr. Yengher Vacha**  
Director of International Cooperation, Luang Prabang City
- **Ms. Ladaporn Kat Khunikakorn**  
Regional Director, Climate Projects, SEA & Oceania, South Pole
- **Prof. Nophea Sasaki**  
Professor, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)

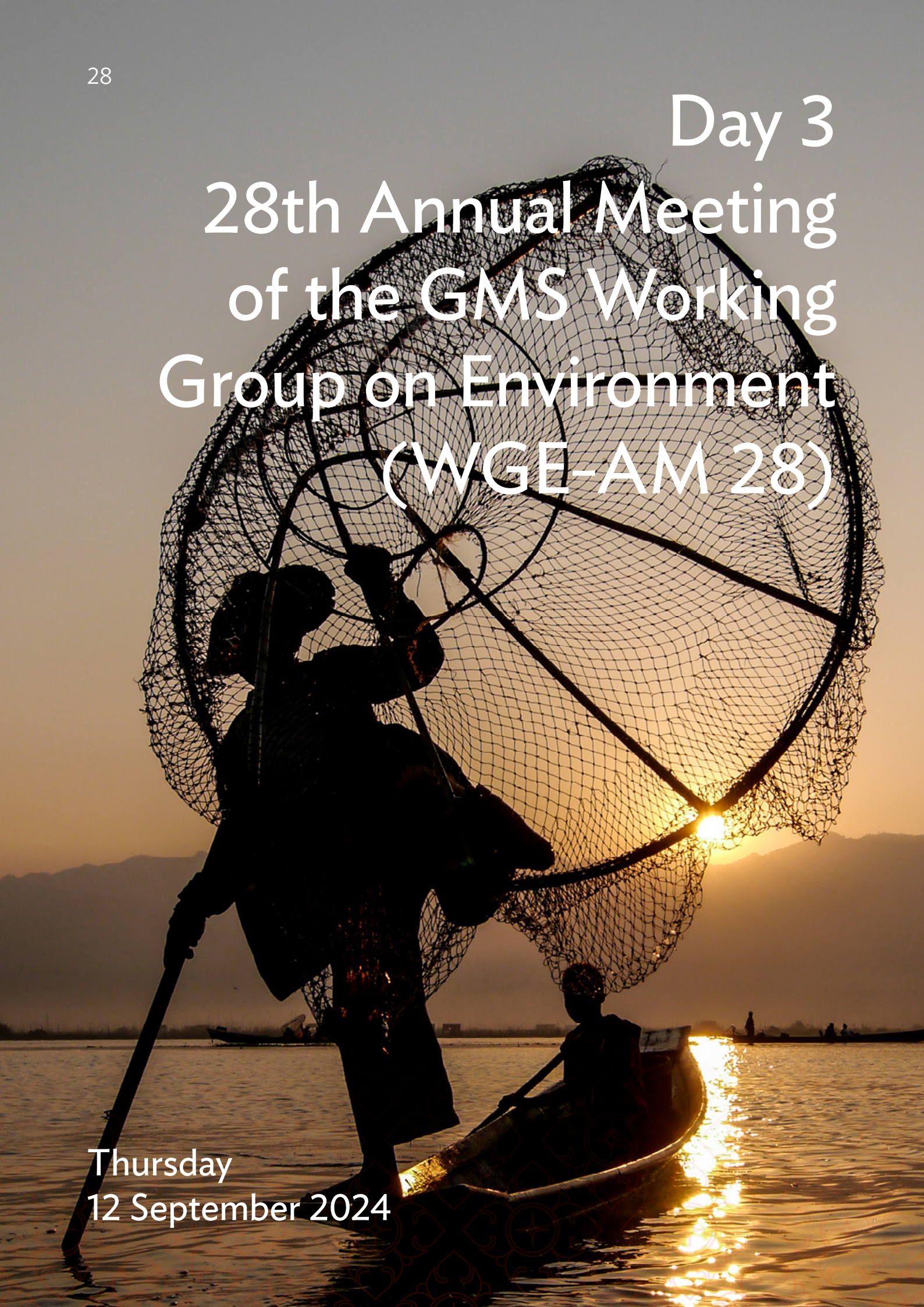
## Session description

While GMS countries have made strides in promoting renewable energy, improving energy efficiency, and enhancing resilience to climate change impacts, the promotion of a broader range of climate measures and clean technologies is essential for transitioning to a sustainable society. To enhance these efforts, cooperation among governments, donors, and other key stakeholders is crucial. The objective of this session is to understand the current status of climate change policies and measures in GMS and ASEAN, discuss the specific challenges to achieving net-zero emissions, and strengthen cooperation among government officials, donors, private companies, researchers, and local governments to promote the effective implementation of climate mitigation and resilience strategies.

Through this session, we aim to deepen the understanding of the current status and future outlook of climate transition in GMS and foster in-depth discussions on strengthening cooperation among stakeholders. The outcomes of these discussions are expected to serve as important guidelines for future cooperation and strategy development among stakeholders.

Day 3  
28th Annual Meeting  
of the GMS Working  
Group on Environment  
(WGE-AM 28)

Thursday  
12 September 2024





# 28th Annual Meeting of the GMS Working Group on Environment - Agenda

Thursday, 12 September 2024

Location: Ballroom 2

Participation in the morning sessions during WGE AM-28 is by invitation only.  
Afternoon sessions (Session 3, 4, 5, and Conclusion) are open to all participants.

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| 08:30– 09:00  | Participant Registration (Physical and online)   |
| 09:00 – 09:20 | Opening remarks  |
| 09:20 – 10:45 | Session 1<br>Preparation for the Next Phase in support of implementing the GMS 2030 Strategy |
| 10:45 – 11:15 | Coffee break and group photo   |
| 11:15 – 12:00 | Session 2<br>Phnom Penh Joint Statement on Prevention of Plastic Pollution in the GMS        |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | Lunch break  |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | Session 3<br>Environmental quality management & circular economy                             |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | Session 4<br>Financing low-carbon and climate-resilient infrastructure and technology        |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | Coffee break   |
| 15:30 – 16:15 | Session 5<br>Summary of Discussion   |
| 16:15 – 16:30 | Day 3 concluding remarks   |
| 18:00         | Gala Dinner - Welcoming the Ministers' delegations<br>Location: Ballroom 1                   |

# Session 1 Preparation for the Next Phase in support of implementing the GMS 2030 Strategy

09:20 – 10:45

Location: Ballroom 2

## Co-chairs

### H. E. Pak Sokharavuth

Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia

### Dr. Jiangfeng Zhang

Director, East Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific Team, Agriculture, Food, Nature, and Rural Development Sector Office, Sectors Group, ADB

## Setting the scene

### Mr. Alvaro Fonseca

Technical Assistance Team Lead

## Reflections by GMS country representatives

- **H.E. Sum Thy**  
Director General, Directorate of the Policy and Strategy, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia
- **Ms. Cui Dandan**  
Deputy Director General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Ecology and Environment, PRC
- **Mr. Sounadeth Soukchaleun**  
Deputy Director General, Department of Planning and Finance, Ministry of Natural Resource and Environment, Lao PDR
- **TBD, Country representative from Myanmar**
- **Mr. Thalearnsak Petchsuwan**  
Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE), Thailand
- **Dr. Kim Thi Thuy Ngoc**  
Head, Division of Science and International Cooperation, Institute of Strategy and Policy on Natural Resources and Environment (ISPONRE), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Viet Nam

# Session 2 Phnom Penh Joint Statement on Prevention of Plastic Pollution in the GMS

11:15-12:00

Location: Ballroom 2

## Co-chairs

### H. E. Pak Sokharavuth

Undersecretary of State; Ministry of Environment, Cambodia

### Dr. Jiangfeng Zhang

Director, East Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific Team, Agriculture, Food, Nature, and Rural Development Sector Office, Sectors Group, ADB

## Setting the scene

### Ms. Pareena Prayukvong

Technical Assistance Team Technical Advisor

## Reflections by GMS country representatives

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# Session 3

## Environmental quality management & circular economy

13:00 – 14:00 Location: Ballroom 2

### Co-chairs

**H. E. Sum Thy**

WGE Coordinator, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia

**Dr. Jiangfeng Zhang**

Director, East Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific Team, Agriculture, Food, Nature, and Rural Development Sector Office, Sectors Group, ADB

### Setting the scene

**Ms. Chiara Metallo**

Technical Assistance Thematic Lead

### Panel discussion

- **Ms. Nan Xi**  
Program Manager, Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center (FECO), Ministry of Ecology and Environment PRC
- **Ms. Chochoe Devaporihartakula**  
Programme Manager, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)
- **Dr. Orathai Pongruktham**  
Sustainability Project and Communication Manager, Dow Thailand Group



# Session 4

## Financing low-carbon and climate-resilient infrastructure and technology

14:00-15:00

Location: Ballroom 2

### Co-chairs

**H. E. Sum Thy**

WGE Coordinator, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia

**Dr. Jiangfeng Zhang**

Director, East Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific Team, Agriculture, Food, Nature, and Rural Development Sector Office, Sectors Group, ADB

### Setting the scene

**Mr. Kim Madsbjerg**

Technical Assistance Thematic Lead

### Panel discussion

- **Dr. Muthukumara Mani**  
Lead Environmental & Climate Change Economist, World Bank
- **Ms. Sunita Lukkhoo**  
Head of Group SEA & Pacific, European Investment Bank (EIB)
- **Ms. Anastasia Maga**  
Climate Finance Expert, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)
- **Ms. Luthfyana Larasati**  
Manager, Climate Policy Initiative (CPI), Indonesia
- **Mr. Yan Yet**  
Vice President & Deputy Head of Credit Division, ACLEDA Bank Plc., Cambodia

# Session 5 Summary of Discussion

15:30 – 16:15

Location: Ballroom 2

## Summary of Discussion

### Dr. Srinivasan Ancha

Principal Climate Change Specialist and Climate Change Focal Point for Southeast Asia, ADB

## Concluding Remarks

### H. E. Pak Sokharavuth

Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia

### Dr. Jiangfeng Zhang

Director, East Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific Team, Agriculture, Food, Nature, and Rural Development Sector Office, Sectors Group, ADB



# Day 4

## 6th Greater Mekong Subregion Environment Ministers' Meeting (EMM-6)

Friday  
13 September 2024



# 6<sup>th</sup> Greater Mekong Subregion Environment Ministers' Meeting (EMM-6) - Agenda

Friday, 13 September 2024

Location: Ballroom 2

Participation in the sessions during EMM-6 is by invitation only.

## Chair

**H. E. Dr. Sophalleth EANG**

Minister of Environment, Kingdom of Cambodia

## Co-Chair

**Ms. Fatima Yasmin**

ADB Vice President (Sectors and Themes)  
and Head of ADB Delegation

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|---------------|--|
| 08:00 – 08:30 | Participant Registration (Physical and online)   |
| 08:30 – 09:00 | The Ministers of Environment and Heads of Delegations arrive in the waiting room   |
| 09:00 – 09:30 | Ministers and Heads of Delegations visit the exhibition  |
| 09:30 – 10:00 | Opening Session<br>Welcome Remarks by <b>Ms. Fatima Yasmin</b><br>ADB Vice President (Sectors and Themes) and Head of ADB Delegation<br>Opening Remarks by <b>H.E Dr. Sophalleth Eang</b><br>Minister of Environment, Kingdom of Cambodia<br>Group photo and break |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | Coffee Break   |
| 10:15 – 11:00 | Adoption of the Agenda<br>Plenary Session  |
| 11:00 – 11:45 | Report of the GMS Working Group on Environment (WGE) and ADB,<br>and Endorsement of EMM-6 Events   |
| 11:45 – 12:30 | Statements by Development Partners and the Private Sector  |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch Break  |
| 15:00 – 16:00 | Courtesy Call to <b>Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei HUN MANET</b><br>Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia  |
| 16:00 – 16:40 | Presentation and Adoption of the EMM-6 Joint Ministerial Statement   |
| 16:40 – 17:00 | Wrap-up of EMM-6 by <b>Ms. Fatima Yasmin</b><br>ADB Vice President (Sectors and Themes) and Head of ADB Delegation<br>Closing Remarks and Conclusion of EMM-6 by <b>H.E Dr. Sophalleth Eang</b><br>Minister of Environment, Kingdom of Cambodia                    |
| 17:30 – 18:00 | Press Conference   |
| 18:30         | High-level Dinner  |

# EMM-6 - Description of Sessions

Location: Ballroom 2

## Opening Session

Welcome Remarks by **Ms. Fatima Yasmin**

ADB Vice President (Sectors and Themes) and Head of ADB Delegation

Opening Remarks by **H.E Dr. Sophalleth Eang**

Minister of Environment, Kingdom of Cambodia

## Plenary Session

Adoption of the Agenda

Statements by the GMS Ministers of Environment or Heads of Delegations:

- Kingdom of Cambodia
- People's Republic of China
- Lao People's Democratic Republic
- Republic of the Union of Myanmar
- Kingdom of Thailand
- Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

## Report of the GMS Working Group on Environment (WGE) and ADB, and Endorsement of EMM-6 Events

- Report on the GMS Environment Program achievements and EMM-6 events, by the Head of Cambodia Working Group on Environment
- Report on coordination and mobilization of resources for the proposed Program, by ADB representative
- Endorsement of the GMS 2030 Strategic Framework for Accelerating Climate Action and Environmental Sustainability and the Phnom Penh Joint Statement on Prevention of Plastic Pollution in the GMS.

# EMM-6 - Description of Sessions

Location: Ballroom 2

## Statements by Development Partners and the Private Sector

- Multilateral development banks
- UN agencies
- Bilateral development partners and think tanks
- Private sector

## Courtesy Call to Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei HUN MANET

Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, Prime Minister's Office

## Presentation and Adoption of the EMM-6 Joint Ministerial Statement

Ministry of Environment, Kingdom of Cambodia, will present the Joint Ministerial Statement to be endorsed by all GMS Environment Ministers and Heads of Delegations

## Wrap-up of EMM-6

**Ms. Fatima Yasmin**

ADB Vice President (Sectors and Themes) and Head of ADB Delegation

## Closing Remarks and Conclusion of EMM-6

**H.E Dr. Sophalleth Eang**

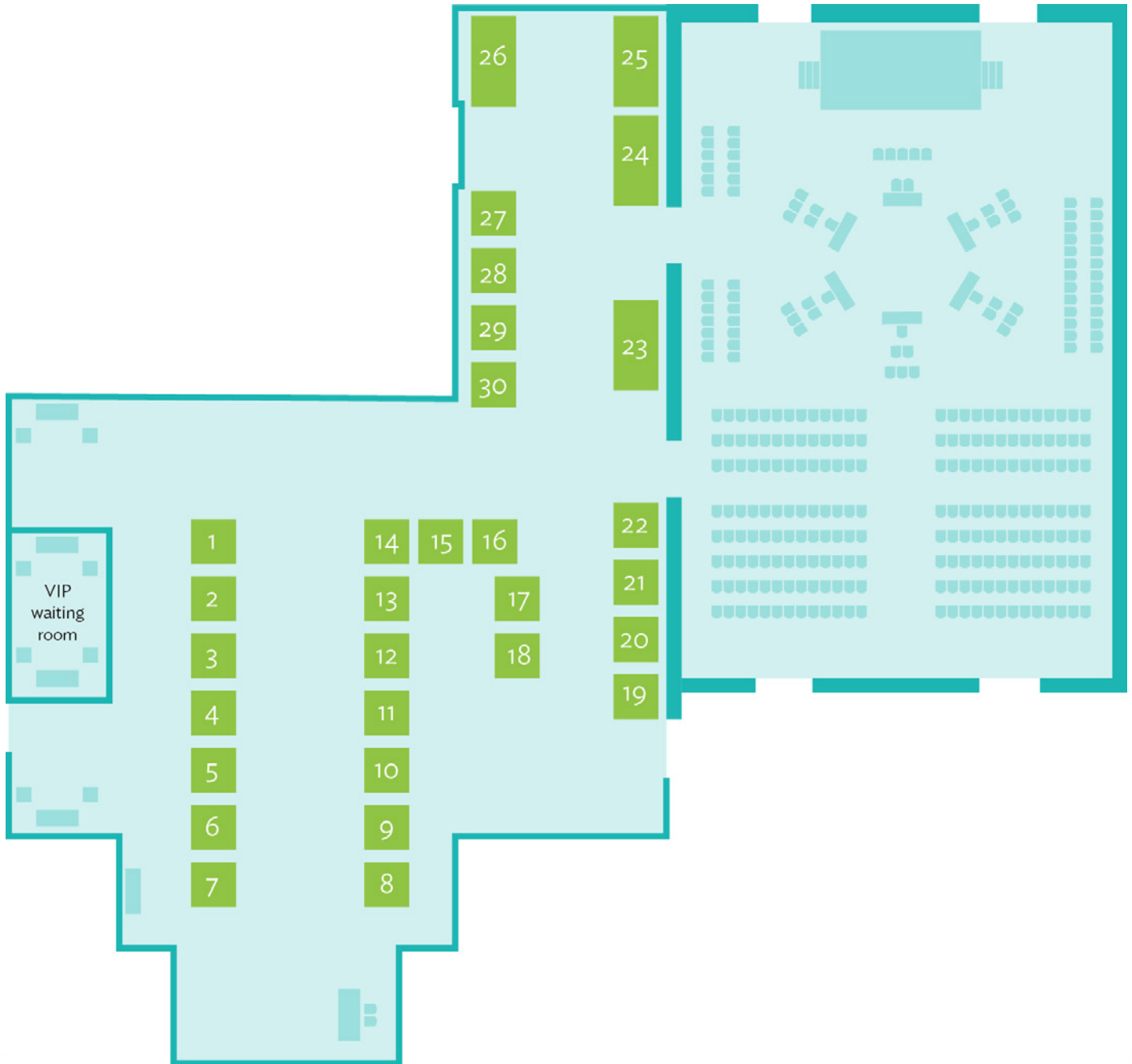
Minister of Environment, Kingdom of Cambodia

## Press Conference

Location: Phokeetra 1



# Exhibition Area - Map





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# Exhibitors

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## 1 ALBA Group

ALBA is a leading environmental service provider and raw materials supplier aiming to help promote sustainable development. It works with industry and the retail sector to develop innovative concepts that result in the responsible, environmentally sound use of materials in all production and consumption processes, pointing the way to true product responsibility.

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## 2 ACLEDA Bank Plc.

ACLEDA bank is a key player in supporting Cambodia's investment framework and in financing on infrastructure development to improve connectivity, facilitate trade, diversify tourism, and attract investments in agriculture and other sectors.

[www.acledabank.com.kh/kh/eng/](http://www.acledabank.com.kh/kh/eng/)

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## 3 Ramboll Group

Ramboll is a global engineering, architecture, and consultancy company with more than 18,000 experts that create sustainable solutions for governments and companies all over the world. We combine insights with the power to drive positive change to our clients, in the form of ideas that can be realized and implemented.

<https://ramboll.com/>

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## 4 iDE Global Cambodia

iDE has been growing prosperity in Cambodia since 1994 by building value chains and business models in agriculture, clean water, and sanitation that promote beneficial, affordable products and services.

<https://www.ideglobal.org/country/cambodia>

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## 5 KOFI Co., Ltd

Kofi was established in 2009 having its vision as a leader in the Cambodian coffee industry with professionalism and innovation as its core value. As the largest supplier of coffee beans, machines, and related products in Cambodia, Kofi is dedicated to providing exceptional service and quality products to our clients.

<https://www.kofi.com.kh/>

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## 6 Plan International Cambodia

Plan International Cambodia is supporting children, especially girls, and young women, since 2002, working together with children, young people, supporters and partners to strive for a just world where we are all equal. Its programmes follow a holistic lifestyle approach including commitments to becoming data-driven, energises people to contribute to and take accountability for the work delivered, developing a positive culture that shares power and encourages self-care and caring for others.

[plan-international.org](http://plan-international.org)

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## 8 Husk Ventures Cambodia

HUSK is based on the strong conviction that the private sector has the power to combat social inequality and tackle climate change. That is why Heloise Buckland and Carol Rius co-founded this innovative, impact-driven business in Barcelona (Spain), and Phnom Penh (Cambodia).

<https://www.huskventures.com/>

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## 9 ATEC Global

ATEC's IoT Stove turns cooking into income generation. Cooking with wood generates 1 gigaton of emissions each year - more than the global airline industry. ATEC's hardware, software & data technology stack enables women to measure, verify & transact these reductions into global carbon markets as Gold Standard verified emission reductions. Cooking with wood causes 3x more deaths annually worldwide than traffic accidents - with the majority of fatalities being women

<https://www.atecglobal.io/>

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## 10 Coalition for Integrity and Social Accountability (CISA)

CISA empower youth to transform communities through action. By harnessing the energy and creativity of young individuals, we drive positive change, tackle pressing issues, and build a better future for all. Join our youth-led movement and make a lasting impact in your community.

<https://cisa.org.kh/>

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## 11 GRET Cambodia

GRET objective is to improve the living conditions of the most vulnerable populations and promote social justice, while preserving our planet

<https://www.gret.org>

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## 12 GreenGoods Lao

A integrated service that provides eco-friendly poultry farming to small-scale farmers and helps them generate stable agricultural income. It protects the ecology and environment through sustainable agricultural production.

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## 13 NatureLife Cambodia Organization

The organization was established with technical support from BirdLife International and financial support from the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund through International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). NatureLife was founded with 12 members, of whom 10 are BirdLife Cambodia core staffs.

<https://naturelifecambodia.org/>

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## 14, Ministry of Environment in Cambodia

15, The Ministry of Environment is the government ministry of Cambodia charged with environmental  
16 protection.

[moe.gov.kh](http://moe.gov.kh)

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## 17 Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)

The vision of ADPC is “safer communities and sustainable development through disaster risk reduction” and its geographical remit is Asia and the Pacific. In the current context, it provides an excellent mechanism to address existing and emerging negative impacts of natural hazards and climate change, continue to support global initiatives on climate resilience, and urban resilience, make humanitarian response to disasters more effective and give support and direction for recovery and rehabilitation, building back better.

<https://www.adpc.net/igo/>

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## 18 Stockholm Environment Institute

Mekong Thought Leadership and Think Tanks Network and Sustainable Mekong Research Network

<https://www.sei.org/>

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## 19 WaterAid Cambodia

Clean water, decent toilets, and good hygiene are basic human rights. They should be a normal part of daily life for everyone, everywhere – but they aren’t. That’s why we’re here.

<https://www.wateraid.org/ca/why-wateraid>

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## 20 Institute of Technology of Cambodia (ITC)

The Institute of Technology of Cambodia is recognized as the top leading public higher education institution in engineering and technology in Cambodia.

<https://itc.edu.kh/about-institute-of-technology-of-cambodia/>

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## 21 Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)

We would like to showcase AIT's innovative solutions and development projects related to climate actions and environmental sustainability

<https://ait.ac.th/>

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## 22 Conservation International Cambodia (CI)

We imagine a healthy, prosperous world in which societies are forever committed to caring for and valuing nature, for the long-term benefit of people and all life on Earth.

<https://www.conservation.org/places/asia-pacific>

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## 23 Asian Development Bank (ADB)

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) finances projects and investments for a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific. ADB supports the development of the region by facilitating policy dialogues, providing advisory services, and mobilizing financial resources through cofinancing operations that tap official, commercial, and export credit sources.

[adb.org](http://adb.org)

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## 24 GIZ (The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit)

As a service provider in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development and international education work, we are dedicated to shaping a future worth living around the world. We have over 50 years of experience in a wide variety of areas, including economic development and employment promotion, energy and the environment, and peace and security.

<https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/383.html>

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## 25 Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) is a multilateral development bank supporting infrastructure development with a focus on sustainability. The Bank is AAA-rated by the major international credit rating agencies and collaborating with partners, AIIB meets clients' needs by unlocking new capital and investing in infrastructure that is green, technology-enabled and promotes regional connectivity.

<https://www.aiib.org/en/index.html>

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## 27 Wildlife Conservation Society

We are protecting regions that are biologically outstanding and where the long-term conservation of species and ecological processes is viable.

<https://www.wcs.org/our-work>

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## 28 World Resources Institute (WRI) Indonesia

WRI's mission is to move human society to live in ways that protect Earth's environment and its capacity to provide for the needs and aspirations of current and future generations. Our mission and values guide all the work we do.

<https://www.wri.org>

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## 29 Water and Energy for Food

WE4F is a joint international initiative of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the European Union (EU), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of the Netherlands, the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad), Sweden through the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Through its Regional Innovation Hubs, it provides financial support, technical assistance, and investment facilitation to water-food, energy-food, and water-energy-food innovations.

<https://we4f.org/>

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