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Session C: Promoting Climate- Smart Landscapes

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Session Agenda & Contributors



13:00 **Welcome & Introductions**

Moderator: Ms. Daniella Chehade, Climate Change Policy Officer, British Embassy, Cambodia

13:05 **Scene Setting**

Dr. Ellyn Kathalina Damayanti, TA Team, Technical Advisor, Ramboll



13:15 **Keynote Address**

- 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

13:35 **Panel Discussion**

- Dr. Chheang Dany, Deputy Director General, Forestry Administration, MAFF, Cambodia
- Dr. Sonya Dewi, Asia Continental Director, Center for International Forestry Research and World Agroforestry (CIFOR-ICRAF)
- Dr. Andrea Pavlick, Environment Team Lead, USAID Cambodia
- Ms. Christie Getman, Country Director, SNV Viet Nam



14:15 **Audience Q&A**

14:25 **Summary and Closing Remarks**

14:30 **COFFEE BREAK**





Key Takeaways

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Biodiversity and Forest Challenges in GMS

- GMS holds 15% of tropical forests but faces challenges, i.e., a 12.9% forest cover reduction because of illegal logging and forest conversion.
- Urgent need to meet 2030 biodiversity goals under the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

Nature-Based Solutions (NBS)

- NBS are key to restoring ecosystems, tackling climate change, and promoting sustainable agriculture and landscapes.
- Challenges in scaling NBS include political and economic barriers and lack of sectoral coordination.

Agroforestry and Climate-Smart Landscapes

- Agroforestry combines trees, crops, and livestock, enhancing ecosystem resilience and supporting livelihoods.
- Systematic data collection is needed to support policy development and scale agroforestry practices.

Private Sector and Community Involvement

- Private sector engagement is essential for sustainable agriculture, bridging large corporations with smallholders.
- Community involvement and transboundary cooperation are crucial for success in climate-smart initiatives.

Call to Action:

Focus on policy support, cross-border cooperation, and investment in climate-smart solutions to achieve sustainable landscapes in GMS.