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Greater Mekong Subregion Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Program (CCESP)

Policy Dialogue on Air Pollution Control

23 February 2023 (in-person and online)
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Bangkok time, GMT +7)
Vientiane, Lao PDR

AGENDA

Thursday 23 February 2023

08:30–09:00	Registration and login of all participants via Zoom platform
09:00–09:10	Welcome remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WGE Representative Introduction to agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Jens Christian Riise, TA-9915 Co-Team Leader, Capacity Building Specialist, Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Specialist, and Facilitator
09:10–10:00	Session 1: Worldwide examples of policies for achieving advanced air quality management Facilitator: Mr. Jens Christian Riise, TA-9915 Co-Team Leader, Capacity Building Specialist, Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Specialist
09:10–10:00	Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air quality improvement Next generation environmental regulation Environmental cooperation in the GMS region Rural environmental management Environmental education, public awareness, and corporate social responsibility

10:00–10:30	<p>Session 2: Progress in GMS and priority areas for improvement</p> <p>Facilitator: Ms. Chiara Metallo, TA-9915 Thematic Lead Enhancing Environmental Quality Through Pollution Control and Sustainable Waste Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of CCESP (objectives, components, program management) • Progress made in the GMS countries • Challenges and gaps identified in the GMS countries • Priority areas for improvement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Standards and regulations ○ Governance and policy ○ Enforcement and compliance ○ Taxation instrument and economic instruments ○ Education and awareness
10:30–10:50	<p>Coffee break</p>
10:50–12:20	<p>Session 3: Examples of challenges and management options for better air quality in the GMS region</p> <p>Facilitator: Mr. Jens Christian Riise, TA-9915 Co-Team Leader, Capacity Building Specialist, Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Specialist</p> <p>4 x 15-minute presentations on pollution control projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air pollution from crop burning in SE Asia, by NN, Clean Air Asia • Air and water pollution: burden and strategies for control • Toxic air pollutants and greenhouse gases from crop residue open burning in Southeast Asia • Assessment of the effects of straw burning bans in China: emissions, air quality, and health impacts <p>Panel discussion (5 minutes reflection per panelist and discussion)</p>
12:20–13:20	<p>Lunch break</p>
13:20–14:20	<p>Session 4: Open dialogue and Presentations from GMS about their vision and plans for air quality management</p> <p>Facilitator: Mr. Jens Christian Riise, TA-9915 Co-Team Leader, Capacity Building Specialist, Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Specialist</p> <p>10-minute presentations by GMS WGE and country representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation from Cambodia • Presentation from PRC • Presentation from Lao PDR • Presentation from Thailand • Presentation from Viet Nam
14:20–15:00	<p>Panel discussion (5-minute reflections per panelist and discussion)</p> <p>Facilitator: Mr. Jens Christian Riise, TA-9915 Co-Team Leader, Capacity Building Specialist, Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Specialist</p>

15:00–15:15	Final remarks by Dr. Srinivasan Ancha, Principal Climate Change Specialist, ADB or a high-ranking official from GMS
15:35–15:45	Closing remarks by WGE representative, Lao PDR

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The policy dialogue is managed by Mrs. Chiara Metallo, GMS CCESP TA Thematic Lead for Theme 4 - Enhancing environmental quality through pollution control and sustainable waste management. The policy dialogue is supported and facilitated by the TA Team headed by Mr. Jens Christian Riise, Ramboll.

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