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

Policy Dialogue on Plastic Waste Management Towards Circular Economy

24 February 2023 (in-person and online)
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Bangkok time, GMT +7)
Vientiane, Lao PDR

AGENDA

Friday 24 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
09:00–09:10	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
9:10–9:50	Session 1: Understanding waste management and circular economy Facilitator: Ms. Chiara Metallo, TA-9915 Thematic Lead Enhancing Environmental Quality Through Pollution Control and Sustainable Waste Management <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global perspective for waste policies • United Nations agenda for sustainable development • New circular economy action plan (European Union) • Circular economy indicators in the European Union <p>Facilitator: External</p> <p>Presentations:</p>

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- Waste management indicators and policies
 - Waste monitoring and data management
 - Digital technologies in waste management
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Session 2: Progress in GMS and priority areas for improvement

Facilitator: Mr. Jens Christian Riise, TA-9915 Co-Team Leader, Capacity Building Specialist, Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Specialist

Presentations and Q/A session

Facilitator: Ms. Chiara Metallo, TA-9915 Thematic Lead Enhancing Environmental Quality Through Pollution Control and Sustainable Waste Management

9:50–10:30

- Overview of CCESP (objectives, components, and program management)
 - Progress in the GMS countries
 - Challenges and gaps identified in the GMS countries
 - GMS CCESP priority areas for improvement
 - Governance and policy
 - Waste treatment infrastructure
 - Extended producer responsibility
 - Taxation instruments and economic instruments
 - Enforcement and compliance
 - Education and awareness
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10:30–10:50

Coffee break

10.50–12:20

Session 3: Examples of challenges and management options for plastic waste management towards a circular economy in the GMS region

Facilitator: Mr. Jens Christian Riise, TA-9915 Co-Team Leader, Capacity Building Specialist, Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Specialist

5 x 10-minute presentations on plastic waste management and circular economy actions

Presentations:

- Understanding the risks and opportunities in addressing plastic pollution in the GMS
- Scenarios and evidence-informed solutions for radically reducing plastic pollution in Viet Nam
- Enhancing circular economy model at the local level and improving municipal waste management practices and policies in Thailand
- Plastic waste management in Cambodia
- Impacts of plastic pollution on ecosystem services, sustainable development goals, and need to focus on circular economy and policy interventions
- Leveraging 360-degree social behavior change and communication in advancing multi-stakeholders understanding and participation

Panel discussion (5-minute reflections per panelist and discussion)

Facilitator: Mr. Jens Christian Riise, TA-9915 Co-Team Leader, Capacity Building Specialist, Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Specialist

12:20–13:20	Lunch break
	<p>Session 4: Vision and plans towards better plastics waste management and circular economy</p> <p>Facilitator: Ms. Chiara Metallo, TA-9915 Thematic Lead Enhancing Environmental Quality Through Pollution Control and Sustainable Waste Management</p>
13:20–14:20	<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
15:15–15:30	Closing remarks by WGE representative, Lao PDR

Contact

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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