

- AGENDA -

Second Regional Workshop
MRC/ECO-Asia Regional Cooperation Initiative
Promoting Regional Cooperation in the Mekong River Basin
August 22-23, 2007
Don Chan Palace Hotel

DAY 1 – August 22:	
08.30-09.00	Registration
09.00-09.10	Welcoming Remarks Dr. Pornsook Chongprasith, Director, MRC Environment Programme
	Introductions
09.10-09.45	MRC Activities in Conflict Prevention and Management MRC Mandate – 1995 Agreement Ms. Berengere Prince, International Cooperation and Communication Section Dr. Vitoon Viriyasakultorn, Environmental Cooperation-Asia (ECO-Asia) Mr. Minh Ngoc Huynh, MRC Flood Management and Mitigation Programme <i>Objectives:</i> Present overview of objectives and activities of past and ongoing MRC programmes in conflict prevention and management; present ECO-Asia activities and collaboration with MRC; and present draft working paper on mandate of 1995 Agreement.
09.45-10.15	Benefits of Transboundary Waters Cooperation Prof. Aaron Wolf, Oregon State University <i>Objective:</i> Present benefits of regional cooperation in the management of transboundary waters through examples of win-win collaborative decision-making solutions in other watersheds.
10.15-10.30	Break
10.30-12.00	Transboundary Hotspots/Issues Mr. Hans Guttman, MRC Environment Programme Mr. Minh Ngoc Huynh, MRC Flood Management and Mitigation Programme Prof. Aaron Wolf, Oregon State University <i>Objectives and Activities:</i> Present criteria to identify hotspots, and list of illustrative hotspots in the basin, including the flood-related hotspots and issues. Present benefits of hotspots mapping and linkage to achieving MRC's Goal 2 on regional cooperation.
12.00-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.00	Transboundary Hotspots/Issues (continued) <i>Objectives and Activities:</i> Interactive exercises on selected hotspot examples, applying issue reframing and collaborative decision-making concepts and skills.
15.00-15.15	Break
15.15-17.00	Transboundary Hotspots/Issues (continued) <i>Objectives:</i> Discussion on how MRC can use hotspot/issue mapping as a programme support tool.
	Wrap-Up – Mr. Hans Guttman, MRC Environment Programme

DAY 2 – August 23:	
08.30	<p>Workshop Objectives and Day 2 Activities Dr. Vitoon Viriyasakultorn, ECO-Asia</p> <p><i>Objective:</i> Present overview of the day’s objectives and activities.</p>
08.40-09.30	<p>Conflict Prevention/Management Tools Mr. Doug Sarno, ECO-Asia TBD, Country experiences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lao - Thailand - Vietnam <p><i>Objectives:</i> Present spectrum of conflict prevention approaches with examples from the Mekong River Basin, including MRC programmes.</p>
09.30-12.00	<p>MRC Conflict Prevention and Management Terminology Mr. Doug Sarno, ECO-Asia Dr. Vitoon Viriyasakultorn, ECO-Asia</p> <p><i>Objectives and Activities:</i> Present on overall terminology and rationale for terminology and definitions, including linkage to tools. Small group discussion on definitions.</p>
12.00-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.00	<p>MRC Conflict Prevention and Management Terminology (continued)</p> <p><i>Objectives and Activities:</i> Small group discussion of definitions and potential issues related to interpretation at the country level.</p>
15.00-15.15	Break
15.15-16.30	<p>Results of MRC Conflict Management Survey of Capacity Building and Training Needs Dr. Vitoon Viriyasakultorn, ECO-Asia</p> <p><i>Objective and Activities:</i> Briefly discuss results from capacity building and training needs survey via presentation and Q&A.</p> <p>Strengthening Human and Institutional Capabilities for Regional Cooperation Mr. Hans Guttman, MRC Environment Programme</p> <p><i>Objective:</i> Share ideas on strategies for improving human and institutional capabilities for regional cooperation.</p>
	<p>Next Steps for Implementing Program Activities Dr. Vitoon Viriyasakultorn, ECO-Asia</p> <p><i>Objective:</i> Discuss with countries how to carry out each activity in the countries and steps in implementing them.</p>
	Closing Remarks