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MKCF PROJECTS ROUNDTABLE MEETING

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ONLINE MODE



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Concept Note and Agenda

Mekong-Republic of Korea Cooperation Fund (MKCF) –

Projects Roundtable Meeting

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Introduction

Following the launch of the Mekong – Republic of Korea (ROK) partnership in 2011, the Mekong Republic of Korea Cooperation Fund (MKCF) was established in 2013 to encourage and support cooperation in six priority areas/sectors : 1. Infrastructure, 2. Information Communication Technology (ICT), 3. Green Growth, 4. Water Resource Development, 5. Agriculture and Rural Development, 6. Human Resource Development, as outlined in the Han River Declaration of 2011.

Considering the dynamics and needs of Mekong countries, during the Mekong-ROK Foreign Minister Meeting 2019 further introduced the priority areas/sectors as the following: 1. Culture and Tourism, 2. Information Communication Technology (ICT), 3. Green Growth, 4. Infrastructure, 5. Agriculture and Rural Development, 6. Human Resource Development, 7. Non-traditional Security Challenges.

It was agreed among five Mekong countries (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Viet Nam and Thailand) and the ROK that the MKCF will be financed through an annual contribution from the ROK to Mekong Institute (MI) and will be managed by MI in accordance with the Terms of Reference (TOR) adopted at the 3rd Mekong – ROK Foreign Ministers’ Meeting in July 2013 in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam. Moreover, at the 5th Mekong – ROK Foreign Ministers’ Meeting in August 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, the Ministers recognized the need for a more efficient management of the MKCF and agreed to task Mekong Institute to act as a Coordinator for the MKCF.

The Fund provides a grant for projects that are of regional in nature or benefits more than one country in the Mekong region (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Viet Nam and Thailand). Such project is aligned with the priorities of the country to address national issues that facilitate regional integration process. It can be implemented in a single country. However, benefits should be shared among the countries in the Mekong region and the ROK. In other words, the regional project should address the needs of several Member States in the Mekong region. Such projects can consider national development objectives but are developed per regional (cross-national) development objectives as well.

Considering the progress of MKCF, it has been agreed to organize a roundtable meeting to update the MKCF projects, show case the results and lessons learned online via Zoom.



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Objectives

1. To update the MKCF projects progress and achievements
2. To build cooperation and coordination among the MKCF project implementing agencies (PIA)
3. To share best practices, lessons learned of the project implementation
4. To discuss ways forward on utilizing the project results for replication, upscaling, and integration in national programs
5. To identify problems, challenges, and other issues related to the project implementation

Outcomes

1. Gain understandings on different projects, results, and achievements.
2. Utilize the project results to propose upscaling and integration to national plan
3. Inform potential development partners for triangular cooperation to replicate and utilize the project results.

Structure of the Presentations

Ongoing Projects

- The situation prior to the project intervention
- Project initiation include but not limited to: the process of getting internal approval, internal control, coordination with other agencies, organizing the project team
- Project implementation include but not limited to: (i) the people, organization(s) or situation(s) that were affected (or might be affected) by the project, (ii) communication with other stakeholders such as concerned agencies, associations, civil society, project beneficiary groups to support the project implementation.
- Challenges faced by the project team
- The project update and early results
- Plans for exit strategies i.e. inform the potential development partners, integrate to national plan, etc.

Note: *Max. 5 slides + 2 pages of project information (objectives, activities, early results, supplemented by photos, map diagram, etc) as brochure*



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Newly Launched

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Tentative Agenda
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Time (Thailand)	Details	Remarks
OPENING SESSION		
Day 1		
09:00-09:05	Introduction and Welcoming of the Participants Mr. Robby Rosandi <i>MKCF Mekong Institute</i>	
09:05-09:10	Welcome Remarks Mr. Suriyan Vichitlekarn <i>Executive Director, Mekong Institute</i>	
09:10-09:15	Special Remarks Ms. Kyung-hwa Chung <i>Director, South East Asia Division II, MOFA ROK</i>	
09:15-09:25	Opening Remarks and Update of MKCF Projects Mr. Madhurjya K. Dutta <i>MKCF Coordinator and Director of Trade and Investment Facilitation Department, Mekong Institute</i>	
MORNING SESSION: Presentation by Project Implementing Agencies (15 minutes each)		
Day 1		
09:25-09:40	5 th MKCF Cambodia <i>Capacity Building for Road Maintenance Methodology to Promote Sustainable Infrastructure in CLV Countries</i> Department of Training, Techo Sen Institute of Public Works and Transport, Ministry of Public Works and Transport	Newly Launched
09:40-09:55	5 th MKCF Thailand <i>Enhancing Community and Small-scale Water Resource Management in the Mekong Region (ECSWRM)</i> Center for Civil Society and Nonprofit Management (CSNM), Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, KKU	Newly Launched
09:55-10:10	5 th MKCF ROK <i>Promotion of Innovative Rainwater For Drinking (RFD) System in Rural Health Schools</i>	Newly Launched



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	Seoul National University R&DB	
10:10-10:25	5 th MKCF Viet Nam <i>Mekong Leadership Program and Capacity Building Activities (Mekong LEAD and Mekong BUILD)</i> Department of Multilateral Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam	Newly Launched
10:25-10:40	5 th MKCF MI <i>Sustainable and Smart Agricultural Supply Chain Development in Mekong Countries</i> Mekong Institute	Newly Launched
10:40-10:50	BREAK	
10:50-11:05	2 nd MKCF Cambodia <i>Guidelines and Certification for Green Buildings in Cambodia</i> Department of Green Economy, National Council for Sustainable Development, Ministry of Environment	On going
11:05-11:20	2 nd MKCF Myanmar <i>Capacity Enhancement on Wind Energy Usage for Sustainable Rural Development in Myanmar</i> Department of Mechanical Engineering Yangon Technological University	On going
11:20-11:35	2 nd MKCF Lao PDR <i>Master Plan Establishment and Capacity Building for the Modernization and Advancement of Hydro-meteorological Infrastructure at Mekong River Basin in Lao PDR</i> Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, Ministry of Natural Resource and Environment, Lao PDR and WeatherPia, Republic of Korea	On going
11:35-12:00	Q&A	
AFTERNOON SESSION: Presentation by Project Implementing Agencies (15 minutes each) Day 1		
13:30-13:45	3 rd MKCF Cambodia <i>Capacity Building and Institutional Strengthening for Logistics Monitoring and Evaluation Database Development in Cambodia, Lao PDR and Vietnam</i> General Department of Logistics, Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Kingdom of Cambodia	On going
13:45-14:00	3 rd MKCF Lao PDR <i>Development of Regional Cooperation Project Monitoring Data Center</i> Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Planning and Investment Lao PDR	On going
14:00-14:15	3 rd MKCF Myanmar	On going



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	<p><i>Demonstration of Model Community Forests to Promote Community Forestry Development and Improve Livelihood of Local Community</i></p> <p>Forest Department Head Office, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Myanmar</p>	
14:15-14:30	<p>3rd MKCF Thailand</p> <p><i>Capacity Building on Circular Economy, Resource and Energy Efficiency for Productivity and Sustainability of Cassava Chain to High Value Products: Cassava Root, Native Starch and Biogas in Mekong Countries</i></p> <p>BIOTEC, NSTDA</p>	On going
14:30-14:45	<p>3rd MKCF ROK</p> <p>Water Data Utilization and Capacity Building in the Mekong Region</p> <p>K-Water</p>	On going
14:45-15:00	<p>3rd MKCF MI</p> <p>Sustainable Smart Tourism Development in the Mekong Region</p> <p>Mekong Institute</p>	On going
15:00-15:15	<p>4th MKCF Lao PDR</p> <p><i>Soil, Water and Nutrient Management (SWNM) for increasing Farm Households</i></p> <p>Department of Agricultural Land Management, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF), Lao PDR</p>	On going
15:15-15:25	BREAK	
15:25-15:40	<p>4th MKCF Viet Nam</p> <p><i>Developing of Climate-related Disaster Hazard Zoning Map and Enhancing the Salinity Intrusion Monitoring Network in Can Tho City</i></p> <p>Can Tao Climate Change Coordination Office</p>	On going
15:40-15:55	<p>4th MKCF Thailand</p> <p><i>Sharing of Experiences, Best Practices and Lessons Learned in Controlling COVID-19 Outbreaks between ROK and Mekong Countries</i></p> <p>Institute Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University</p>	On going
15:55-16:10	<p>1st MKCF Myanmar</p> <p><i>Capacity Building Project on Development of Statistics</i></p> <p>Central Statistical Organization, Ministry of Planning and Finance</p>	On going
16:10-16:40	Q&A	