



**Draft 6th ASEM Seminar on Water Resources Management and
Sustainable Development**
**“Integrated Water Resources Management for Sustainable
Development”**

Tentative Programme

(25 – 26 October 2017, Pakse City, Champasak Province, Lao PDR)

24 October 2017, Wednesday	
Arrival of delegates from Asia and Europe	
25 October 2017, Thursday	
8.30-9.00	Registration
9.00-10.00	Opening Ceremony: Welcoming speech by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lao PDR Welcoming speech by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Lao PDR Welcoming speech by the High Level Representative of Europe (next host country - tbc) Inauguration of the ASEM Exhibition - tbc Photo session
10.00-10.30	Coffee Break
10.30-12.00	<i>1. Water Resources Policy, Strategy and Action Plan towards Sustainable Development Agenda and Green Growth – Regional to National</i> <u>Key Note Speakers:</u> - EU – tbc <u>Panel Speakers:</u> - Department of Water Resources, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Lao PDR - Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Vietnam or Others – tbc

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ministry of Environment and Water of Hungary or Others – tbc - Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management of Austria or Others – tbc - Others <p><u>Moderator</u> – Lao PDR (MOFA/MONRE) or Others - tbc</p> <p>Discussion</p>
12:00 - 13:30	<u>Lunch Break</u>
13:30 - 15:00	<p>2. <i>Water Resources Management Implementation at Regional, Nation to Local River Basin Levels –Integration and Practices</i></p> <p><u>Key Note Speaker:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International Water Management Institute (IWMI) – tbc <p><u>Panel Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Department of Water Resources, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Lao PDR (Case Study in Nam Ton/Sebangfai/Sebanghieng River Basin Management) or Others- tbd - Ministry of Environment and Water of Bulgaria or Others - tbc - Department of Natural Resources and Environment of Champasack Province (Case Study of Sedone River Basin Management/Beung Kiat Ngong Wetlands Management – RAMSAR Site) or Others– tbd - Department of Water Resources, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Thailand or Others– tbc - Others - tbc <p><u>Moderator</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Faculty of Water Resources, National University of Laos or Others - tbc <p>Discussion</p>
15.00-15.30	Coffee Break
15.30-17.00	<p>3. <i>Water-Related Disaster Management and Climate Change Resilience</i></p> <p><u>Key Note Speaker</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mekong River Commission Secretariat (CCAI-MRCS) or Others – tbc <p><u>Panel Speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Department of Disaster Management and Climate Change, MONRE Lao PDR - tbc - Romania (Danube Delta National Institute or Others) – tbc - Ministry of Water Resources, China - tbc - Ministry of Labour and Social Welfares of Lao PDR – tbc - Ministry of Environment of Slovakia - tbc <p><u>Moderator</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MRCS or Others- tbc

	Discussion
18.30-20.30	Welcome Reception hosted by Lao PDR
26 October 2017	
8.00-8.30	Registration
8.30-10.30	<p><i>4. Water Quality and Wastewater Management - Promote Public Private Partnership</i></p> <p><u>Key Note Speaker</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MRCS – Environment Division or Others – tbc <p><u>Panel Speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MONRE of Lao PDR (DWR/NREI) - tbc - European Commission/Danube River Commission/International Commission for the Protection of Danube River or Others – tbc - National University of Laos (Faculty of Sciences and Others) – tbc - International Water Management Institute (IWMI) – tbc - Ministry of Public Works and Transport of Lao PDR – tbc - Nam Theun 2 Hydropower Company, Lao PDR or Others - tbc <p><u>Moderator</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MRCS or Others - tbc <p>Discussion</p>
10.30-11.00	Coffee Break
11.00-12.00	<p><i>Closing session:</i></p> <p>Adoption of the final seminar document</p> <p>Concluding remarks by high level representatives from Asia and Europe - tbc</p>
12.00-13.30	<u>Lunch Break</u>
13.30-17.30	<p>Field trip</p> <p>Champasak province welcomes you to unique sites of cultural and natural heritage and local people lifestyles along the river bank of Mekong and Sedone river including the UNESCO World Heritage Site. The fieldtrip options are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beung Kiat Ngong Wetlands (RAMSAR Site – International Wetlands Site) 2. Vat Phu Champasack (UNESCO World Heritage Site) – mountain rock temple situated on a hillside and offer stunning views over the surrounding land and Mekong river;
27 October 2017	
Whole day	Departure of delegates from Asia and Europe