

REGIONAL LAND FORUM AGENDA

MRLG, GIZ and IPSARD are pleased to announce that they will organize the first Mekong region land Forum in Hanoi, on 21st to 23rd of June.

The Forum is a platform for dialogue and information sharing on key land governance challenges, experiences and lessons that are affecting vulnerable groups, including smallholder farmers, minority groups and women, and to share solutions for the Mekong Region.

This forum has a specific focus proposing topics in the context of large scale investments and related foreign direct investment policies, particularly agricultural, in the context of ASEAN economic integration especially for Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Viet Nam.

“Does economic integration benefit smallholder farmers?”

“Can the future of smallholder farmers and forest communities be protected and improved in this integration context?”

We look forward to more than 250 participants, representing concerned countries and different stakeholder groups: government representatives, academia, civil society, private sector, development partners and international organizations to join this event.

Conference Venue: Center for Women Development (CWD)

20 Thuy Khue Street, Hanoi, Vietnam.

Tel: (+84) 04.37 280 280

There will be signboards guiding you to the Conference Hall from the gate of CWD.

Registration in the CWD lobby opens each day from 7.30.

At registration, you will collect your name badge, Contributed Abstract Book and Forum Program. Please wear your name badge for your entry into sessions and all other conference activities.

The colour of the badge worn by the person indicates their category of participation.

Red: VIP and speakers

Yellow: Organizers

Blue: Participant

You will be issued with lunch tickets for 3 days of the Forum and an Invitation to the Cocktail Party at registration. Please advise in advance if there is any special dietary requirements.

Accommodation and Transfers to the Forum:

Participants will stay mostly at CWD, Thang Loi Hotel, Anise Hotel, and Santa Barbara hotel.

Shuttle buses have been arranged by Thienha Travel Company from Airport to Hotels (look for Forum signs on arrival after exiting baggage claim area).

Shuttle buses from Hotels – CWD – Hotels. The shuttle buses start to pick you up at 7.30 am from Anise, Thang Loi and Santa Barbara Hotels to CWD, and 5 pm from CWD – to Hotels.

If you require assistance in regards to your accommodation booking or transfer, please contact Ms. Quynh at thienhatravel@fpt.vn or call her mobile phone on 0912872838 or Mai mai.vu@agro.gov.vn

For more information – please see this welcome note or email to Be for all other enquiries admin.mrlg@landequity.com.au .

TUESDAY 21 JUNE

7.30 Registration Open

9.00 Plenary: Masters of Ceremony, Dr Nguyen Anh Phong (IPSARD) and Brian Garcia (MRLG).

H.E. Dr. Le Quoc Doanh, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Viet Nam

Mr Jochen Lange, Country Director, GIZ

H.E. Mr Ngo Dong Hai, Vice Chairman of the Economic Committee of the Communist Party, Viet Nam

Mr Steven Geiger, Country Director, SDC

9.45 Professor. Phil Hirsch, University of Sydney: “Land governance issues in the region, particularly in the context of the integration of the ASEAN Economic Community”

10.15 Ms. Louisa Jansen, UN Food and Agricultural Organisation, “The implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines in the Mekong Region”

10.45 Mr. Duncan Pruett, Oxfam. “Responsible investment and regulatory policies on foreign investments in agriculture”

11.05 Regional Land Forum Introduction

11:20 Group Photo - Guests invited to poster and exhibition booths (open all day)

11.30 – 1.30 pm Lunch break, poster exhibition open

13.30 Parallel Thematic Sessions 1

Land Policy Dialogue (Moderator: Robert Oberndorf, TGCC/USAID)

Pre-Consultation Process for the National Land Use Policy, U Shwe Thein, LCG

Land policy consultation on Viet Nam circular, Ngo Thi Lan Phuong, SCODE & Prof Vo, MRLG

Monitoring Land Policy (Moderator: TBC)

Citizen Monitoring of Land Policy in Vietnam, Dr Pham Quang Tu, Oxfam

Monitoring system of land from State farms, Dr Nguyen Anh Phong, IPSARD

Private Sector Responsible Investment (Moderator: Chris Smithies, Earth Systems)

Innovations influencing for inclusive development, Emma Aguinot, Oxfam

Negotiating Remedies for Forced Displacement in the Face of Unequal Power: A Case from Cambodia, David Pred, IDI / Eang Vuthy, EC

Land Governance Data Tools (Moderator: Laura Meggiolaro, LandPortal)

From data scarcity to coordination: OneMap Myanmar Geoportal: Joan Bastide, CDE

Achievements from Open Development Mekong, Penhleak Chan, ODM / EWMI

Conflict Transformation (Moderator: Celine Allaverdian, Gret/MRLG)

Community-Centered Land Governance in Myanmar, Katherine McDonnell, ERI

Community-Based Paralegals: Legal Empowerment Approach to Land Conflict Resolution and Increased Land Tenure, Khin Htet Wai, Namati

15.00 Coffee break

15:30 Parallel Thematic Sessions 2

Policy Dialogue Agricultural Investment (Moderator: Florian Rock, GIZ)

Falling Rubber Prices in Northern Laos: Local Responses and Policy Options, Dr. Thouthone Vongvisouk, NUOL

Assessment of the quality of land investment in Laos, Vong, CDE

Process of revision and cancellation of ELCs in Cambodia, Chan Sophal, CPS

Indigenous People's Rights (Moderator: Patricia Miranda Wattimena, AIPP)

Indigenous Peoples Tenure, Mane Yun, CIPO

Legal advocacy and community engagement for indigenous peoples rights, Philippines, **Marita Cisneros** (on behalf of David Vera, PAFID)

Recognition of Customary Tenure (Moderator: Louisa Jansen)

Customary tenure documentation Myanmar, Lin Huang, POINT

Customary Land Recognition in Protected Areas, Dr Ou Ratanak, MoE

Women Land Rights (Moderator: Nguyen Ngoc Lan, MRLG)

National, local, legal education in Myanmar, Dr. **Ohnmar Myo Aung**, Landesa

Advocacy for inclusive women's land rights, **Truong Quoc Can**, CISDOMA

17:00 – 19.00 Cocktail Networking Event at Forum venue (CWD)

WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE

7.30 Registration Open

8.30 Plenary Opening, Masters of Ceremony

8.45 Parallel Thematic Sessions 3

Land Titling – Cambodia, Lao PDR (Moderator: Tony Burns, LEI)

Land Administration System in Cambodia, Suon Sopha, MLMUPC

Cambodia Cadaster Information System, He Sophannara, MLMUPC

Moving Forward with formalizing land tenure in Lao PDR, Viladeth Sisoulath, GIZ

Responsible Investment in Agriculture (Moderator: Christian Graefan, GIZ)

Responsible Plantation Investment in Cambodia, Nico Strydom, Grandis Timber

Allies, Not Adversaries: A Multi-Stakeholder Approach Towards Responsible Investment, Justine Smith, VFI

Community Forestry (Moderator: TBA)

State Forest Re-allocation to communities in Viet Nam, Nguyen Vinh Quang, Forest Trends

Cambodia Stung Treng Community Forestry, Heang Da, RECOTC

Process of Forest Owners Association of Viet Nam, Luong Quang Hung, RECOFTC

Foreign Direct Investment (Moderator: Chan Sophal, CPS)

Land Based Investment Monitoring & Planning, Khankeo Oupravanh, GIZ

Chinese Investment in the Mekong, Dr Zhang Zhaoxin, (Kevin Li), RCRE

10:00 Coffee break

10:30 Parallel Thematic Sessions 4

Land Titling – Viet Nam, Myanmar (Moderator: Tony Burns, LEI)

Sharing achievements of the Viet Nam Land Administration Program, GDLA, TBC

Registration of Land Rights in Myanmar, Celine Allaverdian, Gret

Legal Education (Moderator: Dr Ohnmar Myo Aung, Landesa)

Legal Education Toolkit, Thip Nouansyvong, CLE, NUOL

Land Rights Education in Lao PDR, **Hongthong Sirivath**, VFI

Communal Land Registration (Moderator: Marianna Bicchieri, FAO)

The Recognition of Customary Tenure and Communal Rights in China,
Dr Shengzhi Li, Sichuan Academy of Social Science

Securing Indigenous People's rights in Cambodia, Sophorn Poch, GIZ

Laos, Communal Land Registration, Soukkasem Lomathmanyong, MRLG

Foreign Direct Investment (Moderator: Phil Hirsch, UoS)

Vietnamese Investment in Cambodia and Laos, Dong Van Thuc, Oxfam

FDI agricultural impact in ASEAN, **Maria Dolores** Bernabe, Oxfam

Benefit Sharing of Vietnamese Foreign Investment, Prof Vo, MRLG

12:00 Lunch

13:30 Parallel Workshop and Learning Opportunities *(Includes 3pm coffee break)*

- Research based policy dialogue **on Large Scale Land Acquisition** and Regulatory Frameworks in CLMV, facilitated by Jean-Christophe Diepart, (MRLG)
Rapporteur: Christian Graefen (GIZ)
- Ways forward for the recognition of **Customary Tenure** in CLMV, facilitated by Marianna Bicchieri (FAO), Patricia Miranda Wattimena (AIPP), Christian Castellanet (MRLG) and Natalia Scurrah (MRLG)
Rapporteur: Louisa Jansen (FAO)
- Conflict Transformation Training by RECOFTC, Trainers are Seth Kane and Than Vu (RECOFTC)
Rapporteur: Joo Zimmerman (MRLG)
- Engaging stakeholders for responsible investment in agriculture, facilitated by Kate Rickersey, Brian Garcia (MRLG)
Rapporteur: TBC

17:00 Day 2 Sessions Close

THURSDAY 23 JUNE

7.30 Registration Open

8.30 – 12 noon Student Exchange Session *(side session for students only)*

Student exchange program conducted by GIZ with students from Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Viet Nam, coordinated by Julian Derbidge (GIZ)

8.30 ASEAN Economic Integration Round Table

Round Table Moderated by Prof. Dang Hung Vo, MRLG expert adviser, Dr. Shivakumar Srinivas, Regional expert. Coordination by Jean-Christophe Diepart (MRLG)

Guest Panelist are:

- Dr Leeber Bouaphao, National economic Research Institute, Ministry of Planning and Investment
- Dr Chanrith Ngin, Royal University of Phnom Penh
- Dr The Zung, Independent Expert
- Mrs. Shamali Guttal, Focus on Global South
- Mrs. Pham Thi Hong Hanh, International Cooperation Division/ Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

Round Table discussion will provide comment on the following cross cutting issues:

- What lessons can be drawn from past experiences in the Mekong region of encouraging LSLA (through land concessions) in order to attract FDI in agriculture? Did these policies allow for the recognition of customary rights? What were their social and economic impacts?
- In future, what are the alternatives to LSLA in order to attract FDI and domestic investors? What role for contract farming, and agreements between communities and private investors?
- What should be the safeguards measure taken by investing countries and companies to avoid negative social and environmental impacts of their investments?

10.00 *Coffee break*

10.30 – 12 noon Government Officials meeting only

Hosted by IPSARD

10.30 – 12 noon Open Networking Sessions

Open sharing participant presentations

Facilitated by Joo Zimmermann and Marita Cisneros, MRLG

12:00 *Lunch*

13.30 Closing Session Plenary

Day 2 parallel workshop session rapporteur summaries

- Large Scale Land Acquisition (Christian Graefen)
- Customary Tenure (Louisa Jansen)
- Conflict Transformation (Than Vu)
- Private Sector Engagement (TBC)
- Student Exchange (TBC)

14.40 Closing Remarks

Dr Anh Tuan Nguyen Do, Director General, IPSARD

H.E. Ngo Dong Hai, Vice Chairman of the Economic Committee of the Communist Party, Viet Nam

15.00 Meeting Close