

Working Group Discussion 4th Annual Mekong Flood Forum



Objectives:

- General discussion on the overall theme of the Forum, exchange ideas, information, lessons learned
- Recommendations on specific topics related to Flood Forecasting and Warning activities
 - at national levels
 - at regional level (RFMMC)



Expected OutcomesLessons learned from recent floods



Examples:

- An accurate flood forecast was produced by the Department of ..., but could not be used by local communities due to:
 - lack of communication channel
 - the communities did not understand it
 - the lead time was too short to react
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- Everything was satisfactory (cite successful cases)



Expected Outcomes Lesson learned from recent floods



Examples:

- Data was a problem:
 - data from within the country
 - data / forecast from MRC
 - upstream data
- Flood forecasting tools:
 - adequate / not adequate
- Dissemination activities
- Institutional mechanisms



Source of information for Working group discussion



Country reports

RFMMC's Presentations

Other Presentations

Information / ideas raised by Group Members

Resource persons

MRC experts

International experts

IO, CSO, community representatives,

Media persons



Expected Outcomes Recommendations



Improving flood forecasting and warning system

- Technical
 - Data and Forecasting system (models)
 - Forecast products, warning messages
 - Comments on RFMMC's findings/ recommendations
- Dissemination methods
 - Meeting community needs
 - information, lead time, integration with preparedness activities
- Institutional mechanisms
 - Linkage between national centres and RFMMC



Five Working Groups



Four country groups

- to discuss country specific problems and solution
- to discuss linkage with RFMMC
- Line agency members, NMC members, community representatives, media persons, MRS staff, donors and international experts
- Facilitator: National FMM experts
- Select one Group Chairperson
- One Regional Group



Five Working Groups



Regional Group

- to discuss regional issues and solutions
- role of RFMMC vis a vis national flood centres, exchange of data and forecast
- Specific comments on RFMMC's recommendations /road map
- NMC members, representatives from a concerned national line agency, Representatives from China and Myanmar, MRC / RFMMC staff, donors, international experts, media persons
- Facilitator (CTA), resource persons



Group 1: Cambodia Room: Rendezvous (GF)



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Group 2: Lao PDR Room: Horizon Pub (1st Floor)



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Group 3: Thailand Room: Asian Corner (1st Floor)



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Group 4: Vietnam Room: Asian corner (1st Floor)



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Group 5: Regional Room: lotus ballroom (this room)



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Working Group Discussion Schedule



10:45 - 12: 00 Group discussions

12:00 - 13:30 Lunch and preparation of Group Presentations (power point)

13:30- 14:30 presentations by Group representatives

14:30 - 15:00 Questions and answers



Working Group Discussion





Thank you