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2022 Second Working-Group Meeting for Lancang-Mekong Environment Cooperation was Successfully Held

On September 29, 2022, the 2022 Second Working-Group Meeting for Lancang-Mekong Environment Cooperation was held virtually. The meeting was hosted by the Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Center (LMEC) / the Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center (FECO) of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE), China. Coordinators and representatives from all Lancang-Mekong countries attended the meeting. The participants reviewed the recent work progress of LMEC and proposed suggestions for the *Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Strategy and Action Framework 2023-2027* (New Strategy and Action Framework).

Mr. ZHOU Jun, Director of the Department of International Cooperation of MEE, China, Mr. Le Ngoc Tuan, Director General of International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Vietnam, Mr. Lonkham Atsanavong, Director General of Natural Resources and Environment Research Institute, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Laos, Mr. Srey Sunleang, Deputy Director General, General Directorate of Natural Protected Area, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia, Ms. Thaw Thaw Han, Director of Environmental Conservation Department, Ministry of Resources and Environmental Conservation, Myanmar and Ms. Narumon ORIS, Environmentalist (Senior Professional level), Foreign Affairs Division Office of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand delivered opening speeches.





Mr. ZHOU Jun
Director of the Department of International Cooperation of MEE, China

Under the *Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Strategy 2018-2022*, the Lancang-Mekong countries jointly built the flagship project of the “Green Lancang-Mekong Initiative”. A series of activities, such as policy dialogue, demonstration cooperation, capacity building, and joint research, has been carried out, promoting the countries’ capacity building in the fields of climate change adaptation and mitigation, ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation, and comprehensive environmental governance. It is expected that the New Strategy and Action Framework will lead the LMEC to achieve more results.

Mr. Le Ngoc Tuan
Director General of International Cooperation Department,
Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Vietnam



Humanity currently faces the crisis of climate change, environmental pollution, and biodiversity loss, and these issues need to be resolved with a global approach. Vietnam welcomes the formulation of the New Strategy and Action Framework and believes that under the guidance of the priority areas for the cooperation of the New Strategy and Action Framework, each member country will enhance capacity building in the areas of climate change mitigation and adaptation, clean energy transformation, and sustainable infrastructure. and promote sustainable development in the region.



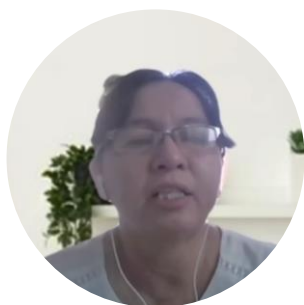
Mr. Lonkham Atsanavong
Director General of Natural Resources and Environment Research Institute
Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Laos

Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Strategy 2018-2022 has achieved fruitful results and provided us with lessons learned for future cooperation. It is believed that the new Strategy and Action Framework would help the region to achieve the SDGs and link to the global targets and contribute to global environmental governance.



Mr. Srey Sunleang
Deputy Director General, General Directorate of Natural Protected Area,
Ministry of Environment, Cambodia,

Lancang-Mekong environmental cooperation is a significant cooperation framework in the region and believed there is still much room for regional environmental cooperation under the current global challenges. It is expected that the new Strategy and Action Framework would guide the countries for better collaboration in the next five years and promote more fruitful results for the Lancang-Mekong environmental cooperation.



Ms. Thaw Thaw Han
Director of Environmental Conservation Department,
Ministry of Resources and Environmental Conservation, Myanmar

A series of fruitful results of the Green Lancang-Mekong Initiative for regional green and low-carbon sustainable development have been achieved. Myanmar has also contributed to regional and global environmental protection and sustainable development. Nature-based Solutions are essential for restoring natural resources and addressing the climate and environmental crisis. Myanmar would like to explore possible environmental cooperation with other Lancang-Mekong countries in the related areas.



Ms. Narumon ORIS
Environmental (Senior Professional level),
Foreign Affairs Division Office of the Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand

Regional environmental cooperation is significant for addressing climate change and solving environmental problems. It is advised that the countries shall jointly restore the regional ecosystems and natural resources while recovering the economy from the COVID-19 pandemic.



Dr. LI Xia
Director of the Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Center
Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center, MEE, China

Over the past five years, Lancang-Mekong environmental cooperation has achieved great progress in climate change, biodiversity conservation, and environmental governance. In the future, the regional environmental cooperation will focus more on regional and global hot topics, such as climate resilient infrastructure, ecosystem protection and restoration, plastic circular economy, and environmental quality improvement. LMEC looks forward to working with member states to explore regional and global green and sustainable development pathways.

All participants agreed that the New Strategy and Action Framework will effectively guide and promote the next phase of Lancang-Mekong environmental cooperation, which is of great significance in promoting regional cooperation to address climate change and improve environmental governance capacity. The Lancang-Mekong countries will strongly support the formulation of the New Strategy and Action Framework, promote experience exchange and sharing, and contribute to global green and sustainable development.

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