

Provisional Programme:

DAY 1: May 8, 2024

Time	Description	Intervention
08:30–09:00	Registration	Mekong Institute (MI)
09:00–10:00	Opening session	1. Introduction to the Workshop 2. Welcome and Opening Address a) Welcome Address – MI b) Opening Remarks – Dr. Angela Macdonald PSM, Australian Ambassador to Thailand (TBD) c) Group photo
SESSION 1: SETTING THE TONE		
10:00–10:40	Session 1.1: Setting the tone This session will mainly focus on the impact of climate change on the agrifood sector and discover new approaches to make smarter decisions on climate related risks mitigation in agrifood sector.	1. Keynote Addresses: <i>1.1. Analysis of global scenario with respect to impact of climate change to agrifood sector</i> <i>1.2. Regional Scenario on emerging climate crisis and agriculture</i> Representatives from UNEP/UNFCCC (TBD)
10:40–11:00	Tea/Coffee/Networking break	
11:00–12:00	Session 1.2: Understanding climate smart agricultural technologies This session will emphasise on experience sharing with the member states on strategies and preparedness for transition to resilient and decarbonisation of agriculture sector.	The organizing team will develop 3-4 questions related to food system transformation issues and impact of climate change in lower Mekong countries. Representatives from Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), research institute, civil society working on CSA (TBD)
12:00–13:00	Lunch Break	
SESSION 2: CLIMATE FINANCE TO AGRIFOOD SECTOR		
13:00–15:00	Session 2.1: Importance of climate finance to agrifood sector This session will emphasise on the sub-regional and national level importance to climate finance with special reference to agrifood sector and its transformation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Discussions • Question & Answer Workshop Moderator (TBD)
15:00–15:20	Tea/Coffee/Networking Break	
15:20–17:00	Group Tasks (Grouping & Distribution): Formation of five groups from the participants and provide them with their topics to study	Workshop Moderator
18:00–20:00	Welcome Dinner	
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DAY 2: May 9, 2024

Time	Description	Intervention
09:00–09:15	Recap of Day 1	Workshop Moderator
SESSION 2 (Cont'd)		
9:15–10:45	<p>Session 2.2: Climate finance to support responsible and sustainable agrifood sector</p> <p>This session will discuss the existing climate finance architecture in the sub-region and the role of the financial service providers to support sustainable agricultural value chain development.</p>	<p>Panel Discussions:</p> <p>a) Representative from National level Development Banks (NDBs) (TBD)</p> <p>b) Representative from Microfinance Institutions (TBD)</p> <p>c) Representative from regional/global non-government agencies (TBD)</p>
10:45–11:00	Tea/Coffee/Networking break	
11:00–12:00	<p>Session 2.3: Policy priorities to support investment and financing environment</p> <p>In this session the policy makers will discuss enabling policy support for financial incentives to spur farmer action whether through green premiums, subsidies, rebates, or other green-financing mechanisms.</p>	<p>Group Discussions</p> <p>Workshop Moderator</p> <p>Panel Discussions</p> <p>a) Representative from United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) (TBD)</p> <p>b) Representative from Private sector entities (TBD)</p>
12:00–13:30	Lunch Break	
SESSION 3: POLICY ENVIRONMENT TO SUPPORT CLIMATE FINANCE TO AGRICULTURE		
13:30–15:30	<p>Session 3.1: Global climate finance initiatives to support agrifood sector</p> <p>The session will focus on the New financial architecture to support mitigating climate change by the multilateral/bilateral financing entities/development bank (MDB), and ongoing discussion on sourcing additional funding to support achieving the NDCs.</p>	<p>Keynote Address: Global funding opportunities to support national level initiatives of inclusive climate finance</p> <p>Representatives from Global Environment Fund (GEF) and Green Climate Finance (GCF) (TBD)</p> <p>Country Presentations from 4 LMB countries</p> <p>Representatives from the focal points in the Ministry of Finance from the 4 countries</p>
15:30–15:45	Tea/Coffee/Networking Break	
15:45–17:00	<p>Group Discussion The five groups (already formed on Day 1) will continue their discussions on the assigned topics to arrive at an acceptable output.</p>	Workshop Moderator

DAY 3: May 10, 2024

Time	Description	Intervention
09:00–09:15	Recap of Day 2	Workshop Moderator
SESSION 3 (Cont'd)		
09:15–10:45	<p>Session 3.2: Facilitating a framework for subregional carbon market to support sustainable agriculture</p> <p>This session will discuss the potential impact of carbon markets across the Lower Mekong subregion and acknowledge the key financing mechanism for broader framework on Carbon Markets Initiatives by ASEAN.</p>	<p>Group Discussions</p> <p>Moderator: Representative from International Rice Research Institute - Thailand / Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) (TBD)</p> <p>Panel Discussions</p> <p>a) Representative from the Ministry of Agriculture / Ministry of Trade (TBD) b) Representative from Trade and commerce associations (TBD) c) Representative from Civil Society/Farmer groups (TBD)</p>
10:45–11:00	Tea/Coffee/Networking break	
SESSION 4: COLLABORATIVE ACTION PLATFORM TO FACILITATE CLIMATE FINANCE		
11:00–12:00	<p>Session 4: Collaborative action platform as enabler to scale up inclusive climate finance</p> <p>The session will focus on strengthening existing climate change secretariats /focal points to ensure effective collaboration, tracking and reporting of workable solutions and best practices across the countries.</p>	<p>Keynote Address: Effective collaboration platform to support and track financing decarbonisation of agriculture</p> <p>Representatives from ASEAN Secretariat / South-South Technical Cooperation (SSTC) (TBD)</p> <p>Group Discussion</p> <p>Workshop Moderator</p>
12:00–13:00	Lunch Break	
13:00–15:00	<p>Presentation of group assignments</p> <p>In this session, the groups will present their assignments and take questions from the audiences. the presentation protocol will be developed and shared with the group members during the workshop.</p>	<p>Moderator of the Session:</p> <p>Workshop moderator will be moderating the group presentations</p> <p>Group 1: 10 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for Q &A Group 2: 10 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for Q &A Group 3: 10 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for Q &A Group 4: 10 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for Q &A Group 5: 10 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for Q &A</p> <p><i>(Workshop moderator will summarise the group presentations)</i></p>
15:00–15:20	Tea/Coffee/Networking Break	

15:20–16:00	<p>Closing Session:</p> <p>The closing session will provide a summary of the main takeaways from the workshop and the next steps of engagements with the partners and collaborators</p>	<p>A summary of the takeaways</p> <p>Workshop Moderator</p> <p>Awarding of Certificates and Closing Remarks</p> <p>MI and DFAT</p>
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Proposed topics for group exercises

To organise group presentations, five groups are proposed to be formed on Day 1 and allow them to work on their assignments for presentation on Day 3 of the Workshop. An indicative group tasks is provided below for the workshop moderator to examine and finalise.

- Group 1:** How the understanding of CSA will be able to enhance impacts on food security in the subregion?
- Group 2:** Views of the group on climate finance taxonomy which will be helpful for the policy makers and the financial institutions to improve the reporting system.
- Group 3:** How do you explain the global trends in climate finance that would support achieving climate resilient agrifood system in Lower Mekong Nations?
- Group 4:** What kind of innovative financial services your group would recommend for the financial institutions to support the LMB subregion?
- Group 5:** To your understanding, what are the most critical policies which will support extending green finance?

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