

# Water and vulnerability in the floodplains of Cambodia

Research seminar and policy dialogue

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Cambodia-Korea Cooperation Center (CKCC), Royal University of Phnom Penh

This seminar and dialogue event will address the topical interconnections between climate change, water-related vulnerabilities and agrarian change. How do the Mekong upstream changes affect future water-related vulnerabilities in the Cambodian floodplains? Are the current plans of agricultural commercialization in tune with the emerging new water-related risks? How to develop sustainable flood mitigation measures? Special focus will be on two key rice production sites where major water infrastructure schemes are being carried out: Battambang and Prey Veng. The event is organized by the Royal University of Phnom Penh in collaboration with University of Helsinki, Institute of Technology of Cambodia and Aalto University.

## Program and agenda

Time	Activities
<b>Morning session</b>	
8:00-9:00	<b>Registration</b>
9:00-9:30	<b>Opening and Introduction</b>
	Respect national anthem
	Welcoming remarks by <b>Dr. Rath Sethik</b> , Dean, Faculty of Development Studies, RUPP
	Water and vulnerability: research objectives and methodologies by Prof. <b>Anja Nygren</b> , University of Helsinki, Finland
9:30-10:15	<b>Water and livelihood changes in the Mekong Floodplains of Cambodia</b>
	<i>IWRM Project for Northeast Cambodia: the challenges and Opportunities</i> , by <b>H.E. Watt Botkosal</b> , Deputy Secretary General, Cambodian National Mekong Committee
	<i>Water-related changes in the Cambodian floodplains: Results from previous modelling studies</i> <b>Dr. Matti Kummu</b> (Aalto University), <b>Dr. Alexander Horton</b> (Aalto University), <b>Dr. Heng Sokchhay</b> (ITC)
	<b>Commentator: Mr. Chea Piseth</b> (EdC), <b>H.E. Watt Botkosal</b> (CNMC)
10:15-10:30	<b>COFFEE</b>
10:30-11:00	<i>Climate resilient agriculture in Cambodia: Challenges and opportunities</i> , <b>Dr. Pech Sokhem</b> (CAVAC)
	<b>Commentator: Dr. Mak Souen</b> (ASPIRE and GDA, MAFF)



11:00-12:00	Panel of commentators: <b>Mr. Tek Vannara</b> (NGO Forum), <b>Ms. Sim Socheata</b> (Oxfam), <b>Mr. Eam Dyna</b> (World Fish Centre), <b>Mr. Alvin Lopez</b> (ADB), <b>H.E. Chuop Paris</b> (Ministry of Environment)  Chaired by: <b>Dr. Seak Sophat</b> , vice dean, Faculty of Development Studies, Royal University of Phnom Penh
12:00-13:00	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>Afternoon</b>	
13:00-14:15	<b>Water-related vulnerabilities, flood mitigation and agrarian change</b> <i>Climate change and water-related vulnerabilities in Cambodia, Dr. Chhinh Nyda</i> (RUPP) <i>Agrarian change and irrigation development: examples from Takeo and Kandal, Dr. Jean-Philippe Venot</i> (IRD) <i>Changing approaches to floods in urban and rural areas of Battambang, Mr. Try Thuon</i> (RUPP)
14:15-14:30	<b>COFFEE</b>
14:30-15:20	<i>Battambang Spatial Planning: opportunities and challenges, Mr. Mok Phannara</i> (chief of office of land management and urban planning Battambang) <i>Changes in agriculture and flood vulnerabilities in Prey Veng, Mr. Y Kadum</i> (Dept of Agriculture, Prey Veng)
15:20-16:20	Facilitated discussion in groups
16:20-16:30	Wrap up and closing remarks by <b>Dr Rath Sethik</b> and <b>Prof. Anja Nygren</b>

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