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Enhancing Water Partnership Towards Sustainable Development and Inclusive Growth

Tentative Program

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Siem Reap City, Kingdom of Cambodia

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Day 1: Thursday 19 September 2019

Description		Responsible by
8:00-8:30	Registration	
<i>I. Opening Session</i>		
8.30-09.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remarks by senior representative of the MOFA of Hungary as the host country of the 7th ASEM Sustainable Development Dialogue in 2018 - Remarks by Dr. An Pich Hatda, CEO of Mekong River Commission Secretariat (MRCS) - Remarks by HE Dr. Sok Siphana, Senior Advisor to the Royal Government of Cambodia and ASEM SOM Leader. - Welcome and Opening Remarks by H.E Mr. Lim Kean Hor, Minister of Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology (MOWRAM) and Chairman of Cambodia National Mekong Committee (CNMC) as the host country of 8th ASEM Sustainable Development Dialogue 	Master of Ceremony: H.E Mr. Pich Dun
09:30-10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group Photo - Coffee break 	
<i>II. Technical Session (4 Sessions) for Days 1 and 2</i>		
10:00-12:00	<p>Session 1: Key drivers and stress on the River Basin natural and social systems– e.g. population growth, urbanization, water, food, energy, climate change and governance</p> <p><u>Session Chair:</u> H.E Mr. Te Navuth, Permanent Vice Chairman of (CNMC), and Mekong River Commission Joint Committee for Cambodia</p> <p><u>Keynote Speaker:</u> Mr. Heng Suthy, Regional Consultant of MRCS – The Mekong River Commission Council Study – Outcomes and Perspectives for water, food, and energy security, and climate change, population growth and dynamics</p> <p><u>Speakers: (4)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Kelly Hayden, Economic Affair Officer, (UNESCAP) 2. Dr. ZHONG Yong, Secretary General, Professor (LMC Water Resources Centre) 3.... Danube Region Country (TBC) 4.... Danube Region Country (TBC) 	Facilitator: H.E Mr.Kol Vathana
12:00-13:20	Lunch break	

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13:20-15:15	<p>Session 2: Transboundary River Basin Management: e.g. cases of flood, water scarcity and drought management, monitoring quality and quantity of surface and ground waters due to demand changes and climate conditions.</p> <p><u>Session Chair:</u> Associate Prof. Chayuth Sukshri, Senior Advisor, Thai National Mekong Committee, Office of National Water Resources, Thailand</p> <p><u>Keynote Speaker:</u> Dr. Pech Sokhem, Senior Water Resources and Environment Government Specialist,</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> (4)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Louise Whiting, Senior Water Management Officer, (FAO) 2. Dr. John Dore, Senior Water Advisor, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade “MDBA 3. Mr. Peter Kovacs, Head of River Basin Management and Water Protection Department,(ICPDR), (Danube Region Country) 4.... Danube Region Country (TBC) <p>Panel discussion: Keynote speaker and Presenters for the session</p>	Facilitator: H.E Mr. Pich Dun
15:15-15:35	Coffee break	

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15:35-17:30	<p>Session 3: Public and Private Partnership, North-South and South-South Partnership for sustainable and inclusive development and achieving related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).</p> <p><u>Session Chair: Senior Representative of Danube Region Country (TBC)</u></p> <p><u>Keynote Speaker:</u> H.E Dr. Tuon Thavrak, Secretary of State of Ministry of Planning - Cambodia Sustainable Development Goals – Perspectives, Challenges and Opportunities for PPP and North-South and South-South Partnership</p> <p><u>Speakers: (4)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Peng Qinghui, Deputy Director of ASEMWater, “ASEM collaboration Mechanism for Research Development and Innovation in Water” 2. ASIA (Lao PDR) (TBC) 3. Danube Region Country (TBC) 4. Danube Region Country (TBC) <p>Panel discussion: Keynote speaker and Presenters for the session</p>	Facilitator: H.E Mr. Pich Dun
18:30-20:30	Welcome Dinner Reception	Dress code: smart casual
Day2: Friday 20 September 2019		
8.00-8.30	Registration	
<i>II. Technical Session (Cont'd.)</i>		

Description		Responsible by
8.30-10.30 (2h)	<p>Session 4: Science and Technology for Water Resources Management and Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation.</p> <p><u>Session Chair:</u> H.E Mr. Ponh Sachak, Secretary of State of MOWRAM (TBC)</p> <p><u>Keynote Speaker:</u> Danube Region Country (TBC)</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> (4)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ASIA (Viet Nam) (TBC) 2. H.E Mr. Watt Botkosol, Deputy Secretary General of CNMC: Decision Support System for IWRM, Cambodia case. 3. Danube Region Country (TBC) 4. Danube Region Country (TBC) <p>Panel discussion: Keynote speaker and Presenters for the session</p>	Facilitator: H.E Mr. Pich Dun
10.30-11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
III. Closing Session		
11.00-11.45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presenting key messages from the 8th SDD by MC - Remarks by the representative of the next host country - Closing Remarks by Senior representative of CNMC 	Master Ceremony: Dr. Sokhem Pech
11.45-12.45	Lunch break	
13.00-17.00	<p>Field visit:</p> <p>Option 1: Tonle Sap Lake (Kompong Pluk Floating Village and eco-tourism areas)</p> <p>Option 2: Angkor Wat Temple</p>	See site description below

The participants may opt for one of the following two exciting destinations

- 1) Visit the Tonle Sap Great Lake and its floodplain by bus and boats. They are among the world's natural and cultural wonders. Its fish productivity and unique flood pulse system have been the driving the forces for development of the surrounding societies at least since the Angkorian era in the 9th Century. Today, the lake-floodplain system is a biodiversity hotspot that forms the 'fish growing factory' or nursery for the Mekong River. During the southwest monsoon, the heightened Mekong flow causes the entire Tonle Sap River to reverse its flow back towards the Tonle Sap Lake, which is a hydrological phenomenon globally unique for a river of this size. The Great Lake covers about 3000 km² at a depth of about 0.7 meters in the dry season. In the wet season the force of flow in the Mekong reverses the flow in Tonle Sap, and water flows into the lake from the mainstream, increasing its size by a factor of 6 (about 15,000 km²) and water level rises to around 9 meters. As the river level falls in the dry season, the flow reverses again, and water drains out to the Mekong delta. The place to visit is Kompong pluk floating village and eco-tourism area. It is the part of Tonle Sap lake in Cambodia about 16km from Siem Reap town. You can see how the Cambodian people live in stilted houses surrounded by flooded lush mangrove forest. There are schools, a pagoda and even a floating restaurant. Around 3000 people live in this area and depend on fishing. You can also see a variety of wildlife there.
- 2) Discover the mysteries of Angkor and several other ruined temples – You will visit the iconic Angkor Wat and the enigmatic faces and magnificent smiling stones heads of the Bayon, and wander around Ta Prom, where the trees are intertwined among the ruins, and enjoy a view at Sras Srang (Royal Baths) –

followed by a Group Reflection on the rise and fall of Khmer Empire – social and climate change were some of the factors.