



AGENDA

8 May 2014	
09.30 - 10.00	Arrival and registration of participants At Federal Institute of Hydrology (BfG) headquarters, Koblenz, Germany
10.00 – 10.45	PART 1: Opening and introduction
10.00 – 10.30	<input type="checkbox"/> Welcome speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Director General of BfG (5 min): Michael Behrendt - President of ICPR (5 min): Gustaaf Borchart - Chief Executive Officer of MRC (5 min): Hans Guttman - Representative of BMZ (5 min): Stefanie Ruff - President of CHR (5 min): Hans Moser
10.30 – 10.45	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduction to the symposium and expected outputs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of agenda and objectives (10 min): Kai Gerlinger, moderator - Short overview of participants (5 min): Kai Gerlinger
10.45 – 13.15	PART 2: Common knowledge on both catchments
10.45 – 11.45	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduction to both catchments and transboundary cooperation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rhine (20 min +10 min Q&A): Introduction to the Rhine river basin (natural factors, cooperation), Manfred Spreafico, former president of CHR - Mekong (20 min +10 min Q&A): Introduction to the Mekong river basin (natural factors, cooperation), Tien Truong Hong, Director of Environment Division, MRC Secretariat
11.45 – 13.15	LUNCH BREAK
13.15 – 14.20	PART 3: Common knowledge of the Rhine and country examples
13.15 – 14.20	<input type="checkbox"/> Overview of current work of CHR, BfG and ICPR on climate change in the basin Research projects RheinBlick2050 (CHR) (Eric Sprokkereef), KLIWAS (BfG) (Sebastian Kofalk) and Expert Group KLIMA (ICPR) (Adrian Schmid-Breton) (20 min) <input type="checkbox"/> Examples of expected climate change impacts (knowledge so far, challenges, need for cooperation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Country example Rhine (15 min): Sea-level rise and floods, Netherlands, Ralph Schielen - Country example Rhine (15 min): Drought and agriculture, Germany, Enno Nilson - Q&A (15 min)
14.20 – 15.50	PART 4: Common knowledge of the Mekong and country examples
14.20 – 15.35	<input type="checkbox"/> Overview of current work of MRC on climate change in the basin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MRC's Climate Change and Adaptation Initiative (CCAI) (Nguyen Huong Thuy Phan) (10 min) - MRC's Flood Management and Mitigation Programme (FMMP) (Nico Bakker) (10 min) <input type="checkbox"/> Examples of expected climate change impacts (knowledge so far, challenges, need for cooperation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Country example Mekong (10 min): Flood, Cambodia, H.E. Mr. Kol Vathana - Country example Mekong (10 min): Agriculture, Lao PDR, Vanxay Bouttanavong - Country example Mekong (10 min): Drought, Thailand, Chaiporn Siripornpibul - Country example Mekong (10 min): Sea-level rise, Vietnam, Nguyen Xuan Hien - Q&A (15 min)
15.35 – 15.50	TEA BREAK (exhibition of products/reports/posters)
15.50 – 17.00	PART 5: Common challenges and differences
15.50 – 16.20	<input type="checkbox"/> Small group discussion: What are common challenges? What are differences?
16.20 – 16.45	<input type="checkbox"/> Reporting back from groups
16.45 – 17.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Wrap-up of day 1
18.00	CONFERENCE DINNER: Restaurant Gerhards Genussgesellschaft



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09.00 – 09.15	Recap of Day 1, Thanapon Piman			
09.15 – 10.00 PART 6: Formulation of transboundary climate change adaptation strategy				
09.15 – 10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Mekong (10 min + 5 min Q&A): Roadmap for the Mekong Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan (MASAP) (Nguyen Huong Thuy Phan) <input type="checkbox"/> Rhine (10 min + 5 min Q&A): Roadmap for adaptation strategy to climate change in the Rhine catchment (Ben van de Wetering , Secretary of ICPR) <input type="checkbox"/> Q&A (15 min)			
10.00 – 15.25 PART 7: Rhine-Mekong cooperation				
10.00 – 10.30	<input type="checkbox"/> Comparative overview of climate change and ways to an adaptation strategy in the Rhine and Mekong basins (20 min + 10 min Q&A) (Kai Gerlinger)			
10.30 – 10.40	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduction to the group discussions (Kai Gerlinger)			
10.40 – 10.55	TEA BREAK (exhibition of products/reports/posters)			
10.55 – 12.15	Parallel group discussion: Areas for cooperation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing work - Future plans - Areas for cooperation <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; vertical-align: top;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Group 1: Climate and hydrological changes and assessment including flood and drought Facilitators: Wolfgang Grabs, Thanapon Piman </td> <td style="width: 33%; vertical-align: top;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Group 2: Addressing climate change impacts and assessment in water related sectors Facilitators: Johannes Cullmann, Tran Mai Kien </td> <td style="width: 33%; vertical-align: top;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Group 3: Transboundary and policy issues in climate change adaptation Facilitators: Hans Moser, Nico Bakker </td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Group 1: Climate and hydrological changes and assessment including flood and drought Facilitators: Wolfgang Grabs, Thanapon Piman	<input type="checkbox"/> Group 2: Addressing climate change impacts and assessment in water related sectors Facilitators: Johannes Cullmann, Tran Mai Kien	<input type="checkbox"/> Group 3: Transboundary and policy issues in climate change adaptation Facilitators: Hans Moser, Nico Bakker
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12.15 – 13:30	LUNCH BREAK			
13.30 – 14.30	<input type="checkbox"/> Panel: Areas for cooperation for transboundary climate change adaptation Report the group discussion results: 3 representatives from parallel group discussion and representatives from CHR, MRC, ICPR			
14.30 – 14.45	<input type="checkbox"/> Q&A			
14.45 – 15.15	TEA BREAK (exhibition of products/reports/posters)			
15.15 – 16.00 PART 8: Closing				
15.15 – 16.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 1st Rhine-Mekong Symposium Conclusions (preliminary) <input type="checkbox"/> Remarks by participants <input type="checkbox"/> Closing of the 1st Rhine-Mekong Symposium (representatives from CHR, MRC, BfG, ..., ICPR, GIZ)			

Tangible outputs of the symposium:

- Integrated Keynote Speech and other presentations as knowledge products
- Results of group discussions
- Themes for future cooperation and exchange
- Synthesis/conclusion of the symposium

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