

**7<sup>th</sup> Monsoon Forum and EWS Assessment  
3-4 June 2019, Phnom Penh**

**Forum Note and Agenda**

**1. Background**

The Monsoon Forum is a seasonal forecast-based planning mechanism aimed at optimizing both resource and risk management in various sectors. The first forum in Cambodia was convened by the Department of Meteorology (DOM) in January 2011 with technical assistance from the Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (RIMES) and support from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). RIMES and FAO continued supporting DOM in the conduct of its second and third forums in November 2011 and May 2012 respectively, while the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) provided support for forums conducted in November 2014 (4<sup>th</sup>), May 2015 (5<sup>th</sup>) and March 2016 (6<sup>th</sup>). Additionally, UNESCAP supported the conduct of a preparedness planning dialogue for the agriculture sector in December 2017.

This year, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is implementing a project called “Strengthening climate information and early warning systems in Cambodia to support climate resilient development and adaptation to climate change”, and has commissioned RIMES to lead the initiative “**Supporting MOWRAM in Capacity Building on End-to-End Multi Hazard Early Warning System in Cambodia through Seasonal Forecasting, SESAME program and activation of Monsoon Forum in Cambodia**”. The latter initiative aims to:

- Build capacity within DOM for generation of forecast of different timescales, from short-range numerical weather prediction (NWP) to long-range statistical models,
- Build capacity within DHRW on basic and advanced hydrology,
- Customize RIMES’ Seasonal Climate Forecast System (FOCUS),
- Enhance capacity of the General Directorate of Agriculture (GDA) to develop agrometeorological advisories and to better manage drought and its impacts, and
- Train users on climate information application through the Monsoon Forum and Forecast Application for Risk Management (FARM) Field School process.

Through UNDP support and technical assistance from RIMES, DOM is convening the 7<sup>th</sup> Monsoon Forum from 3-4 June 2019 in Phnom Penh. The 7<sup>th</sup> Monsoon Forum shall:

- Review experiences, challenges and lessons learnt during the 2018-2019 Post-Monsoon;
- Draw feedback from user institutions on their climate information needs and requirements;
- Discuss relevance/usability of current climate information received from DOM, and recommendations for enhancement of forecast generation, translation, communication and application;
- Present the seasonal climate outlook for the 2019 Monsoon Season;
- Discuss sectoral potential impact outlook and management strategies for application by stakeholders

Below is the draft agenda for the 2-day event:

**Table 1. Agenda**

Time	Activity	Resource Person
<b>Day 1</b>		
08:30-09:00	Registration	
09:00-09:30	Opening Session Welcome Remarks Opening Remarks Overview of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Monsoon Forum Participant Introduction	Ryna Oum, DOM Muhibuddin Usamah, UNDP Carlyne Yu, RIMES All
09:30-10:00	Group Photo and Tea Break	
10:00-11:00	Overview of Climate Information and Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Weather and Climate Trends in Cambodia &amp; DOM Products and Services</li> <li>▪ DHRW Products and Services</li> </ul>	Ryna Oum, DOM  DHRW
11:00-12:00	Review of 2018-2019 Post-Monsoon and Seasonal Outlook	Peou Phalla, DOM
12:00-13:00	Lunch Break	
13:00-15:30	Sectoral Experiences and Preparedness Planning	Stakeholders' Discussion
15:30-15:45	Tea Break	
15:45-16:45	Guided Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ EWS Status and Gaps</li> <li>▪ Climate Information Needs and Requirements</li> </ul>	All
16:45-17:00	End of Day 1	
<b>Day 2</b>		
09:00-10:30	Group Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Climate Information Needs and Requirements</li> <li>▪ Climate Information and Dissemination</li> <li>▪ EWS Policy and Institutional Framework</li> <li>▪ Programs and Projects on EWS, CCA, DRR</li> <li>▪ Challenges and Gaps</li> </ul>	All
10:30-10:45	Tea Break	
10:45-12:00	Group Presentation	Group Representatives
12:00-13:00	Lunch Break	
13:00-15:00	Identification of Critical Gaps in Forecasting, Disseminating and/or Using Climate Information in Sectoral Decision-Making	DOM, RIMES
15:00-15:15	Tea Break	DOM
15:15-16:30	Reporting	Group Representatives
16:00-16:15	Closing	Ryna Oum, DOM