

## Workshop Summary

The Ministry of Environment (MoE), the implementing agency of the project "Formulation of the National Adaptation Program of Action to Climate Change" (NAPA), with support from the United Nations Development Programme and the Global Environment Facility (UNDP/GEF) organised a national workshop on the Prioritised NAPA Activities on 05 November 2004 at Hotel Cambodiana. Over 50 participants from concerned government ministries/agencies, academic and research institutions, non-governmental organizations, and private sectors participated in this workshop.

In his opening remarks, H.E. Prach Sun, MoE Secretary, reminded the participants about the project's objective, which is to develop a program of action to adapt to climate change, and the major achievements of the NAPA project to date. The latter ones include the results of the gap and policy analysis and of the field surveys. The results of these activities, together with the outputs from the recent national workshop on potential NAPA activities, served as the basis for preparing profiles of proposed projects. These proposed projects have been designed and prioritised in a way so that they will be easily implemented by local people, use proven and low-cost technologies available locally, respond to the immediate needs and concerns of affected communities, and are in line with the development objectives of the government. H.E. Prach Sun pointed out that the outputs of the workshop will be crucial in developing the final draft adaptation program of action for Cambodia and urged the participants to actively discuss and provide comments on the proposed adaptation projects.

Following the opening session, the NAPA project staff gave a number of presentations on the results of field surveys and gap and policy analysis, sectoral project profiles and project prioritisation.

Mr. Ouk Navan, NAPA Team member from MoE, provided a brief presentation on the NAPA project background and its progress to date, summary of gap and policy analysis and summary results of field surveys. The key question is as to how Cambodia can achieve sustainable development under climate change. He pointed out that climate change adaptation has received limited attention in Cambodia, despite the fact that the country is very vulnerable to its impacts. He further presented the summary results of field surveys, which showed the main characteristics of climate hazards, coping mechanisms practiced at the grassroots level, and identified adaptation activities. He pointed out that of all climate hazards, flood and drought are the most serious and widespread threats for Cambodia.

Then, Mr. You Dara, NAPA Team member from the Ministry of Public Works and Transport, presented a summary of project profiles that have been identified for adapting to climate change in Cambodia. He described the project identification process, explained distribution of the identified projects by sector/climate hazards and outline of each project profile, and gave some examples of proposed adaptation projects. A total of 31 projects have been proposed for NAPA. Following Mr. Dara's presentation, members of the Multidisciplinary Team (Mr. Yem Dararoth, Mr. Mam Kosal and Ms. Va Dany) presented detailed proposed project profiles for climate change adaptation in agriculture and water resources (13 projects), coastal zone (12 projects), and human health (6 projects).

Finally, Mr. Am Phirum, NAPA Team member from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, gave a presentation on prioritisation of the proposed projects. He pointed out that the proposed projects were classified as high, medium and low priority categories, using 14 criteria. These criteria include appropriateness of technology, capacity building and training, reduction of casualties, impacts on livelihoods, food security, human health, biodiversity and environmental amenities, and cultural heritage. For each criterion, proposed projects are scored as having negative or positive impacts, or as being neutral.

Following each presentation, there was an interactive session whereby participants were given opportunity to ask questions and give comments and recommendations.