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# Proceedings of the Ad-Hoc Regional Steering Committee Meeting

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via Zoom

**APPROVAL SIGNATURES**



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# Executive Summary

The Ad-Hoc Regional Steering Committee (RSC) meeting of the **GEF/UNDP/ASEAN Project on Reducing Pollution and Preserving Environmental Flows in the East Asian Seas through the Implementation of Integrated River Basin Management in ASEAN Countries (IRBM Project)** was held virtually on 24 November 2023 via Zoom.

The meeting was co-chaired by Dr. Inthavy Akkharath, Chair of the ASEAN Working Group on Water Resources Management (AWGWRM) and Mr. Gerd Trogemann, Manager of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangkok Regional Hub. RSC members representing the National Focal Points (NFPs) of the AWGWRM from 6 participating ASEAN Member States (AMS), namely Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Philippines and Vietnam, the ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC), the East Asian Seas Executive Committee (EAS EC) and UNDP Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific and Bangkok Regional Hub attended the meeting. The Regional Project Management Unit (RPMU), hosted by PEMSEA Resource Facility (PRF), served as Secretariat to the RSC.

The Ad-Hoc RSC meeting reviewed the status of decisions and recommendations from the First RSC meeting; the progress made by the 6 AMS and regional level in project implementation and adopted the 2024 work plan and budget. The meeting also discussed the hosting of the 2024 RSC meeting which will be convened back-to-back with the 2024 AWGWRM meeting.

The RSC noted the following conclusions and recommendations from the meeting:

- The RSC noted the progress made in 2023 by the 6 AMS and at the regional level and concluded with appreciation the initiation of project activities and the establishment of the governance arrangements in Cambodia and Lao PDR and encouraged Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Vietnam to the extent possible to expedite the approval of the project following the domestic processes and procedures.
- The RSC noted the clarifications made by ASEC on the knowledge products, key events to be organized and engagement of the non-participating AMS in the project activities and recommended that RPMU will apprise the RSC members on the developments related to these points.
- With no further clarifications and objections on the 2024 work plan and budget, the RSC complimented the RPMU for the clear presentation on the key activities planned for 2024

under each of the project components and project management and the corresponding budgetary allocations and adopted the 2024 work plan and budget.

- The RSC noted the hosting of the 2024 AWGWRM meeting by Cambodia, which will be held back-to-back with the 2024 RSC meeting and requested the AWGWRM National Focal Point to communicate the decision of the Ministry of Environment on the hosting to ASEC, PRF and UNDP.
- The RSC recommended the adoption of the above decision points and requested RPMU to record them in the minutes of the meeting and shared for review and approval by the RSC.

## Introduction

- i. The First Regional Steering Committee (RSC) meeting held on 17 February 2023 in Manila, Philippines recommended the convening of an Ad-Hoc RSC meeting for the GEF/UNDP/ASEAN Project on Reducing Pollution and Preserving Environmental Flows in the East Asian Seas through the Implementation of Integrated River Basin Management in ASEAN Countries (IRBM Project) to review and approve the Project Results Framework, the governance and management arrangements and the 2023 workplan and budget.
- ii. The Ad-Hoc RSC meeting was convened virtually on 24 November 2023 via Zoom. The meeting was Co-chaired by Dr. Inthavy Akkharath, Chair of the ASEAN Working Group on Water Resources Management (AWGWRM) and Mr. Gerd Trogemann, Manager of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangkok Regional Hub.
- iii. RSC members representing the National Focal Points (NFPs) of the AWGWRM from 6 participating ASEAN Member States (AMS), namely Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Philippines and Vietnam, the ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC), the East Asian Seas Executive Committee (EAS EC) and UNDP Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific and Bangkok Regional Hub attended the meeting.
- iv. The Regional Project Management Unit (RPMU), hosted by PEMSEA Resource Facility (PRF), served as Secretariat to the RSC.
- v. The list of participants is given in **Appendix A**.

## Opening of the Meeting

- i. Dr. Inthavy Akkharath, Chair of the AWGWRM welcomed the participants to the RSC meeting. He cited the importance of the Ad-Hoc RSC meeting where the decisions and recommendations from the First RSC meeting, the actions taken and the status, in addition to approving the 2024 workplan and budget will be made. Dr. Akkharath expressed confidence that the meeting will generate good results and that project implementation in 2024 will build on the progress made in 2023 while taking into consideration the challenges encountered and the ways forward that the 6 participating AMS will be sharing. Dr Akkharath thanked the RSC for their support and cooperation and formally opened the Ad-Hoc RSC meeting thereafter.

- ii. Mr. Gerd Trogemann, Manager, UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub, underscored the importance of the project in relation to managing the water resources in the region, which are being impacted by rapid population growth and urbanization as well as expansive agricultural practices. Mr. Trogemann acknowledged and extended his warm greetings to the Chair of AWGWRM, the Executive Director of PEMSEA and to members of the RSC. He stressed that through the project, the AMS is embarking in an important collaborative journey, following a stepwise process, to address the integrated challenges in river basins and to the environmental dimensions that come with it. Mr. Trogemann cited that in the collaborative journey, the progress made in each of the AMS should be aligned as much as possible. He concluded his message with appreciation, for co-chairing the meeting, and looks forward to hearing the progress made by the 6 participating AMS as well as the regional level.

## 1. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

- 1.1 The Ad-Hoc RSC Meeting adopted the agenda, as presented (**Appendix B**).
- 1.2 The RSC meeting documents, presentations and photos can be accessed at [Ad-Hoc RSC Meeting](#).

## 2. Matters Arising from the First Regional Steering Committee Meeting

- 2.1 Ms. Nancy Bermas, Regional Project Manager of the IRBM Project, presented the recommendations and key decisions from the First RSC meeting focusing on the: a) project results framework, b) governance and management arrangements, and c) 2023 workplan and budget, including the actions taken and status.

### 2.2 **Project Results Framework**

- Three indicators, Indicator 5 (*Number of local government and private sector partners engaging on S2S resilience issues*), 6 (*Number of IRBM management strategies & action plans adopted & initiated with adequate human & financial resource commitments from national and local governments*) and 8 (*Number of reports published measuring IRBM governance and management indicators on inputs, process, socioeconomics including*

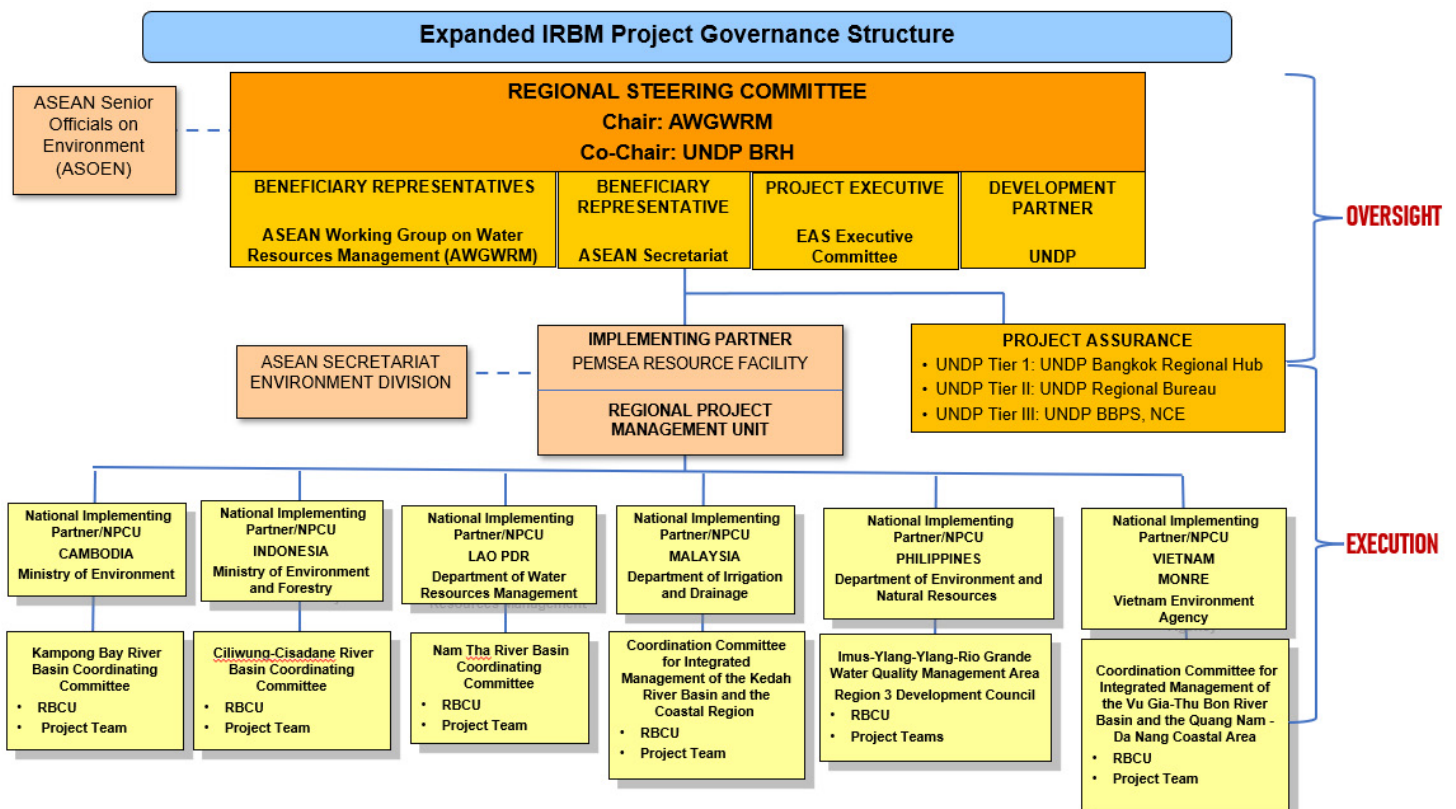
*gender equality, governance, stress reduction, and environmental status, among others, developed, published and disseminated*) were discussed in detail during the First RSC meeting where the Committee was in agreement that the indicators should be simple, measurable and flexible in consideration of the existing policies and regulations of the governments, as well as their applicability and relevance at the basin level. It was recommended that the National Inception Workshops will serve as venue to review the mid- and end-of-project targets as reflected in the Project Document and agree on the indicators. Cambodia and Lao PDR have conducted the National Inception Workshops on 28-29 June 2023 and 13-14 July 2023, respectively, and remain pending in Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Vietnam.

- **Status:** The Project Results Framework has not been amended and finalized pending results of consultations on indicators 5, 6 and 8 in the 4 AMS.

### 2.3 **Governance and Management Arrangements**

- The Project's expanded governance and management structure, as presented during the First RSC meeting, was approved with suggested additions and changes on the National Implementing Partners and the name of the River Basin Coordinating Committees in the case of Malaysia and Vietnam.
- **Status:** The current structure shown below incorporates the suggested changes but still subject to consultations at the basin level for Malaysia and Vietnam in alignment with national and river basin processes while referring to the Terms of Reference, as provided for in the Project Document in delineating the functions of the committee.





## 2.4 2023 Work Plan and Budget

- The 2023 work plan and budget amounting to US\$ 1,824,199 was approved during the First RSC meeting with anticipation for a mid-year budget revision in view of the required review and approval processes for foreign-funded projects in the participating AMS, including discussions on the project's implementing arrangements. Project activities have started at the regional level and in Cambodia and Lao PDR and to some extent in the Philippines.
- Status:** The 2023 budget was adjusted to US\$ 542,318.64 (30 percent of the approved budget) in the 3rd quarter in consultation with UNDP BRH. Ninety-five percent (95 per cent) of the adjusted budget is expected to be utilized by year end.

2.5 The meeting was informed that additional details on the above matters will be covered in the progress reports of the 6 participating AMS.

## 3. Updates on Progress of Project Implementation

3.1 The 6 participating AMS were called in alphabetical order to present the progress made in project implementation in 2023, including the challenges encountered and ways forward. On behalf of their respective countries, the following delivered the presentations:

- **Cambodia:** Mr. Phin Rady, Director, Department of Water Quality Management, Ministry of Environment (MOE)
- **Indonesia:** Ms. Aulia Rahmawati, Junior Environmental Impact Officer, Directorate General of Environmental Pollution and Degradation Control, Ministry of Environment and Forestry (MOEF)
- **Lao PDR:** Ms. Sengphasouk Xayavong, Deputy Director of General Affairs Division, Department of Water Resources (DWR), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE)
- **Malaysia:** Ms. Larifah Mohd Sidik, Principal Director, Division of Water Resources Management and Hydrology, Department of Irrigation and Drainage (DID), Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change (MNRECC)
- **Philippines:** Dr. Al Orolfo, Director, Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects Service (FASPS), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
- **Vietnam:** Ms. Tran Thi Le Anh, Senior Officer, Pollution Control Department (PCD), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE)

The AMS presentations were followed by RPMU covering the accomplishments in 2023 at the regional level.

3.2 Below are the highlights from the presentations:

### 3.3 Cambodia

- **Progress:**
  - Memorandum of Agreement between PRF and MOE through the General Directorate of Environmental Protection signed on 30 May 2023.
  - Organized the National Inception Workshop on 28-29 June 2023 in Kampot Province with 40 participants in attendance representing national government agencies and Kampot Province ([Inception Workshop Report](#)). Key outputs included a draft Minister's Decision for the establishment of an inter-ministerial national and provincial level Technical Working Groups (TWGs) with details

on the roles and responsibilities in project implementation, including the designation of the Department of Water Quality management as the National Project Coordinating Unit. The Decision is undergoing review and approval by MOE.

- Organized the ICM/IRBM orientation, including information management, knowledge management and State of River Basin Reporting on 14-17 November 2023 with 45 participants in attendance representing national government agencies and Kampot Province.
- **Challenges:** Approval of the national and provincial level TWGs is delayed due to the national election and the ensuing changes in the administrative processes of the government.
- **Ways forward:** Establishment of the national and provincial TWGs in January 2024; recruitment of national consultant and conduct of national and provincial TWG meeting to discuss and adopt the 2024 workplan.

### 3.4 Indonesia

- **Progress:**
  - Internal discussion within MOEF on the draft MOA conducted.
  - Initial presentation of the Project to the Ministry of Public Works and Housing and Depok City conducted.
  - Endorsement of the Project by the Minister of MOEF requested.
- **Challenges:** In consideration of the time elapsed from the project preparation phase in 2018 to its approval in 2022, Indonesia has conducted consultation meetings with the Ministry of Public Works and Housing and Depok City Government to reconfirm their support and commitment, including co-financing commitments and the priority river basin and location of the pilot IRBM project.
- **Ways forward:** Initiate discussion on the draft MOA with the Foreign Cooperation Bureau of MOEF and with other related Ministries and institutions; prepare a draft work plan for the conduct of the National Inception Workshop.

### 3.5 Lao PDR

- **Progress:**
  - Memorandum of Agreement between PRF and MONRE through DWR signed on 26 July 2023.
  - Organized the National Inception Workshop on 13-14 July 2023 in Luang Nam Tha Province with 85 participants in attendance representing government agencies, provincial and district level departments of Luang Nam Tha, Bokeo

and Oudomxay, the 3 provinces that encompass the Nam Tha River Basin and the private sector ([Inception Workshop Report](#)).

- Inter-agency Project Steering Committees at national, provincial and district levels established with DWR and the Provincial and District Natural Resources and Environment Offices chairing the national and provincial and district steering committees, respectively. Technical Working Groups at provincial and district levels were also established.
- Training Needs Assessment Workshops conducted on 13-17 November 2023 in the 3 provinces; recommendations on specific capacity building measures to support the IRBM project were identified.
- Nam Tha River Basin Action Plan 2021-2025 translated into English. The Action Plan, which was approved by the Prime Minister, will guide the implementation of the project in Nam Tha River.
- **Challenges:** Adjustments in project activities such as the conduct of the training needs assessment are necessary to ensure that the project is responsive to the current situation in the river basin and its management, particularly with the adoption of the Nam Tha River Action Plan.
- **Ways forward:** Conduct of Training on IWRM/IRBM; High-level Forum on Water and Water Resources Management Policies and Regulations and First Project Steering Committee meeting to present and discuss the 2024 workplan.

### 3.6 Malaysia

- **Progress:**
  - Presentation to the top management of DID conducted followed by a series of internal consultation meetings within DID and MNRECC and with PRF to discuss the MOA, project implementing and coordination arrangements and fund management.
  - Document for Cabinet's approval prepared as required for foreign-funded projects that are not covered in the Master Agreement between the Government of Malaysia and UNDP Malaysia. The Cabinet paper authorizes DID to enter into an agreement with PRF; clarifies the fund management arrangements and data sharing, including setting up the project governance and management mechanism.
- **Challenges:** Securing the Cabinet's approval requires time, including the setting up of the governance arrangements, which involves different state governments, as the project in Malaysia will focus on transboundary river management.
- **Ways forward:** Preparation of proposal and recommendations for the appointment of a national coordinator and consultant to support the Project Team and organizing consultation meetings between UNDP BRH and UNDP Malaysia to discuss possible

arrangements to facilitate project approval by the Government.

### 3.7 Philippines

- **Progress:**
  - Consultations at the river basin level for Pasac-Guagua River (Pampanga Province) and Imus Ylang Ylang River (Cavite Province) conducted to discuss the implementing arrangements for the project, including identifying available plans and programs and technical reports that would support project implementation.
  - Agreement secured from the Sub-committee on Environment under the Sectoral Committee on Economic Development of Regional Development Council of Region 3 (RDC3) to serve as the Project's Steering Committee for Pasac-Guagua River during their meeting held on 17 October 2023.
  - Initial consultations conducted with the Water Quality Management Area (WQMA) Governing Board of Imus Ylang Ylang Rio Grande River WQMA to serve as the Project's Steering Committee for Imus Ylang Ylang River.
- **Challenges:** Compliance with the government's approval process where a Special Presidential Authority is required to allow DENR to enter into an agreement with PRF. Reaffirmation of previous co-financing commitments by project partners is also required as part of the SPA issuance. Securing the availability of partner agencies is also a challenge due to scheduling conflicts.
- **Ways forward:** Facilitate the issuance of SPA and Special Order to establish the National Steering Committee; participation in the regular meetings of the Sub-Committee on Environment of RDC3 (Pasac-Guagua River) and WQMA Governing Board (Imus Ylang Ylang River); conduct of National Inception Workshop; initiation of State of River Basin Reporting and conduct of orientation workshops on ICM/IRBM/IWRM.

### 3.8 Vietnam

- **Progress:**
  - No major activities were implemented in 2023 in view of the need to secure a Prime Minister's Decision in compliance with the Government's implementation policy for Technical Assistance Projects funded by Official Development Assistance (ODA) grant, as stipulated in Vietnam's Decree on Management and Use of ODA.
  - Consultations conducted with the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI), Ministry of Finance and related ministries.
  - MPI submitted the project document to the Prime Minister for approval of the implementation policy

- **Challenges:** Estimated timeline required to complete the government's procedure is about 3 months and may extend beyond 3 months.
- **Ways forward:** Upon issuance of the Prime Minister's Decision, MONRE will approve and launch the project. Project activities from 2023 will be moved to 2024 with the corresponding budgetary allocations, the details of which will be discussed between the RPMU and PCD.

### 3.9 Regional Level

- Regional level activities, as recommended by the RSC during the First RSC Meeting, were initiated right after the conduct of the Regional Inception Workshop while the AMS are in the process of completing administrative procedures for project approval and implementation.
- Component 1 activities focused on initiating the development of a State of River Basin Reporting (SORB) Guidelines and Template where preliminary outputs have been generated, which included the SORB indicator framework and Technical Report on the Assessment of Governance and Management Indicators, including detailed profiles of the 7 river basins. Initial validation of the indicators has been conducted in Cambodia.
- Activities for Component 2 focused on securing confirmation from the government (national and local) on the priority river basins in Cambodia, Lao PDR and the Philippines. Major activities under this Component will start in 2024.
- Capacity development and knowledge management activities under Component 3 focused on the preparation of training materials and programs and conducting orientation workshops in Cambodia and raising the visibility of the project through issuance of press releases, social media postings of national and river basin level events and preparation of river basin profiles for release/publication in GEF International Waters Learning Exchange and Resource Network (IW LEARN), UNDP and ASEAN knowledge platforms.
- Fund utilization is targeted at 95 per cent of the adjusted budget for 2023.

### 3.10 Discussion Highlights and Decision

- Ms. Natalia Derodofa, Senior Officer, ASEC raised three points for clarification focusing on knowledge products, capacity development activities and engagement of the non-participating AMS in project activities in 2024. In particular, ASEC sought clarification on specific knowledge products and materials that will be published in 2024 and shared to enhance awareness on the project's results and raise its visibility in the region and beyond. Moreover, ASEC inquired if the capacity development activities are regional level events and also made suggestion to

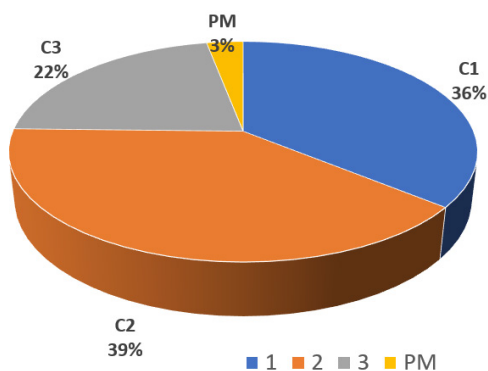
consider ways in engaging the non-participating AMS to promote ASEAN-wide exchange of information and learning experiences.

- Mr. Ugyen Dorji, Programme Management and Oversight Specialist, UNDP BRH, noted the progress made at the country and regional levels and raised concern on the delay in project implementation in the 4 AMS as a result of the government’s administrative procedures for foreign-funded projects. In addition, the points raised by Malaysia to engage the UNDP Country Office in discussing the implementing arrangements was noted. UNDP BRH expressed its willingness to help the AMS speed up the approval process where necessary. Consideration to register the cause of delay in project implementation as risk was also raised.
- **Decision:** The delay in project implementation is reflected in the low fund utilization for 2023, as reported by RPMU. The agenda item was concluded with appreciation to the AMS for their accomplishments and encouragement among the 4 AMS to expedite the approval process. RPMU’s response to ASEC is deferred under the agenda item on the review and approval of 2024 workplan and budget.

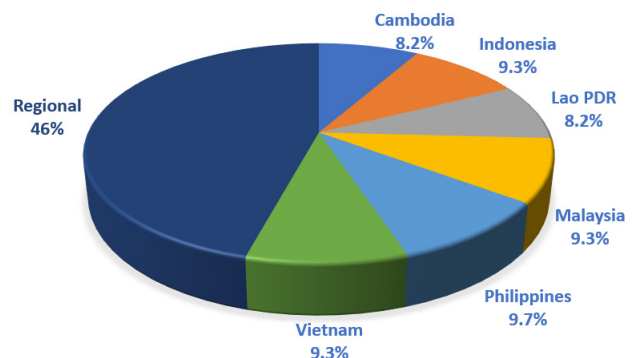
## 4. Review and Approval of 2024 Work Plan and Budget

4.1 Ms. Nancy Bermas, Regional Project Manager of the IRBM Project presented the 2024 work plan and budget highlighting the key activities that are lined up per component and under project management and the corresponding budget allocations. Budget distribution on a quarterly basis and per country and regional activities were also presented.

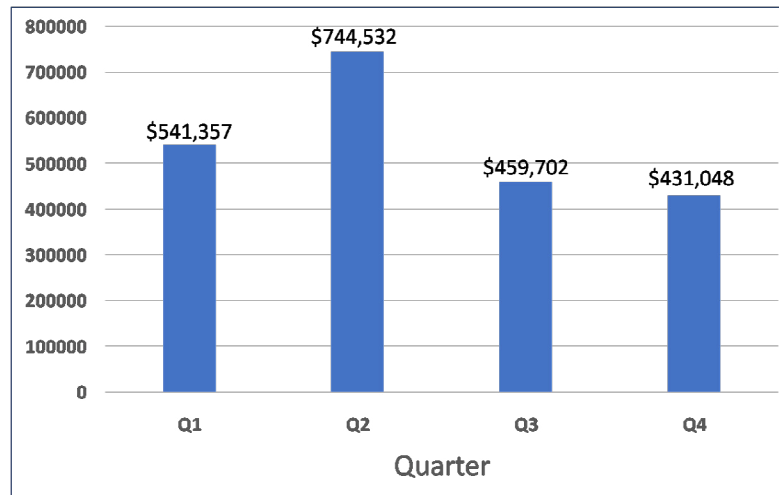
**2024 Budget Allocation Per Component**



**Regional and Participating AMS Budget Allocations for 2024**



### 2024 Budget Allocation Per Quarter



#### 4.2 Discussion Highlights and Decisions

- In response to ASEC's intervention on the planned activities and outputs in 2024 under Component 3, particularly on the knowledge products, seven (7) baseline State of River Basin (SORB) Reports are targeted for completion in 2024, in addition to seven (7) river basin profiles. Experience notes, which document specific project experiences, will also be developed. All project outputs, including other technical reports, will be made available in the IRBM Project e-portal/microsite and shared to IW LEARN, UNDP, ASEC for wider dissemination.
- The baseline SORB's will be individually published in 2024. The project is also expected to develop end-of-project SORBs. As an indicator-based reporting system, the end-of-project SORBs in 2027 may show changes against the baseline, which can be attributed directly or indirectly to the project intervention. A consolidated SORB report is possible since the same indicator framework will be used across the 7 reports, thus the consolidated report can provide a regional overview on the status of the river basins in the region.
- Key events identified under Component 3 include the conduct of IRBM Forum, which can be organized as a side event of the 2024 East Asian Seas Congress (EASC) or a workshop in the International Conference of the EASC. Launching of the SORB is being planned during the IRBM Forum, thus the presence of the AMS is necessary. Opportunities for the non-participating AMS to attend the IRBM Forum will be provided, the arrangements of which can be discussed when the program for the Forum and plans for the EASC are firmed up.



- **Decision:** RPMU to apprise the RSC on the completed knowledge products and events to be organized in 2024. With no objection from the RSC, the 2024 work plan and budget, as presented by RPMU was approved.

## 5. Date and Venue of the 2024 RSC Meeting

- 5.1 The ASEAN Secretariat informed the meeting that the 2024 AWGWRM meeting will be hosted by Cambodia based on alphabetical rotation of the AMS, the specific time and date of which will be decided by Cambodia. Past AWGWRM meetings were organized between March to July.
- 5.2 The AWGWRM National Focal Point of Cambodia indicated that the decision from MOE on the hosting of the AWGWRM meeting will be communicated to ASEC and PRF in December 2023.
- 5.3 **Decision:** AWGWRM NFP to follow up the approval from the MOE Minister to host the 2024 AWGWRM meeting back-to-back with the IRBM Project RSC meeting.

## 6. Meeting Conclusions and Recommendations

- 6.1 The RSC noted the following conclusions and recommendations from the meeting:
  - The RSC noted the progress made in 2023 by the 6 AMS and at the regional level and concluded with appreciation the initiation of project activities and the establishment of the governance arrangements in Cambodia and Lao PDR and encouraged Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Vietnam to the extent possible to expedite the approval of the project following the domestic processes and procedures.
  - The RSC noted the clarifications made by ASEC on the knowledge products, key events to be organized and engagement of the non-participating AMS in the project activities and recommended that RPMU will apprise the RSC members on the developments related to these points.

- With no further clarifications and objections on the 2024 work plan and budget, the RSC complimented the RPMU for the clear presentation on the key activities planned for 2024 under each of the project components and project management and the corresponding budgetary allocations and adopted the 2024 work plan and budget.
- The RSC noted the hosting of the 2014 AWGWRM meeting by Cambodia, which will be held back-to-back with the 2024 RSC meeting and requested the AWGWRM National Focal Point to communicate the decision of MOE on the hosting to ASEC, PRF and UNDP.
- The RSC recommended the adoption of the above decision points and requested RPMU to record them in the minutes of the meeting and shared for review and approval by the RSC.

## 7. Closing of the Meeting

- 7.1 Mr. Gerd Trogemann thanked Dr. Inthavy Akkharath for the opportunity to co-chair the meeting. He expressed appreciation to PRF, particularly to RPMU for the excellent job in organizing the meeting; to the AMS for providing updates on their progress and to the members of the RSC for showing their support and commitment to the project. Mr. Trogemann wished everyone a restful weekend and formally adjourned the meeting at 16:10 GMT+7.

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# Appendix B. Provisional Annotated Agenda

## AD-HOC REGIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

### GEF/UNDP/ASEAN PROJECT ON REDUCING POLLUTION AND PRESERVING ENVIRONMENTAL FLOWS IN THE EAST ASIAN SEAS THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTEGRATED RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT (IRBM) IN ASEAN COUNTRIES

**24 November 2023; 14:00 – 16:00 pm Bangkok Time (GMT+7) via Zoom**

14:00 – 14:10		<b>Opening of the Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AWGWRM Chair</li><li>• UNDP BRH</li></ul> <b>Group Photo</b>
14:10 – 14:20	<b>1.0</b>	<b>Adoption of meeting agenda</b>
14:20 – 14:30	<b>2.0</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the 1st RSC Meeting</b> <p>The meeting will review the decisions and recommendations from the 1<sup>st</sup> RSC meeting on 17 February 2023 and the status/actions taken.</p>
14:30 – 15:10	<b>3.0</b>	<b>Updates on progress of project implementation</b> <p>The 6 AMS will briefly present the progress made in project implementation in their respective countries after the conduct of the 1st RSC meeting, including the strategies to facilitate project implementation.</p> <p>The RPMU will briefly present the accomplishments to date at the regional level, including the level of fund utilization based on the approved 2023 work plan and budget.</p>

15:10 – 15:40	<b>4.0</b>	<p><b>Review and approval of 2024 project work plan and budget</b></p> <p>The RPMU will present the 2024 project work plan and budget highlighting the major activities to be undertaken at the regional and national/river basin levels, including budget distribution.</p> <p>The RSC will be invited to comment, provide clarifications and suggestions on the work plan and budget taking into consideration the progress of implementation in 2023 at regional level and at the 6 AMS. The RSC will be invited to adopt the 2024 work plan and budget, with changes or additions as recommended by the meeting.</p>
15:40 – 15:50	<b>5.0</b>	<p><b>Date and venue of 2024 RSC meeting in line with the 24th AWGWRM Meeting</b></p> <p>The Chair will remind the meeting of the agreement made during the 1st RSC meeting on the convening of the RSC meetings alongside the AWGWRM Annual Meetings.</p> <p>The Chair will invite the ASEAN Secretariat Environment Division to provide information on the host and planned schedule for the 24th AWGWRM meeting.</p> <p>The Chair will invite the host country to render a brief statement.</p>
15:50 – 15:55	<b>6.0</b>	<p><b>Meeting Recommendations and Next Steps</b></p> <p>The RPMU will provide a summary of the key decisions and recommendations that were generated from the discussions, for the review and approval of the RSC.</p> <p>The RPMU will outline the next steps, including the preparation and dissemination of the meeting proceedings to the RSC.</p>
15:55 – 16:00	<b>7.0</b>	<p><b>Closing of the Meeting</b></p>





