



## INVITATION

Dear Madams/Sirs,

It is my pleasure to invite you or your representative to participate at the National Closing Workshop of the development of a Framework for Implementing and Mainstreaming Ecosystem based Adaptation (EbA) in Viet Nam on **November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013** in **Kim Do Royal City Hotel, 133 Nguyen Hue Ave. District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam.**

Climate change is a defining development challenge, which already poses significant threats to livelihoods and the economy in Vietnam. This call for responses that will help build resilience and decrease vulnerability of ecosystems and the communities that rely upon these for their subsistence. Ecosystem based adaptation (EbA) provides nature based solutions to reduce vulnerability of people while simultaneously generating a range of significant social, economic and environmental co-benefits.

Responding to Vietnam's need for a detailed guidance to assess and implement EbA, the World Wildlife Fund and The Institute of Strategy and Policy on Natural Resources and Environment (ISPONRE) jointly developed a framework for EbA in Viet Nam with support from the World Bank in the context of a regional effort to develop EbA in the Mekong sub-region. The framework and testing was done under the guidance of MONRE and other key line ministries in Viet Nam between July 2012 and October 2013.

The meeting is hosted by ISPONRE/MONRE together with WWF. It aims to share the findings and lessons learned from the field-testing and present the final draft framework, which has benefited from a series of consultations in the past 18 months. In this context, the objective of this event is also to take this opportunity to discuss mainstreaming of EbA and potential future collaborations towards the scaling-up of EbA in Viet Nam.

I hope that you may be able to join and participate at this important meeting. Please kindly confirm your participation by **November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013** to Ms. Le Quyen at (84) 37931627-ext 789; mobile: 0949912492 or email: [llquyen@isponre.gov.vn](mailto:llquyen@isponre.gov.vn)/ [quyen1417@yahoo.com.vn](mailto:quyen1417@yahoo.com.vn). For your convenience and reference, an agenda for the meeting is attached.

We thank you very much for your kind collaboration and looking forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "nguyenvantai", is written over a horizontal blue line.

Nguyen Van Tai  
Director General  
Institute of Strategy and Policy on Natural Resources and Environment

## TENTATIVE AGENDA

Time	Contents	Responsibility
08.00-08.30	Registration	ISPONRE/WWF
08.30-08.45	Introduction on workshop background, objective and participants	ISPONRE
<b><i>Chaired by ISPONRE/MONRE; and WWF</i></b>		
08.45-09.30	Welcome/ Opening speeches	MONRE
09.30-09.35	Introduction on workshop agenda	WWF
09.35-09.55	Introduction: Operational framework for ecosystem based adaptation in the GMS and its relevance in Vietnam	Ms. Raji Dhital, WWF (Mekong Landscape program)
09.55-10.15	Ecosystem based Adaptation and its mainstreaming in Vietnam	MONRE, Department of Hydrology, Meteorology and Climate change
10.15-10.35	Need for an operational EBA framework in Vietnam and associated relevant supporting policies	Nguyen Van Tai, ISPONRE
10.35-10.55	<b><i>Q&amp;A</i></b>	Plenary
10.55-11.15	<b><i>Coffee break</i></b>	
11.15-11.45	<u>Experiences from the field-</u> Vulnerability analysis and scenario development for prioritizing ecosystem based adaptation strategies in Ben Tre	Hoang Viet, WWF
11.45-12.15	<u>Experiences from the field:</u> Cost-effectiveness analysis of hard vs. EBA strategies in Ben Tre	Dang Thanh Ha, WWF
12.15-12.30	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	Plenary
12.30-13.30	<b><i>Lunch</i></b>	
13.30-13.50	Target users and policy entry points identified for the EBA framework in Vietnam	Kim Thi Thuy Ngoc, ISPONRE
13.50-14.10	EbA framework as a policy tool in Vietnam: Filling a gap	Tran Thi Mai Huong, WWF
14.10-14.40	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	
14.40-15.00	<u>Experience on mainstreaming EBA into policy development in Vietnam:</u> – EBA integration into national guideline on biodiversity conservation planning	Huynh Thi Mai, BCA

Time	Contents	Responsibility
15.00-15.30	<u>Experience on mainstreaming EBA into policy development in Vietnam</u> : – EBA integration into biodiversity conservation planning of Ben Tre province	DONRE Ben Tre
15.30-15.40	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	
15.40-16.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16.00-16.40	<p>Group discussion:</p> <p>Broader use of the EbA framework in Vietnam.</p> <p>Opportunities and constraints for EBA integration into policy development and implementation</p>	<p><b>Group 1:</b> Other potential users of the customized framework?</p> <p><b>Group 2:</b> Opportunities and constraints for EBA integration into policy development at national/sectoral level in Vietnam</p> <p><b>Group 3:</b> Opportunities and constraints for EBA integration into policy development at provincial level in Vietnam</p> <p><b>Group 4:</b> Opportunities and constraints and for implementation of EbA</p>
16.40-17.20	Group presentations	
17.20-17.30	Workshop wrap up and conclusion	MONRE