

**Day 1 (Wednesday 31 May): SEI in Asia**

Time	Location	Activity	Speakers
8.30 – 9.00	Auditorium Rm. 801	<b>Welcome to the SEI Science Forum 2017 – Internal Days</b>  Opening and welcome remarks.	- Niall O'Connor  - Adj. Prof Johan L. Kuylenstierna
9.00 – 10.00	Auditorium Rm. 801	<b>Setting the Scene: Asia today and its future</b>  An overview of the future of the Asia region, its politics, its environmental challenges and how a leading university is focussing addressing these challenges. The aim is to open SEI's mind to future scenarios and ensure we take this with us as we move through 2 days of science and policy discussions, to enable us to position our work and our institute to deliver evidence based science and policy solutions to the challenges we will face.	- Prof Surichai Wun'gaeo, Chulalongkorn University  - Prof Kiat Ruxrungtham, Chulalongkorn University  - Apichai Sunchindah, SEI Associate
10.00 – 10.30		<b>Networking break</b>	
10.30 – 11.30	Auditorium Rm. 801	<b>SUMERNET: Enhancing Research and Policy through a Partnership Approach</b>  To address the sustainable development challenges in the Mekong Region, the Sustainable Mekong Research Network (SUMERNET) was established with 14 members in 2005 and now has expanded to almost 70 member institutes. This session will share the insights on key successes and lessons learnt during over the past 12 years as well as challenges and opportunities lying ahead for SUMERNET considering its aspiration for reducing water insecurity for all in the coming decade. The session will explore how other networks/initiatives can best use SUMERNET's partnership approach to further enhance their influence for better research and changes in policy and practice.  (more detail on next page)	Led by  Dr. Chayanis Krittasudthacheewa

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		<p>Panelist members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. AnnaKarin Norling, Embassy of Sweden, Thailand</li> <li>- Dr. Chu Thai Hoanh, SUMERNET Steering Committee Chairperson</li> <li>- Dr. Kaing Khim, Deputy Director General, Department of Fisheries Administration, MAFF, Cambodia</li> <li>- Mr. Trinnawat Suwanprik, Chiang Mai Municipality, Thailand</li> <li>- Dr. Louis Lebel, Chiang Mai University, SUMERNET Steering Committee &amp; Co-Founder of M-POWER network</li> <li>- Dr. Bui Duc Tinh, Faculty of Economics and Development Studies, Hue University of Economics, Vietnam</li> </ul>	
11.30 - 13.00	<p>Auditorium</p> <p>Rm. 801</p> <p>Rm. 701</p>	<p>2 parallel sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Water Resource Management: Addressing uncertainties in decision making processes</b></li> </ul> <p>The Asian region's rapid development is placing more pressures on water resources exacerbated by uncertainties, both climate and non-climate factors. This session aims to present innovative research approaches to help address uncertainties for effective decision-making in water resource management and using evidence-based participatory approaches.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reducing Disaster Risk (RDR): SEI's strategy for addressing increasing vulnerability and exposure in Asia</b></li> </ul> <p>The aim of this session is to introduce Asia Cluster on Reducing Disaster Risk (RDR) strategy to reduce the vulnerability and enhance the resilience to disasters of individuals, communities and countries across Asia through research, policy engagement and capacity building. How can SEI engage in the region through the projects across SEI that address different aspects of disaster risks reduction for equitable and resilient development, and how to harness our global efforts to achieve stronger impact of RDR for the people in Asia?</p>	<p>Led by</p> <p>Dr. Chusit Apirumanekul</p> <p>Dr. Frank Thomalla</p>
13.00 – 14.00		<b>Lunch</b>	



## Day 2 (Thursday 1 June): SEI Global

Time	Location	Activity	Speakers
8.30 – 10.00	Auditorium Rm. 801	<p><b>Policy capacity and strategy: How to maximize impacts of SEI’s work in the region</b></p> <p>The aim of the session is to share knowledge about SEI’s policy engagement and how this fits with emerging ideas of different approaches and important features of policy engagement that SEI’s Policy Advisory Group are finding in the assessment of SEI’s policy engagement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adj. Prof Johan C. I. Kuylenstierna</li> <li>- Emma Williams</li> </ul>
10.00 - 10.30		<b>Networking break</b>	
10.30- 11.30	Auditorium Rm. 801	<p><b>Gender &amp; Social Equity: SEI-wide review and process</b></p> <p>This session aims to highlight how SEI Initiatives have been integrating gender and social equity into their work, and discuss the opportunities and challenges they have faced in their efforts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Kalpana Giri</li> <li>- Dr. Sivan Kartha (joining remotely)</li> </ul>
11.30 – 13.00	Auditorium Rm. 801	<p><b>SEI Capacity Development agenda: towards strengthening our work with stakeholders and partners in the region</b></p> <p>This session will highlight SEI’s ongoing and emerging work on capacity development under the current SEI Strategy, with particular focus on current work, needs and potentials of the SEI Asia Centre. While capacity building appears to be integrated in many of the Centre’s projects, there is an ambition to make it a more explicit goal. Thus the specific aim of the session is to identify the overall needs and potentials to integrating / strengthening capacity development activities in the SEI Asia Centre, including the Centre’s current internal capacity to deliver on this. The session will inform subsequent discussions between the capacity development director and Asia Centre cluster/project teams with the aim to enable the Centre in its aspirations to build internal capacity to support externally.</p>	Dr. Åsa Gerger Swartling
13.00 – 14.00	<p>Rm. 702</p> <p>Rm. 701</p> <p>Auditorium Rm. 801</p>	<p>3 parallel sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Producer to Consumer Sustainability Initiative: Progress, plans and possibilities for the Asia region</b></li> <li>• <b>Towards an energy programme in Asia: Challenges, opportunities and approaches</b></li> <li>• <b>The Changing Landscape of Agriculture in Asia: SEI Research and Policy Analysis</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Chris West</li> <li>- Dr. Oliver Johnson</li> <li>- Dr. Patrick Bueker</li> <li>- May Aung</li> </ul>
15.30 – 16.00		<b>Networking break</b>	

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16.00 – 17.30	Auditorium Rm. 801	<b>SEI wide research work: SEI Themes</b>	Led by the Research Directorate (RD)
17.30	Auditorium Rm. 801	<b>Closing Remarks</b>	Niall O' Connor and Adj. Prof Johan L. Kuylenstierna
18.00	Pathumwan Princess Hotel	<b>SEI party!</b>	

### Day 3 (Friday 2 June)

Time	Location	Activity	Speakers
10.00 – 12.30	Rm. 701	<b>Policy Workshop (open to all SEI employees)</b>  Practical training session building on policy session from Internal Day 2, to help develop internal capacity on policy engagement and think through how we build a stronger footing on policy in Asia.	Led by  Johan C. I. Kuylenstierna