

Day 1 (Wednesday 31 May): SEI in Asia

Time	Location	Activity	Speakers
8.30 – 9.00	Auditorium Rm. 801	Welcome to the SEI Science Forum 2017 – Internal Days Opening and welcome remarks.	- Niall O'Connor - Adj. Prof Johan L. Kuylenstierna
9.00 – 10.00	Auditorium Rm. 801	Setting the Scene: Asia today and its future 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		Networking break	
10.30 – 11.30	Auditorium Rm. 801	SUMERNET: Enhancing Research and Policy through a Partnership Approach 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"> - Dr. AnnaKarin Norling, Embassy of Sweden, Thailand - Dr. Chu Thai Hoanh, SUMERNET Steering Committee Chairperson - Dr. Kaing Khim, Deputy Director General, Department of Fisheries Administration, MAFF, Cambodia - Mr. Trinnawat Suwanprik, Chiang Mai Municipality, Thailand - Dr. Louis Lebel, Chiang Mai University, SUMERNET Steering Committee & Co-Founder of M-POWER network - Dr. Bui Duc Tinh, Faculty of Economics and Development Studies, Hue University of Economics, Vietnam 	
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"> • Water Resource Management: Addressing uncertainties in decision making processes <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"> • Reducing Disaster Risk (RDR): SEI's strategy for addressing increasing vulnerability and exposure in Asia <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		Lunch	

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14.00 – 15.30	Auditorium Rm. 801 Rm. 701	2 parallel sessions: Proposed/potential SEI Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urbanization, supporting Asia and Africa rollout With increasing urbanisation and climate change, urban environments are under pressure. The nature of cities, which concentrate populations, pollution emissions and impacts (environmental, social and economic), means that the development of future sustainable cities to ensure environmental quality in urban areas should be a priority for national planners. The session aims to explore SEI's approach towards sustainable urbanization. • Governing bio-economic transitions SEI is developing a new paradigm for analysing the emergence of a sustainable bio-economy and investigating the conditions for effective policies, institutions and governance. This session will present preliminary results and insights from case studies exploring how the framework can be adapted to various sub-sectors and the potential for expanding the work across Asia and beyond. 	Led by Dr. Steve Cinderby and Stacey Noel Dr. Francis Johnson
15.30 – 16.00		Networking break	
16.00 – 17.30	Auditorium Rm. 801 Rm. 701	2 Parallel sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooking the technical and social: Steamy recipes for gender, environment and development research Our work generates knowledge for applying and learning about best practices and principles for gender and social inclusion in sustainable development policy. Our gender-sensitive research in environment and development is envisaged to inform governance decisions and actions of policy-makers and practitioners throughout Asia. • Responding Meaningfully to Climate Change Impacts in Southeast Asia: Insights And Inspirations From Our Global Colleagues Colleagues from across the SEI family have done significant amount of work that advances our understanding of climate change adaptation and mitigation. Some developed tools, models and approaches on adaptation and energy planning. Others helped provide conceptual clarity on important aspects on the impacts of climate change and how best to respond to them. Others work to guide global actions on the climate peril. SEI Asia would like to take advantage of this collective expertise and existing fountain of knowledge to advance our work in the region. We have invited known experts in various fields across SEI to offer insights that the Climate Change Cluster can take forward. 	Led by Dr. Babette Resurrección Dr. Albert Salamanca
From close		Networking break	

Day 2 (Thursday 1 June): SEI Global

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8.30 – 10.00	Auditorium Rm. 801	<p>Policy capacity and strategy: How to maximize impacts of SEI’s work in the region</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"> - Adj. Prof Johan C. I. Kuylenstierna - Emma Williams
10.00 - 10.30		Networking break	
10.30- 11.30	Auditorium Rm. 801	<p>Gender & Social Equity: SEI-wide review and process</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"> - Dr. Kalpana Giri - Dr. Sivan Kartha (joining remotely)
11.30 – 13.00	Auditorium Rm. 801	<p>SEI Capacity Development agenda: towards strengthening our work with stakeholders and partners in the region</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"> • Producer to Consumer Sustainability Initiative: Progress, plans and possibilities for the Asia region • Towards an energy programme in Asia: Challenges, opportunities and approaches • The Changing Landscape of Agriculture in Asia: SEI Research and Policy Analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Chris West - Dr. Oliver Johnson - Dr. Patrick Bueker - May Aung
15.30 – 16.00		Networking break	

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

Day 3 (Friday 2 June)

Time	Location	Activity	Speakers
10.00 – 12.30	Rm. 701	Policy Workshop (open to all SEI employees) 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