

SURVEY OF NRM RELATED INFORMATION PLATFORMS



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| Mekonginfo | Mekong River Commission | Repository | General, Natural Resource Management | 1997 | Regional practitioners | Support information exchange between practitioners from government, research organizations and non-government organizations from within and outside the basin. Seeks to promote greater engagement between stakeholders from different natural resources planning sectors, in line with the vision for integrated water resources management. | Regional | http://www.mekonginfo.org |
| APAN Asia Pacific Adaptation Network | | Repository | Climate Change adaptation | NA | Academics, practitioners | Mobilising knowledge and building capacities for climate resilience | Asia | http://www.asiapacific-adapt.net/ |
| ASEAN CSR Network | Singapore Compact for CSR | Conferences | General | 2011 | Formally working with Vietnam and Myanmar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · A CSR platform for networking, exchange of best practices and facilitating peer-to-peer discussions at the regional level. · A repository of ASEAN knowledge on CSR through case studies and conduct and/or being the focal point of relevant research on the practice of CSR in the ASEAN context. · A capacity builder by engaging participants in more formal teaching and training approaches alongside adoption of common standards and benchmarking on CSR implementation. · An advocate for CSR by engaging participants in information, education and communications campaigns that promote the practice of CSR, and at times, providing representation for the business community to the ASEAN body and other inter-governmental agencies or think tanks on relevant policy issues concerning CSR. | Regional | http://www.asean-csr-network.org/c/about-us/asean-csr-network |
| Asia-Pacific Forest Communication Google Group and Facebook | | Social Media | Asia-Pacific forestry | 2013 | People working on forest-related communication activities in the Asia-Pacific | A small group of mainly communication officers from INGOs, CSOs, govt who share communication tools and information - open to anyone who applies and meets basic criteria | | Members only |
| Cambodia CSR Working Group | Oxfam | Discussion group | Private sector land issues | 2014 | | Working group of 15 private sector companies plus INGOs has been established to improve land practices (project in early stages). | Cambodia | |
| Cambodian REDD+ | NGO Forum Cambodia | Group discussion | Forestry and REDD+ | 2013 | 26 NGO members including local NGOs, Community Networks and INGOs | Sharing experiences and knowledge among members. Communication with Programme Executive Board and National REDD Secretariat. Linkage to ASEAN Social Forestry Network. Provide input on national policy and strategy on REDD+ | Cambodia | www.facebook.com/cso.redd |
| Capacity4Development | | Repository | Connecting the development community | NA | Academics, practitioners, | | Global | http://capacity4dev.ec.europa.eu/ |
| China and the Developing World (ChinaDev) Programme | Oxfam (Hong Kong) | Regular face-to-face forums | Broad | Mid 00's | | ChinaDev advocates for the government and corporations in China to be a progressive force for development in these countries and to contribute to the responsible well-being of communities there. We achieve this by working with partner organizations to make improvements in both China and the countries that are impacted. This includes promoting positive changes in governance and corporate and industry practices and strengthening civil society. ChinaDev holds regular conferences in Yunnan and FDI target countries. | Regional | http://www.oxfam.org.hk/en/ChinaDev.aspx |

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| Climate Change and Equity Web Portal | RECOFTC | Website/social media | Climate change and equity in Greater Mekong sub region (GMS) | 2014 | GMS civil society organizations, practitioners | Interactive portal in five GMS languages provides a repository on equity/climate change resources and information-sharing. | | http://www.recoftc.org/project/green-mekong/project/grassroots-equity-portal |
| CSOs REDD+ Network in Cambodia | NGO Forum on Cambodia | Discussion group, social media | REDD+, Community forestry | 2013 | CSOs/NGOs, academic working on forestry in Cambodia | The Civil Society Organizations REDD+ Network in Cambodia was established in early 2013 and is facilitated by the Cambodian NGO Forum. The network consists of around 20 CSOs and NGOs working on REDD+ and natural resource management in Cambodia. | Cambodia | https://www.facebook.com/cso.redd/info?tab=page_info |
| CSR Working Group | Oxfam | Network/forums | Private sector and land | 2015 | | Working group of 15-20 companies plus INGOs | Cambodia | |
| CSR Working Group (proposed) | AustCham Laos | Regular face-to-face forums | Broad | Proposed March 15 | | Proposed group for private sector discussion of CSR issues. | Laos | |
| Devatar | Oxfam America + social enterprise | Forum/repository - search engine, geo-referenced documents and data, crowd curation of documents | All development related issues in Cambodia | 2015-TBA | Development practitioners | Currently being developed, Devatar aims to provide become a platform for sharing all development related information in Cambodia. Key issues under consideration are knowledge organisation (storing data or search engine), creation of community of users, using crowd mechanisms for assessing quality of information/data presented. In addition, Devatar aims to be financially sustainable in 2 years, as a social enterprise. | Cambodia | www.devatar.org (not working yet) shong@OxfamAmerica.org BLund@OxfamAmerica.org ludovic_pommier@yahoo.com |
| Ecosystems Marketplace | Forest Trends | Repository | Ecosystem services | NA | Academics, practitioners, | "The Ecosystem Marketplace, a project of Forest Trends, is a leading source of news, data, and analytics on markets and payments for ecosystem services (such as water quality, carbon sequestration, and biodiversity)." | Global | http://www.ecosystemmarketplace.com/pages/dynamic/news_articles.landing_page.php |
| Forest Connect (Asia) | RECOFTC in Asia, Globally with IIED and FAO | Website and social media | Community forestry enterprises, locally controlled forest | 2013 in Asia (2007 globally) | Community enterprises in forestry | Forest Connect Asia is an alliance of organizations that support forest communities in the Asia-Pacific region to develop forest-based livelihoods and strengthen capacity for enterprise development by facilitating stronger linkages with their peers and other key actors and by providing supporting services, resources and knowledge. | Bangkok | http://forestconnecting.com/ ; https://www.linkedin.com/ ; http://www.recoftc.org/policy-briefs/forest-connect-asia-flier |
| Forest Land Network (FORLAND) | | Discussion group | Forest and forest land management and development | 2012 | 8 forest related Vietnamese NGOs | Contribute to policy development on promoting better forest resources management and development, and improving livelihoods for the Vietnamese forest- and forestland-related communities | Vietnam | https://forlandvn.wordpress.com/category/trang-chu/ |
| Forests-L | IISD | Repository | A knowledge base addressing issues related to forest policy | NA | Academics, practitioners, | | Global | http://forests-l.iisd.org/ |
| Global Forest Information Service (GFIS) | IUFRO & Finnish Forest Research Institute | Repository | Forestry | NA | Academics, practitioners, | "Collaborative community of 300+ partners promoting forest information" | Global | http://www.gfis.net/gfis/en/en/ |

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| Hydropower Developers' Working Group | IFC | Regular face-to-face forums | Hydropower, Water | 2014 | | Established by IFC and the Lao National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Hydropower Developers' Working Group is a platform to help companies channel their concerns to the government, tackle business challenges, and develop hydropower that meets environmental and social best practices. The working group is the first of its kind in the Mekong region. | Laos | http://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/Lao_EXT_Content/Sustainable_HydroPower/Sustainability_HydroPower/Hydropower+Developers+Working+Group/ |
| Land Alliance | CCRD | Discussion group | Land | 2015 | NGOs, individuals, association... | Landa included 19 members with mission of advocating land policies in Vietnam | Vietnam | |
| Land Issues Working Group | LIWG | Network | International NGOs and Lao CSOs | 2007 | Lao CSO's, international and national development workers, and GoL. Ultimate beneficiary: Lao public. | LIWG promotes awareness and understanding of the social, economic and environmental impacts of land-related projects, and enhances civil society involvement in land management decision-making. LIWG gathers and disseminates information, facilitates dialogue and carries out studies. Currently the group consists of nearly 40 CSOs. | Laos | www.laolandissues.org also has a Facebook page and a Google Group |
| Land Matrix | | Repository | Land monitoring promoting good governance | NA | Academics, practitioners | The Land Matrix is a global and independent land monitoring initiative that promotes transparency and accountability in decisions over land and investment. This website is our Global Observatory - an open tool for collecting and visualising information about large-scale land acquisitions. | Global | http://www.landmatrix.org/en/ |
| Land Observatory | Developed by CDE Bern. Piloted in Laos by CLICK | Map-based database | Land concessions | | | The Land Observatory is a pilot project by some partners of the Land Matrix, designed to provide greater context and deeper insight on land deals, from a more local perspective. | Laos, Cambodia and Global | http://www.landobservatory.org/ |
| Landesa - Center for Women's Land Rights | | Repository | Women's land rights | NA | Academics, practitioners | Contains free legal materials, articles, and practice guides related to women's land rights. We strive to provide users with up-to-date family laws from around the world. | Global | http://landwise.landesa.org/ |
| Lao 44.org + Lao Link Discussion Group | CLICK | Repository + discussion group | Development professional | 2008 | Lao | Lao language discussion group on development related to agriculture and natural resource management | Laos | |
| Lao Agriculture Database | NAFRI | Document repository | Agriculture and NRM | 2004 | Researchers, academics, students | The Lao Agriculture Database (LAD) was the first on-line system to collect Lao agriculture and forestry reports and materials in both Lao and English languages, and occasionally in other languages. LAD was established by the National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute (NAFRI) in collaboration with the Thai AGRIS Center, Library of Kasetsart University (Thailand) to improve the collection and dissemination of agriculture and forestry related information in Laos. The system is originally based on the AGRIS system of FAO. The database includes research results, surveys, training and extension | Laos | lad.nafri.org.la |

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| Lao DECIDE info | CDE and Lao Government Agencies | Data and information integration and dissemination platform | Researchers, planners, and development professionals | 2009 | Government and development partners, researchers | Key national government datasets and respectively derived analysis products from across thematic sectors made available on an integrative platform. A set of tools aimed at different user types facilitates data access, integration, and analysis. | Laos | www.decide.la |
| Lao Forest and Land Use Planning Platform | CDE, TABI | Data and information repository | Land use planning | 2009 | Government, academics, development practitioners | The online Forest and Land Use Planning (LUP) Platform was developed within the TABI project. It is a web-portal which acts as a platform for the various actors in rural village level land use planning to share their data, maps, village agreement, manuals and other documents. | Laos | http://www.landuseplanning.la/ |
| LaofAB discussion group | Developed under LEAP. Managed by CLICK. | Discussion group | Agriculture, rural development and NRM | 2006 | Initially for 'decision-makers', but also used by researchers, development workers, students and journalists | Currently 3,900 members. More than 22,000 messages have been posted over past 8 years (200-300 per month). Most messages are 'news and views' i.e.. articles from Vientiane Times or other online media, with comments from members. Also sharing information about new accessions to repository, and occasional technical questions. | Primarily Laos, but members located around the globe | http://groups.google.com/group/laofab |
| LaofAB FaceBook page | CLICK | Social media | Rural development in Laos | 2013 | Public | Currently nearly 4,000 likes. When launched, this was a page in search of a purpose, but now focusing on sharing visual materials, mostly video, with a similar coverage as the discussion group. 3-5 posts per week | Laos | https://www.facebook.com/LaofAB |
| LaofAB repository | CLICK | Repository | Rural development in Laos | 2008 | Public | Currently 2,250 files. New accessions at about 20 per month. Downloads are between 600 and 1,000 files per month. Content includes journal articles, government policies, project reports, presentations. All in English. Some overlap with other repositories (LAD and MekongInfo). | Laos | www.laofab.org |
| Laos Land Resources Information Management System (LRIMS) | Government of Lao PDR with support from FAO | Data repository and value added information products | Climate, Land, Soil, Agricultural production systems, Socio-economics | Starts last quarter 2015 | Public access system generating information and knowledge products for use at national, province and local level | LRIMS will be a database and customized application for assessment of land suitability using the Agroecological Zone (AEZ) classification, with high resolution climate change and food security scenarios for the whole country and for major production zones, production system models, and impact scenarios of water availability, yield, and socio-economics. | Laos | N/A |
| Mekong Citizen | WLE Greater Mekong Program + Partners | Multi-media initiative | Water, Energy, hydropower | 2013 | | | Regional | www.mekongcitizen.org |
| Mekong Commons | Multi-partner | Web blog | Water, Energy, hydropower | 2014 | | An independent website created for sharing and discussing critical perspectives on current issues of development, ecology and society in the Mekong Region. | Regional | http://www.mekongcommons.org/ |

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| Mekong Hydropower Map | CGIAR Research Program on Water, Land and Ecosystems Greater Mekong Program | Google map | Hydropower, Water | 2014 | Researchers, NGOs, development partners, governments, general public | First map showing all planned, commissioned hydropower projects in the region. Also includes links to 10 years of CPWF Research. A work in progress. Currently only CPWF/WLE inputting materials but plans to make part of Mekong Citizen | Regional | http://wle-mekong.cgiar.org/gis-hydropower-mekong/ |
| Mekong Land Governance Repository | MRLG / AMRC (Sydney University)/ To be hosted by another regional institution | Repository | Land policies and laws, land rights, tenure security, FDI, agriculture modernization policies, changes in land use and land distribution, land dispossession. | 2015 | Researchers, NGOs, development partners, governments | The repository will present selected annotated bibliography on key land governance topics of the region, with thematic synthesis on each topic. It is the result of a research mapping exercise underway | Regional (Laos, Vietnam, Thailand, Myanmar) with references also to Thailand/China | No website yet |
| Mekong Partnership For the Environment (USAID) | Pact | Various | Development | 2013 | Focus on inclusive decision-making practices | Focused on the Lower Mekong sub-region, the partnership aims to advance informed, inclusive, multi-stakeholder dialogues on safeguarding the social and environmental outcomes of regional development projects by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Building a network of organizations and experts to promote best policies and practices in EIAs. · Convening regional multi-stakeholder dialogs and establishing working groups to tackle responsible development issues. · Facilitating networks, workshops and events to build the capacity of civil society, governments and media. | Regional | http://www.pactworld.org/local-updates/mekong-partnership-environment |
| Mekong Research Group | M-POWER and CGIAR Research Program on Water, Land and Ecosystems | Discussion group | Water, Energy, hydropower | 2011 | Regional Researchers | A joint list serve to provide a dialogue space to share research plans and findings, news and event information related to development in the Mekong Region. | Regional | http://groups.google.com/group/mekong-research?hl=en |
| Mongabay | | Repository | Environment and conservation | 1999 | Academics, practitioners, | "Mongabay.com is one of the world's most popular environmental science and conservation news sites. The news and rain forests sections of the site are widely cited for information on tropical forests, conservation, and wildlife. " | Global | http://www.mongabay.com/ |
| Myanmar Land Agribusiness and Forestry Forum (MyLAFF) | Land Core Group (LCG). | Discussion group and document repository | Land, agribusiness, forestry issues, fisheries, NRM, rural livelihoods in Myanmar | 2014 | Donor agencies, NGOs, CSOs, practitioners, academics and business community. | MyLAFF follows the LaoFAB model. It aims to support rural development in Myanmar by providing decision-makers with better access to information and analysis and to promote communication between stakeholders. | Myanmar | |
| Onemap Myanmar | Government of Myanmar with support from SDC | Repository | Land, natural resources | Starts 1st Quarter 2015 | Individual government departments, NGOs, CSOs, citizens | Planned technical unit owned and managed by GoM with NGO stakeholders to improve the access, quality and analysis of accurate spatial information on land in Myanmar. | Myanmar | In design phase - not yet online |

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| Open Development Cambodia | Open Development Cambodia, OD Mekong network member and flagship website | Cambodia-centered online linked open data and information platform, inclusive of repository, plus tools and links to other resources | Broad range of development issues, including economic development and environment, land, and natural resources issues | 2011; Gen 2 architecture to be launched in late Feb (now in testing) | Broad range of users including general public, educators, policy makers, investors, and media; special focus on academics and researchers as both contributors and users and on journalists to improve the quality of reporting on development issues. | Online platform offering up wide range of development related information independently aggregated, at country level, and presented objectively. Online information products to include Wikipedia style briefs, maps, data visualizations and tools to help users analyze and use data, repository, an online library, law compendium, and news archives. Data collection includes networked, managed crowd sourcing, with publication based on standards and criteria. In English and Khmer. | Cambodia | www.opendevcam.net |
| Open Development Cambodia | | Website | | N/A | Public | Open Development Cambodia (ODC) is an 'open data' website, the first of its kind in Southeast Asia. The open data movement is based on the simple premise that data collected for public interest should be publicly available without restrictions. | Cambodia | http://www.opendevdevelopmentcambodia.net/ |
| Open Development Mekong | East West Management Institute - Open Development Initiative | Online linked open data and information platform, inclusive of repository, plus tools and links to other resources, offering up a regional view, linked to country level websites | Broad range of development issues across the Mekong countries (Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, Thai, Myanmar), including (but not limited to) economic development, environment, land, and natural resources issues. | Soft launched in first week of February in beta-testing mode | Broad range of users including general public, educators, policy makers, investors, and media; special focus on academics and researchers as both contributors and users and on journalists to improve the quality of reporting on development issues. | Online platform offering up wide range of development related information independently aggregated and presented objectively. The platform is based on a common, integrated database which supports networked country level websites as well as a regional website. Online information products to include Wikipedia style briefs, maps, data visualizations and tools to help users analyze and use data, data repository, an online library, law compendium, and news archives. Data collection is intended to include networked, managed crowd sourcing. | Lower Mekong region | www.open-devmekong.net; (country sites for Vietnam, Thailand and Myanmar are at various levels of development) |
| RECOFTC library | RECOFTC | Library in Bangkok | Community forestry in Asia-Pacific | | Thai forestry students in Bangkok, RECOFTC visitors | Library in Bangkok | | |
| RECOFTC website and Facebook pages | RECOFTC | Website/social media | Community forestry in Asia-Pacific | | Public | RECOFTC program updates, publications, training announcements | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · www.recoftc.org, · facebook.com/recoftc · facebook.com/pages/RECOFTC-Myanmar/697812186974299 · facebook.com/pages/RECOFTC-Vietnam/671681666191380 · facebook.com/pages/RECOFTC-Cambodia/511076995686934 · facebook.com/recoftcinThailand |

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| Rights and Resources Initiative Forest Tenure database | RRI | Global tenure database (data by country) | | | | | | |
| SEA Change | | Repository | Monitoring and evaluation of climate change interventions in Asia | NA | Academics, practitioners | Focused on monitoring and evaluation of climate change interventions in Asia | Asia | http://www.seachangecop.org/ |
| SERVIR Mekong | Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (via funding from USAID) | Regional hub-geospatial data, data structures, tools | NRM, ecosystem services, land use/land cover, water, hydropower, disaster risk mitigation, early warning systems, drought forecasting, etc. Lower Mekong Sub region focus. | 2015 | Participants include academic institutions, NGOs, government ministries, local organizations, and bilateral and multilateral agencies. | New regional hub catered to developing high quality user-tailored data, tools, applications and models to address on-the-ground priorities. This will include the sharing of user-tailored geospatial data, products, and services for establishing a vibrant geo-spatial information user community of practice as well as building and institutionalizing technical capacity of government decision makers and key civil society groups from the Lower Mekong region to integrate geospatial analysis into their decision-making, planning, and communication for climate adaptation, landscape management, disaster resilience, basin development planning etc. | Regional (Laos, Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia and Myanmar) as well as linkages to Global SERVIR (NASA and USAID) | https://www.servirglobal.net/ www.adpc.net and http://www.usaid.gov/asia-regional/press-releases/oct-6-2014-us-aid-and-nasa-using-technology-development-lower |
| The Learning Institute | The learning Institute | Website/social media | Community-based adaptive management and climate change; livelihood, equity and food security; Local planning and decentralization; information management | 2005 | Public | The Learning Institute is a non-profit, non-political Cambodian organization working with a wide range of civil society, public and private sector organizations so that they can contribute more effectively to the sustainable management of natural resources | Cambodia | http://www.learninginstitute.org/ |
| The Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resources Management (SANRM) Working Group | VUFO-NGO Resource Centre | Discussion group | Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resources Management in Vietnam | | Participants include INGOs, government ministries, local organizations, and bilateral and multilateral agencies | The Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resources Management (SANRM) Working Group brings together member agencies of the VUFO-NGO Resource Centre and others working in the sector in Vietnam. Through sharing information and experiences, participants aim to improve the quality and impact of their work in this sector, identify opportunities for co-ordination on practical and strategic issues, and promote policy dialogue with relevant government agencies, donor organizations and other local and international organizations. | Vietnam | http://www.ngocentre.org.vn/workinggroups/sanrm |