



Revised Proposed Roadmap¹ of SNHPP PC process

Agreed as an Indicative Road Map at the 52nd Meeting of the MRC Joint Committee, 16 September 2021

09 September 2019: Submission of the SNHPP for PC Process by Lao PDR to MRC
08 October 2019: 1st JCWG for PC Process of Luang Prabang Hydropower Project <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Seek guidance on the implementation of SNHPP PC Process to start after the completion of Luang Prabang HPP PC Process○ JCWG recommended to table the issue for the JC at its Preparatory Meeting for the 26th Council Meeting
27 November 2019: JC Preparatory Meeting for the 26th Meeting of the MRC Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Seek for guidance from JC on the proposed Roadmap for the SNHPP PC Process</i>○ <i>JC agreed to implement the PC for SNHPP after the conclusion of the PC process for LPHPP.</i>○ <i>JC agreed in principle on the roadmap to kick start the 1st JCWG meeting for SNHPP on 16 June 2020. However, due to Covid-19 pandemic the JC Special Session to conclude the PC process for LPHPP was postponed from 8 April 2020 to 30 June 2020.</i>
30 June 2020: JC agreed at the JC Special Session to conclude the LPHPP PC Process that the 1st PNPCA JCWG Meeting on SNHPP PC Process held on 30 July 2020 to discuss the official starting date and the road map of the SNHPP PC Process
Official Starting Date – 30 July 2020
30 July 2020: 1st PNPCA JCWG Meeting on SNHPP PC, and official start date agreed with flexibility of timeline to implement the roadmap and the end date is still open due to uncertainty of the Covid-19 situation. <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Presentation of the Sanakham Project Overview and draft Scoping Assessment Report (a proposal for undertaking the SNHPP PC Technical Review Report)</i>○ <i>Discussion and agreement on the implementation approach and process including draft Roadmap for the SNHPP PC Process</i>○ <i>Discussion and agreement on proposed approach for Regional Stakeholder and National Information Sharing/Consultation Meetings, and information disclosure</i>○ <i>Discussion on the arrangements and contents for the 1st Regional Stakeholder Information Sharing/Consultation Meeting</i>

¹ The JCWG at its 1st Meeting on SNHPP PC Process on 30 July 2020 agreed that the official starting date is on 30 July 2020, and agreed on flexibility of timeline to implement the roadmap due to uncertainty of the Covid-19 situation. *This newly proposed timeline has been agreed at the 52nd JC Meeting on 16 September 2021, as an indicative road map.*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Discussion on arrangements for 2nd PNPCA JCWG Meeting</i>
<p>24 Aug. 2020 (tentative): Technical meeting between the MRCS Team (and International Experts) with Developer, LNMC, and MEM (with participation of the national experts)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Seek information/clarification on data/information gaps</i> ○ <i>Inform and discuss the preliminary findings of MRCS technical review</i>
<p>21 September 2020: 1st draft of the Technical Review Report (TRR) completed and sent to MCs</p>
<p>01 – 02 Oct. 2020 (tentative): 50th Joint Committee Meeting <i>Inform and update the Joint Committee on progress of the implementation of the SNHPP PC process and seek guidance</i></p>
<p>05 Oct. – Dec. 2020: 1st Round of National Information Sharing/Consultation Meetings (in accordance with national regulations and requirements)²</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Present the PC Process and Lessons Learned from previous PCs</i> ○ <i>Present the Project Overview</i> ○ <i>Present the Sanakham Implementation Approach and Roadmap</i> ○ <i>Present the findings in the 1st draft of the TRR</i> ○ <i>Get stakeholders' concerns and issues</i>
<p>14 Dec. 2020: MCs to send the national comments/report based on outcome of the 1st round of the National Information Sharing/Consultation Meeting to MRCS</p>
<p>24 Nov. 2020 - 1st Regional Information Sharing/Consultation Meeting on SNHPP Prior Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Present the progress of JAP implementation of Pak Beng, Pak Lay, and LPHPP</i> ○ <i>Present the PC Process and Lessons Learned from previous PCs</i> ○ <i>Present the Project Overview</i> ○ <i>Present the Sanakham Implementation Approach and Roadmap</i> ○ <i>Present the findings in the 1st draft of the TRR</i> ○ <i>Get stakeholders' concerns and issues</i>
<p>25-27 Nov. 2020: 27th MRC Council Meeting <i>Inform and update the MRC Council on progress of the implementation of the SNHPP PC process and seek guidance</i></p>
<p>8 Dec. 2020: MRCS to complete the comment matrix of the 1st regional information sharing/consultation meeting</p>
<p>30 Dec. 2020: 2nd draft of the TRR completed and sent to MCs</p>
<p>14 Jan. 2021 (tentative): 2nd Technical meeting between the MRCS Team (and International Experts) with Developer, LNMC, and MEM (with participation of the National Experts)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Discuss the MRCS findings and recommendations in the 2nd draft of the TRR</i> ○ <i>Seek comment, clarification or further information that can contribute in formulating the final draft of the TRR</i>
<p>15 Jan. 2021: 2nd PNPCA JCWG Meeting on SNHPP PC Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Presentation and discussion of the 2nd draft of the TRR</i>

² During this round, MCs can organise their national information sharing/consultation meeting more than one.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Presentation and discussion of national review findings, outcomes of the 1st Round of National Information Sharing/Consultation Meeting</i> ○ <i>Discussion and feedback on 1st Regional Stakeholder Information Sharing/Consultation Meeting</i> ○ <i>Discussion on the organisation of the 2nd Regional Stakeholder Information Sharing/Consultation Meeting and the 3rd PNPCA JCWG Meeting</i>
26 Feb. 2021: Updated 2 nd draft of the TRR completed and sent to MCs
<p>30 August 2021: Special Session of the JCWG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Presentation on the proposal for rapid assessment on transboundary impacts of SNHPP</i> ○ <i>Discussion and agreement on the way forward and timelines for conclusion of the SNHPP PC Process</i>
31 August – 29 October 2021: Conduct of rapid assessment on transboundary impacts caused by rapid water fluctuation to supplement the information provided in the TRR for SNHPP
<p>31 August – 16 September 2021: 2nd (1st for Thailand) Round of National Information Sharing/Consultation Meetings (in accordance with national regulations and requirements)³</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Discuss and comments on the findings of the updated 2nd draft of the TRR</i> ○ <i>Gather and discuss inputs from the national stakeholders</i>
23 September 2021: MCs to send the national comments/report based on outcome of the 2 nd round of the National Information Sharing/Consultation Meeting to MRCS
29 October 2021: Final draft of the TRR completed and sent to MCs
10 November 2021: Draft Statement sent to MCs
<p>12 November – 26 November 2021: 3rd Round of National Stakeholder Information Sharing/ Consultation Meeting on SNHPP PC Process (in accordance with national regulations and requirements)⁴</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Presentation on the final draft of the TRR</i> ○ <i>Get additional concerns and issues</i>
<p>30 November 2021: 2nd Regional Stakeholder Information/Consultation Meeting on SNHPP PC Process</p> <p>Contents, details and participants need to be in line with the agreement reached in the 2nd PNPCA JCWG meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Discuss and comment on the findings of the final draft of the TRR</i> ○ <i>Present outcomes of the national information sharing/consultation</i> ○ <i>Get concerns and issues</i>
3 December 2021: MCs to send the national comments/report based on outcome of the 3 rd round of the National Information Sharing/Consultation Meeting to MRCS
7 December 2021: MRCS to complete the comment matrix of the 2 nd regional information sharing/consultation meeting

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7 December 2021: 3rd Technical meeting between the MRCS Team (and International Experts) with Developer, LNMC, and MEM (with participation of the National Experts)

- *Discuss the MRCS final findings and recommendations in the final draft of the TRR*
- *Discuss possible ways to implement the recommendations*

10 December 2021: 3rd PNPCA JCWG Meeting on SNHPP PC Process

- *Presentation on the final draft of the TRR*
- *Discussion of the draft Statement*
- *Discussion of the preparation for the MRC-JC Special Session*

24 December 2021: Final TRR and Final Draft Statement completed and sent to MCs

6 January 2021: Official Reply Forms submitted by the notified countries (official Reply Form filled as Annex II (B) of the PNPCA)

12 January 2021: Statement by Lao PDR to respond to the TRR, and the PC Process

19 January 2021: Special Session of the MRC Joint Committee (conclusion of the SNHPP PC process or agreement on possible extension)

- *Official Reply Forms from Notified Countries*
- *Discussion and decision on the submitted Final Technical Review Report of the SNHPP PNPCA PC Process*
- *Discussion and Agreement on Statement (including a set of measures to avoid, minimize and mitigate the potential transboundary adverse impacts)*
- *Discussion and Agreement on Joint Action Plan (JAP)*