**National Workshop on Disaster and Climate Change Law**

**Wednesday 29th July, 2015**

**Don Chan Palace, Vientiane**

**08:30 Registration of participants**

**09:00 Welcome and opening remarks***Mr. Phouvong Luangxaysana, Director General of the Department of Disaster Management and Climate Change (DDMCC), Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment*

*Ambassador Thongphachanh Sonnasinh, Vice President, Lao Red Cross*

*Dr. Margaret Jones Williams, Environment Unit Manager, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)*

**09:30 Outline of agenda and workshop objectives**

 *Ms. Lucia Cipullo, Regional Disaster Law Delegate for Southeast Asia, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)*

**09:45 Development of the disaster and climate change (DCC) law in Lao PDR: Background, purpose of the law, update on current status and institutional arrangements**

*Mr. Syamphone Sengchandala, Director of Legislation and Coordination Division, DDMCC, Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment.*

**10:15** **Law-making process in Lao PDR: introduction to the ‘law of laws’ and process of developing, consulting, and adopting the new DCC law**

*Mr. Inthapanya Khieovongphachanh, Deputy Director General, Legislative Department, Ministry of Justice.*

**10:45 Group photo and coffee break**

**11:15: Findings of UNDP/MoNRE Baseline study and law questionnaire**

*Mr. Phouvieng Latdavong, National Law Consultant*

**11:45 Key components to consider for the DCC Law: Thematic discussions:**

1. **Legal preparedness for international disaster assistance (or ‘International Disaster Response Law – IDRL’), Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Law, examples from the region and the role of the Red Cross**

*Ms. Lucia Cipullo, Regional Disaster Law Delegate for Southeast Asia, IFRC*

**12:30 Lunch**

**13:30 Key components of the DCC Law: Thematic discussions continued:**

1. **Integrating climate change into a national disaster law**

*Mr. Michael Burger, Executive Director, Sabin Centre for Climate Change Law, Colombia Law School, New York.*

**14:15 Presentation on proposed draft structure of the new DCC law in Lao PDR**

*Mr. Phouvieng Latdavong, National Law Consultant*

**14:45 Coffee Break**

**15:00 Discussion on proposed structure of the new DCC law in Lao PDR**

*Small group discussions*

**15:45: Feedback on proposed law structure, recommendations and next steps**

*Discussion session facilitated by MoNRE (Mr. Syamphone Sengchandala), IFRC (Ms. Lucia Cipullo) and UNDP (Dr. Margaret Williams)*

**16:45 Closing remarks**

*Mr. Phouvong Luangxaysana, Director General of DDMCC, Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment.*

**17:00 End of Workshop**