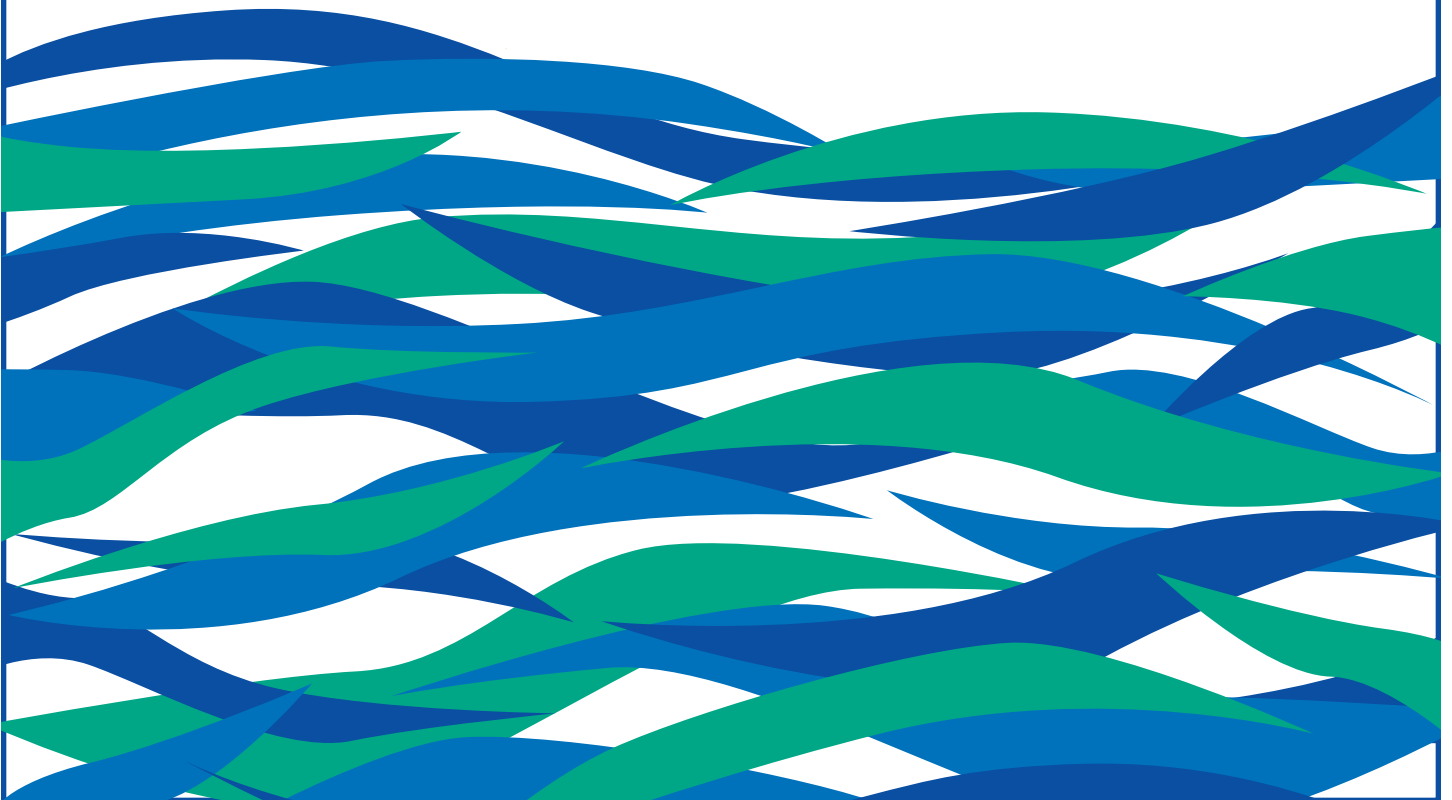


# RIVERS FOR LIFE

SECOND INTERNATIONAL  
MEETING OF  
DAM-AFFECTED PEOPLE  
AND THEIR ALLIES

**M E E T I N G  
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Rasi Salai, Thailand  
Nov 28-Dec 3, 2003





## Second International Meeting of Dam-Affected People and their Allies

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### **Organized by:**

Assembly of the Poor, Thailand  
International Rivers Network (IRN), USA  
Southeast Asia Rivers Network (SEARIN), Thailand

### **Meeting hosts:**

Assembly of the Poor  
Earth Rights International, Southeast Asia  
Friends of the People  
National Commission on Human Rights  
National NGO-CORD  
NGO-CORD Northeast  
Peace and Human Rights Resources Center  
Rivers Watch East and Southeast Asia (RWESA)  
Southeast Asia Rivers Network  
Sri Saket Civil Society  
Suebna Kasathien Foundation  
Tam Mun Project  
Thai Volunteer Service  
Wildlife Fund Thailand

### **International Agenda Committee:**

Brazilian Movement of Dam-Affected People (MAB)  
Center for Political and Economic Research for Community Action (CIEPAC), Mexico  
Cordillera People's Alliance, Philippines  
Environmental Monitoring Group, South Africa  
Focus on the Global South, Thailand  
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Southeast Asia Rivers Network, Thailand  
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Swedish Society for Nature Conservation  
Water and Energy Users' Federation, Nepal

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*We wish to acknowledge and give thanks to the villagers affected by Rasi Salai and Pak Mun dams who have spent many long days and nights building and preparing the site, and are cooking and serving the food for the meeting.*

# AGENDA SUMMARY

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## Day 1: Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> November

7:30–8:30am	Breakfast	Dining Hall
8:00–9:00am	Registration	Main Hall
9:00–11:00am	Opening Plenary	Main Hall
11:00–11:15am	Break	
11:15–12:30pm	Cultural Interlude / Big Plans for Big Dams	Main Hall
12:30–2:00pm	Lunch	Dining Hall
2:00–4:30pm	Community Fair	
4.30–6:00pm	Regional Presentations	Main Hall
6:30–7:30pm	Dinner	Dining Hall
8:00–11:00pm	Video Showings	Various

## Day 2: Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> November

7:30–8:30am	Breakfast	Dining Hall
8:30–9:00am	Morning Plenary	Main Hall
9:00–11:30am	Workshops: Evaluation of the International Dams Movement	Various
12:00–1:00pm	Plenary: Evaluation Session Reports	Main Hall
1:00–2:30pm	Lunch	Dining Hall
2:30–4:00pm	Workshop Session #1	Various
4:00–4:30pm	Break	
4:30–6:00pm	Workshop Session #2	Various
6:30–7:30pm	Dinner	Dining Hall
8:00–11:00pm	Affected-Peoples' Forum / Video Showings	Various

## Day 3: Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> December

7:30am-	Field Trip to Pak Mun or Rasi Salai	
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## Day 4: Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December

7:30–8:30am	Breakfast	Dining Hall
8:30–9:00am	Morning Plenary	Main Hall
9:00–10:30am	Workshop Session #3	Various
10:30–11:00am	Break	
11:00–12:30pm	Workshop Session #4	Various
12:30–2:00pm	Lunch	Dining Hall
2:00–3:30pm	Workshop Session #5	Various
3:30–4:00pm	Break	
4:00–6:00pm	Sharing of Workshop Outcomes	Main Hall
6:30–7:30pm	Dinner	Dining Hall
8:00–11:00pm	Cultural Presentations	Main Hall

## Day 5: Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December

7:30–8:30am	Breakfast	Dining Hall
8:30–10:00am	Morning Plenary	Main Hall
10:00–10:30am	Break	
10:30–12:30pm	Regional Workshops	Various
12:30–2:00pm	Lunch	Dining Hall
2:00–4:00pm	Regional Workshops continued	Various
4:00–5:00pm	Final Plenary	Main Hall
5:00–6:00pm	River Worshipping & Closing Ceremony	
6:30–7:30pm	Dinner	Dining Hall
8:00–11:00pm	Party!	Main Hall

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## Day 1: Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> November

7:30–8:30am	Breakfast	Dining Hall
8:00–9:00am	Registration	Main Hall
9:00–10:00am	Welcome Messages and Logistics: <i>Chainarong Srettachau, Southeast Asia Rivers Network, Thailand</i> <i>Aviva Imhof, International Rivers Network, USA</i> <i>Jose Josivaldo de Oliveira, Brazilian Movement of Dam-Affected People</i> <i>Sunee Chaiyarose, Thai National Commission on Human Rights</i>	Main Hall
10:00–10:30am	Introductions of Participants	Main Hall
10:30–11:00am	The People's Struggle at Rasi Salai <i>Phrajit Silarak, Assembly of the Poor, Thailand</i>	Main Hall
11:00–11:15am	Break	
11:15–11:30am	Cultural Interlude	Main Hall
11:30–12:30pm	Big Plans for Big Dams: The State of the Dam Industry <i>Patrick McCully, International Rivers Network, USA</i>	Main Hall
12:30–2:00pm	Lunch	Dining Hall
2:00–4:30pm	Community Fair	
4:30–6:00pm	Regional Presentations	Main Hall
6:30–7:30pm	Dinner	Dining Hall
8:00–11:00pm	Video Showings	Various

## Day 2: Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> November

7:30–8:30am	Breakfast	Dining Hall
8:30–9:00am	Morning Plenary	Main Hall
9:00–11:30am	Concurrent Workshops: Evaluation of the International Dams Movement Over the Past Six Years (see details page 4): <i>Movement Building (2 sessions)</i> <i>Local &amp; National Campaigns (2 sessions)</i> <i>World Commission on Dams (WCD)</i> <i>International Financial Institutions (IFIs)</i>	Rooms 1, 3 Rooms 2, 4 Room 5 Room 6
11:30–12:00pm	Break	
12:00–1:00pm	Plenary Session: Reports from Evaluation Workshops	Main Hall
1:00–2:30pm	Lunch	Dining Hall
2:30–4:00pm	Workshop Session 1 (see details page 6): <i>Social &amp; Human Dimension of Damming (Information)</i> <i>Peoples' Struggles: National &amp; International Law (Part 1)</i> <i>Fundraising</i> <i>Impacts of Climate Change on Water Resources</i> <i>Indigenous Peoples &amp; Dams</i> <i>Introduction to the World Commission on Dams</i> <i>Export Credit Agencies &amp; Dams</i>	Main Hall Room 1 Room 2 Room 3 Room 4 Room 5 Room 6
4:00–4:30pm	Break	
4:30–6:00pm	Workshop Session 2 (see details page 7): <i>Social &amp; Human Dimension of Damming (Strategy)</i> <i>Peoples' Struggles: National &amp; International Law (Part 2)</i> <i>Global Cases of Dam Decommissioning</i> <i>Hydro &amp; Carbon Trading</i> <i>Regional Integration, Transfrontier Power Trading &amp; Dams</i> <i>National WCD Processes</i> <i>Free, Prior &amp; Informed Consent for Indigenous Peoples</i>	Main Hall Room 1 Room 2 Room 3 Room 4 Room 5 Room 6

6:30–7:30pm	Dinner	Dining Hall
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## Day 3: Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> December

7:30am–	Field Trip to Pak Mun or Rasi Salai (see details page 5)	
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## Day 4: Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December

7:30–8:30am	Breakfast	Dining Hall
8:30–9:00am	Morning Plenary	Main Hall
9:00–10:30am	Workshop Session 3 (see details page 8): <i>Introduction to the World Water Mafia</i> <i>The Energy Planning Model</i> <i>Dam Decommissioning Strategy</i> <i>Exchanging Local Knowledge on Resource Management</i> <i>Project Economics: A Dam's Weak Link</i> <i>Dams, the ADB &amp; Peoples' Movements</i>	Main Hall Room 1 Room 2 Room 3 Room 4 Room 5
10:30–11:00am	Break	
11:00–12:30pm	Workshop Session 4 (see details page 9): <i>Alternatives to Dams (Part 1)</i> <i>Skills in Lobbying, Negotiation &amp; Mass Mobilization</i> <i>Methodology of Community-Based Research (Part 1)</i> <i>Introduction to Reparations for Dam-Affected People</i> <i>Transforming Europe's Rivers into Living Ecosystems</i> <i>The World Bank &amp; Large Dams</i>	Main Hall Room 1 Room 2 Room 3 Room 4 Room 5
12:30–2:00pm	Lunch	
2:00–3:30pm	Workshop Session 5 (see details page 10): <i>Alternatives to Dams (Part 2)</i> <i>Multi-Stakeholder Consultations: Strategies for Success</i> <i>Methodology of Community-Based Research (Part 2)</i> <i>Reparations Strategy Session</i> <i>Water Sector Reform &amp; People-Centered Models for Change</i> <i>JBIC Environmental Guidelines</i>	Main Hall Room 1 Room 2 Room 3 Room 4 Room 5
3:30–4:00pm	Break	
4:00–6:00pm	Sharing of Workshop Outcomes	Main Hall
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# EVALUATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAMS MOVEMENT OVER THE PAST SIX YEARS

Day 2, Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> November (9:00-11:30am)

These evaluation workshops give us an opportunity to examine the progress of the international movement of dam critics and river advocates since the first meeting of dam-affected people held in Curitiba, Brazil in 1997. We hope this time can be used to reflect on our experiences and to think about ways to work together more effectively.

## Movement Building

(2 CONCURRENT SESSIONS)

ROOMS 1 & 3

Examine successes and difficulties in expanding and strengthening the international movement of dam critics; evaluate the working relationship between affected people, local groups and international NGOs; and assess the importance and usefulness of the March 14 International Day of Action Against Dams and for Rivers, Water and Life.

FACILITATORS:

ROOM 1: Shalmali Guttal  
*Focus on the Global South, India/Thailand*

ROOM 3: Gopal Siwakoti (pending)  
*Water and Energy Users' Federation, Nepal*

## Local and National Campaigns

(2 CONCURRENT SESSIONS)

ROOMS 2 & 4

Identify what has worked effectively and what hasn't worked with local, national and regional dam campaigns and struggles. Share experiences, stories of inspiration and lessons learned.

FACILITATORS:

ROOM 2: Lakan  
*Philippines*

ROOM 4: Elias Dias Pena  
*Sobrevivencia, Paraguay*

## World Commission on Dams (WCD)

ROOM 5

Discuss the effectiveness of civil society involvement in the World Commission on Dams process and evaluate our progress in WCD follow-up work.

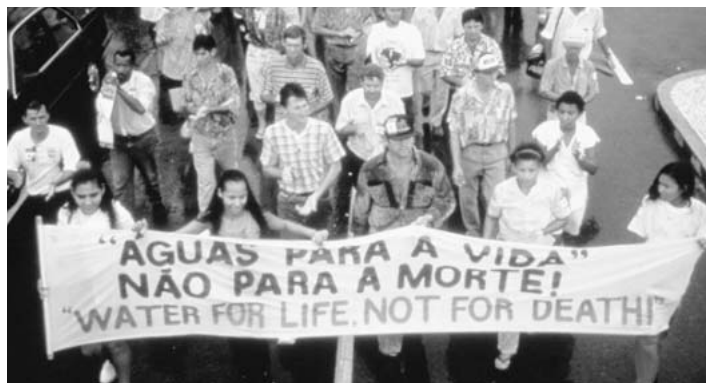
FACILITATOR: Paul Strasburg  
*International Rivers Network, USA*

## International Financial Institutions

ROOM 6

Assess progress in stopping multilateral development banks and export credit agencies from supporting large dams.

FACILITATORS: Michael Lerner  
*Oxfam America, Cambodia*  
Mishka Zaman  
*Bank Information Center, USA*



# FIELD TRIPS

Day 3, Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> December  
Departure time is 7:30am

## Pak Mun



This field trip will include a visit to the Pak Mun Dam, reservoir and protest village at the dam site; a visit to the confluence of the Mun and the Mekong rivers to see the mighty

Mekong; and a meeting with villagers who will talk about their struggles and the impacts of the Pak Mun Dam on their lives.

Pak Mun is three hours away from Rasi Salai.

The Pak Mun Dam was completed in 1994 with financing from the World Bank. From the outset, the project was highly controversial due to the predicted impacts on the rich and productive fisheries of the Mun River, the largest tributary of the Mekong River. Between 1990 and 1997, there was intense opposition to the dam by thousands of local people.

As a direct result of the dam, more than 20,000 people have been affected by drastic reductions in fish populations and other changes to their livelihoods. The villagers have fought a long and inspiring campaign against the project, and to have the dam decommissioned and the river restored. In 1999 they set up a protest village near the dam site and stayed for two years. In a victory for villagers, the Thai government agreed to open the dam gates for a year in June 2001 while studies were conducted on fisheries, social impacts and the dam's impact on Thailand's electricity supply. The villagers conducted their own research into the impacts of opening the dam gates and found that 152 species of fish had returned to the river after the gates were opened. However, in November 2002 the Thai government decided to close the gates for eight months each year and the villagers are continuing their struggle.

## Rasi Salai

Rasi Salai is the host community for the meeting. This field trip will include a trip to the Rasi Salai reservoir area to see the salt domes and traditional salt-making process, a visit to the freshwater swamp forest, a meeting with the villagers to hear about their struggles and victories, and a visit to see traditional irrigation systems. This field trip will enable you to see traditional alternatives to dams for irrigation. It will be a shorter day than the Pak Mun field trip.

The Rasi Salai Dam, located on the Mun River, has been a disaster since it was first proposed. The project was the first of 13 dams planned to irrigate land in northeast Thailand as part of the Kong-Chi-Mun Water Diversion project. Completed in 1994, the project was supposed to irrigate about 5,500 hectares.

However, Rasi Salai Dam is currently useless and likely to



remain so. The reservoir sits on top of a huge salt dome and its water is too salty for irrigation. While project benefits have not materialized, the dam has had tremendous negative impacts on local villagers and the environment. More than 15,000 people lost farmland when the reservoir was filled. The dam blocked fish migration routes and destroyed the largest freshwater swamp forest

in the Mun River basin. The forest provided a source of food and traditional medicine for the villagers, fish habitat, flood management and water treatment.

For several years, affected people have rallied for the permanent decommissioning of Rasi Salai Dam. In a victory for villagers, in July 2000, the Thai government agreed to open all seven sluice gates to let the river run free. Villagers are now demanding that the gates be permanently opened.



# WORKSHOP SESSION 1

Day 2, Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> November (2:30-4:00pm)

## Social and Human Dimension of Damming (Information)

### MAIN HALL

Case study presentations from dam-affected people detailing a range of issues including: human rights violations, community disintegration and displacement.

**FACILITATOR:** Dr. Chayan Wadhanaphuti  
*SEARIN, Thailand*

**PRESENTERS:** Thongdam Chatapan  
*Assembly of the Poor, Thailand*  
Jose Josivaldo Oliveira  
*Brazilian Movement of Dam-Affected People*  
Hseng Kham  
*Shan Women's Action Network, Burma*  
Abdul Majeed Mangrio  
*Tarbela Dam, Pakistan*

## Peoples' Struggles, National and International Law (Part 1)

### ROOM 1

The workshop will include the following: (1) Information about national laws and international agreements that movements can use to resist water and dam projects; especially, what legal avenues local communities have to protect their rights; (2) Sharing of experiences and strategies utilized in legal challenges to dam and river projects; and (3) Discussion about how to use legal strategies effectively and how to counter the legal mechanisms dam proponents use to push their projects through.

**FACILITATOR:** Shalmali Guttal  
*Focus on the Global South, Thailand*

**PRESENTERS:** Radha D'Souza  
*University of Waikato, New Zealand*  
Rony Iskander  
*Taratak Foundation, Indonesia*  
Theivanai Amarthalingam  
*Sahabat Alam Malaysia, Malaysia*  
Candy Gonzalez  
*Belize Institute of Environmental Law and Policy*

## Fundraising

### ROOM 2

Share fundraising experiences, get information, training and suggestions for how to raise more money to support your campaign.

**FACILITATOR:** Mary Houghteling  
*IRN, USA*

**PRESENTERS:** Heather Ryan  
*Global Greengrants Fund, USA*  
Maaïke Hendriks  
*Bothends, Netherlands*

## Impacts of Climate Change on Water Resources ROOM 3

Understand more about climate change impacts on water resources and why large hydro increases vulnerability to changing climatic conditions. Discuss alternatives that reduce vulnerability to climate change.

**FACILITATOR:** Elba Stancich  
*Taller Ecologista/Coalicion Rios Vivos, Argentina*

**PRESENTERS:** Patrick McCully  
*IRN, USA*  
Patricia Schelle  
*World Wide Fund for Nature, UK*  
Gilberto Cervinski  
*Brazilian Movement of Dam-Affected People*

## Indigenous People and Dams

### ROOM 4

A strategy and networking session for indigenous people that have been affected by dams.

**FACILITATOR:** Roy Laifungbaum  
*Centre for Organisation Research and Education, India*

**PRESENTERS:** Joji Carino  
*Tebtebba Foundation, UK*  
Joan Carling  
*Cordillera People's Alliance, Philippines*

## Intro to the World Commission on Dams (WCD)

### ROOM 5

Examines what the WCD is, how it came about, what it says, and how it can be used in campaigns.

**FACILITATOR:** Peter Bosshard  
*IRN, USA*

**PRESENTERS:** Göran Ek  
*Swedish Society for Nature Conservation, Sweden*  
Shripad Dharmadhikary  
*Manthan Adhyayan Kendra, India*

## Export Credit Agencies and Dams

### ROOM 6

Export credit agencies (ECAs) play an important role in financing large dam projects even when the World Bank is not involved, such as in the case of the Three Gorges Project in China. The workshop will address the following questions: What is the role of export credit agencies? How do NGOs campaign to stop ECA projects and to improve the social and environmental standards of ECAs?

**PRESENTERS:** Heffa Schücking  
*Urgewald, Germany*  
Nick Hildyard  
*Cornerhouse, UK*



# WORKSHOP SESSION 2

Day 2, Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> November (4:30-6:00pm)

## Social and Human Dimension of Damming (Strategy)

### MAIN HALL

An opportunity for affected communities and their NGO allies to discuss strategies to empower communities in negotiations with dam builders, and how to develop a set of demands amongst community members.

**FACILITATOR:** Dinesh Kumar Mishra  
*Barh Mukti Abhiyan, India*

**PRESENTERS:** Medha Patkar  
*Narmada Bachao Andolan, India*  
Aram Pamei  
*Citizens Concern for Dams and Development, India*  
Jose Helio Mecca  
*Brazilian Movement of Dam-Affected People*

## Peoples' Struggles, National and International Law (Part 2)

### ROOM 1

## Global Cases of Dam Decommissioning and River Restoration

### ROOM 2

Learn about the global movement to restore rivers through dam removal by investigating cases from the Americas, Europe and Asia. Participants will also be invited to share their river restoration successes, challenges and experiences.

**FACILITATOR:** Elizabeth Brink  
*IRN, USA*

**PRESENTERS:** Serena McClain  
*American Rivers, USA*  
Roberto Epple  
*European Rivers Network, France*  
Chainarong Srettachau  
*SEARIN, Thailand*

## Hydro and Carbon Trading

### ROOM 3

Learn about the latest science of greenhouse gas emissions from dams, and carbon trading as it relates to hydropower; identify the major players and strategize on how to prevent additional hydro development resulting from carbon trading incentives.

**FACILITATOR:** Tonje Folkestad  
*FIVAS, Norway*

**PRESENTERS:** Roy Laifungbaum  
*Centre for Organisation Research and Education, India*  
Patrick McCully  
*IRN, USA*

## Regional Integration, Transfrontier Power Trading and Dams

### ROOM 4

An examination of proposals for cross-border power trading, equity issues associated with it, and potential alternatives, with a specific focus on Africa and the Mekong.

**FACILITATOR:** Akong Charles Ndika  
*Global Village Cameroon*

**PRESENTERS:** Susanne Wong  
*IRN, USA*  
Daniel Ribeiro  
*Livaningo, Mozambique*

## National WCD Processes: Experiences From Around the World

### ROOM 5

Explore cases of local groups initiating multi-stakeholder dialogues on how to implement the World Commission on Dams recommendations at a national level. Learn how to initiate such a process in your country or region.

**FACILITATOR:** Liane Greeff  
*Environmental Monitoring Group, South Africa*

**PRESENTER:** Gopal Siwakoti  
*Water Users' Federation, Nepal*

## Free, Prior and Informed Consent for Indigenous Peoples

### ROOM 6

Informational and strategic planning workshop including a presentation on the principles of free, prior and informed consent, sharing of experiences and development of an advocacy plan.

**FACILITATOR:** Joji Carino  
*Tebtebba Foundation, UK*

**PRESENTER:** Joan Carling  
*Cordillera People's Alliance, Philippines*

# WORKSHOP SESSION 3

Day 4, Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December (9:00-10:30am)

## Introduction to the World Water Mafia:

Who's involved and what are they planning?

### MAIN HALL

Informational workshop to discuss the different actors in the global water industry and their plans for promoting water privatization and big infrastructure projects to meet the world's water needs. Also discuss regional and national water corporations.

**FACILITATOR:** Aviva Imhof  
*IRN, USA*

**PRESENTERS:** Patrick McCully  
*IRN, USA*

Shripad Dharmadhikary  
*Manthan Adhyayan Kendra, India*

## The Energy Planning Model: What It Is and What It Should Be

### ROOM 1

The ways that energy is produced, distributed, and consumed in the world today leads to ever increasing income disparities/concentration and environmental destruction. This workshop will examine ways to promote more just, efficient and sustainable energy planning (production, distribution and consumption).

**FACILITATOR:** Gilberto Cervinski  
*Brazilian Movement of Dam-Affected People*

**PRESENTER:** Carlos Vainer  
*IPPUR, Brazil*

## Dam Decommissioning Strategy Session

### ROOM 2

An opportunity for dam removal and river restoration activists to analyze the current situation and share information about the techniques of dam decommissioning. Participants will identify restoration opportunities and consider possible strategies for future campaigns.

**FACILITATOR:** Lakan  
*Philippines*

**PRESENTERS:** Serena McClain  
*American Rivers, USA*

Roberto Epple  
*European Rivers Network, France*

Chainarong Srettachau  
*SEARIN, Thailand*

## Exchanging Local Knowledge on Resource Management and Recovery

### ROOM 3

Discuss how community-based research is important for peoples' struggles to save and restore their rivers, examine successful Thai, Philippine and Colombian cases, and brainstorm ways to promote community-based research.

**FACILITATOR:** Joan Carling  
*Cordillera People's Alliance, Philippines*

**PRESENTERS:** Thongdam Chatapan  
*Assembly of the Poor, Thailand*

Jose Doton  
*TIMMAWA, Philippines*

Juan Jose Lopez Negrete  
*ASPROCIG, Colombia*

## Project Economics: A Dam's Weak Link

### ROOM 4

Analyzing the economics of a dam project can be an effective tool in campaigns to stop a dam or promote better alternatives.

**PRESENTERS:** Peter Bosshard  
*IRN, USA*

Nick Hildyard  
*Cornerhouse, UK*

## Dams, the Asian Development Bank and Peoples' Movements

### ROOM 5

An introduction to the ADB's involvement in dam-building and a discussion of lessons learned from campaigns on ADB-funded projects. Strategies for lobbying the ADB on the WCD and information disclosure will also be discussed.

**FACILITATOR:** Sameer Dossani  
*NGO Forum on the ADB, Philippines*

**PRESENTERS:** Roy Laifungbaum  
*CORE, India*

Zakri Kibria  
*BanglaPraxis, Bangladesh*

Gopal Siwakoti  
*WAFED, Nepal*

# WORKSHOP SESSION 4

Day 4, Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December (11:00-12:30pm)

## Alternatives to Dams: How to Promote Less Destructive Options (Part 1)

### MAIN HALL

Examine methods of promoting energy and water planning that take into account all available options (e.g., solar, geo-thermal, wind, rainwater harvesting), not only dams. Explore case studies of civil society promoting alternatives in India, Uganda and elsewhere.

**FACILITATOR:** Patrick McCully  
*IRN, USA*

**PRESENTERS:** Frank Muramuzi  
*National Association of Professional Environmentalists, Uganda*

Serena McClain  
*American Rivers, USA*

Jacek Bozek  
*Klub Gaja, Poland*

Rajendra Singh  
*Tarun Bharat Sangh, India*

Detcharat Sukamnoed  
*Sustainable Energy Network Thailand*

## Skills in Lobbying, Negotiation and Mass Mobilization

### ROOM 1

Share experiences of mass mobilizations and lobbying governments and financial institutions. Discuss the roles of affected people and advocacy groups, identify challenges and strategize how to improve coordination and effectiveness.

**FACILITATOR:** Joe Athialy  
*Narmada Bachao Andolan, India*

**PRESENTERS:** Joan Carling  
*Cordillera People's Alliance, Philippines*

Medha Patkar  
*Narmada Bachao Andolan, India*

## Methodology of Community-Based Research (Part 1)

### ROOM 2

Based on Thai Baan research, this training on the methodology and techniques of conducting community-based research includes such aspects as: fish, vegetables, herbs, fishing gear, property rights, and ecosystem and socio-cultural studies.

**FACILITATOR:** Chainarong Srettachau  
*SEARIN, Thailand*

**PRESENTER:** Dr. Chayan Wadhanaphuti  
*SEARIN, Thailand*

## An Introduction to Reparations for Dam-Affected People

### ROOM 3

Introductory information and case study presentations from dam-affected communities fighting for reparations—or retroactive compensation—for losses they have experienced as a result of dams, plus an overview presentation of the issue. Case studies include a community from Guatemala demanding reparations from the World Bank and a community from Indonesia suing the Japanese government for compensation.

**FACILITATOR:** Monti Aguirre  
*IRN, USA*

**PRESENTERS:** Barbara Rose Johnston  
*Center for Political Ecology, USA*

Cristobal Sanchez  
*Association of Campesino Communities, Guatemala*

Iswadi Salim  
*Communities Affected by Koto Panjang Dam, Indonesia*

## Transforming Europe's Rivers Into Living Ecosystems

### ROOM 4

The two major topics of this workshop include: an introduction and strategy session on the ambitious new European Water Framework and an examination of the past, present and future of dam decommissioning in France.

**FACILITATOR:** Roberto Epple  
*European Rivers Network, France*

**PRESENTER:** Vlastimil Karlik  
*Arnika, Czech Republic*

## The World Bank and Large Dams

### ROOM 5

An examination of the World Bank's changing role in the financing of large dams and its role in follow-up activities to the World Commission on Dams.

**PRESENTERS:** Peter Bosshard  
*IRN, USA*

Shannon Lawrence  
*Environmental Defense, USA*

# WORKSHOP SESSION 5

Day 4, Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December (2:00-3:30pm)

## Alternatives to Dams: How to Promote Less Destructive Options (Part 2)

MAIN HALL

## Multi-Stakeholder Consultations: Strategies for Successful Participation

ROOM 1

A presentation of existing “consensus-finding” and “consultation” tools that can be used to create genuinely participatory multi-stakeholder consultations. Will also draw on experiences of participants.

**FACILITATOR:** Birgit Zimmerle  
*German Carajas Forum*

**PRESENTER:** Christine Eberlein  
*Berne Declaration, Switzerland*

## Methodology of Community-Based Research (Part 2)

ROOM 2

## Reparations Strategy Session

ROOM 3

Strategic planning for groups interested in or already working on reparations to discuss how to further the movement for reparations—or retroactive compensation—for people affected by development projects.

**FACILITATOR:** Lakan  
*Philippines*

**PRESENTER:** Dana Clark  
*International Accountability Project, USA*

## Experiences with Water Sector Reform and People-Centered Models for Change

ROOM 4

Share experiences with water sector reform—such as privatization promoted by institutions like the World Bank—in India, Thailand, Philippines, South Africa and Latin America, and discuss positive alternatives.

**FACILITATOR:** Shripad Dharmadhikary  
*Manthan Adhyayan Kendra, India*

**PRESENTERS:** Elias Dias Pena  
*Sobrevivencia, Paraguay*  
Elba Stancich  
*Taller Ecologista/Coalicion Rios Vivos, Argentina*  
additional speaker to be determined

## JBIC Environmental Guidelines

ROOM 5

Presentations and strategic discussion on the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) and their new environmental guidelines. Beneficial for communities and NGOs working on JBIC-funded dam projects.

**FACILITATOR:** Joan Carling  
*Cordillera People’s Alliance, Philippines*

**PRESENTERS:** Satoru Matsumoto  
*Mekong Watch, Japan*

Ikuko Matsumoto  
*Friends of the Earth—Japan*



