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SECOND INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF DAM-AFFECTED PEOPLE AND THEIR ALLIES
MEETING PROGRAM
Rasi Salai, Thailand
Nov 28-Dec 3, 2003
Second International Meeting of Dam-Affected People and their Allies

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Cordillera People’s Alliance, Philippines
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## AGENDA SUMMARY

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### Day 3: Monday, 1st December

- 7:30am- Field Trip to Pak Mun or Rasi Salai

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7:30am – Field Trip to Pak Mun or Rasi Salai (see details page 5)

Day 4: Tuesday, 2nd 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):
- *Introduction to the World Water Mafia*  
  Room 1
- *The Energy Planning Model*  
  Room 2
- *Dam Decommissioning Strategy*  
  Room 3
- *Exchanging Local Knowledge on Resource Management*  
  Room 4
- *Project Economics: A Dam’s Weak Link*  
  Room 5
- *Dams, the ADB & Peoples’ Movements*  
  Room 5
10:30–11:00am Break
11:00–12:30pm Workshop Session 4 (see details page 9):
- *Alternatives to Dams (Part 1)*  
  Main Hall
- *Skills in Lobbying, Negotiation & Mass Mobilization*  
  Room 1
- *Methodology of Community-Based Research (Part 1)*  
  Room 2
- *Introduction to Reparations for Dam-Affected People*  
  Room 3
- *Transforming Europe’s Rivers into Living Ecosystems*  
  Room 4
- *The World Bank & Large Dams*  
  Room 5
12:30–2:00pm Lunch
2:00–3:30pm Workshop Session 5 (see details page 10):
- *Alternatives to Dams (Part 2)*  
  Main Hall
- *Multi-Stakeholder Consultations: Strategies for Success*  
  Room 1
- *Methodology of Community-Based Research (Part 2)*  
  Room 2
- *Reparations Strategy Session*  
  Room 3
- *Water Sector Reform & People-Centered Models for Change*  
  Room 4
- *JBIC Environmental Guidelines*  
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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, 3rd December

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10:00–10:30am Break
10:30–12:30pm Regional Workshops Various
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4:00–5:00pm Final Plenary Main Hall
5:00–6:00pm River Worshipping and Closing Ceremony
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8:00–11:00pm Party! Main Hall
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*
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 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, 30th 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

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
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

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
Livinango, 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

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
WORKSHOP SESSION 3
Day 4, Tuesday, 2nd 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
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
Ta run 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
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 Carajás 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 Ríos 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