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**Mekong–Republic of Korea
Cooperation Fund**

CONCEPT NOTE AND AGENDA

Information Sharing Session on the Mekong–Republic of Korea Cooperation Fund (MKCF)

March 24, 25, 27, 31 and April 2, 2026

Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Viet Nam and Thailand

BACKGROUND

The Mekong–ROK Cooperation Fund (MKCF) has been established to support development cooperation between the Republic of Korea and the Mekong countries—Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Viet Nam—under the framework of Mekong–Republic of Korea Cooperation. The fund aims to promote sustainable development, economic cooperation, and capacity building through regional initiatives that address shared development priorities in the Mekong sub-region.

The Mekong Institute (MI) serves as the Coordinator for MKCF and works closely with government agencies, research institutions, development organizations, and other stakeholders in the Mekong countries and the Republic of Korea to facilitate project development, implementation, and knowledge exchange.

The Expression of Interest (EoI) for the 10th Call for Proposals of the MKCF has recently been announced, providing an opportunity for eligible institutions to submit regional project ideas aligned with the fund’s priority areas. However, many potential implementing partners may require further clarification on the MKCF framework, eligibility requirements, and proposal development process.

In this context, a Half-Day Information Sharing Session on the Mekong–Republic of Korea Cooperation Fund (MKCF) will be organized to introduce the fund, explain its operational modalities, and encourage stakeholders to develop high-quality regional project proposals. The information sharing session will also serve as a platform to disseminate information regarding the 10th MKCF Call for Proposals and guide interested organizations in submitting Expressions of Interest.

Detailed information on the 10th MKCF Call for Proposals and Expression of Interest (EoI) is available at www.mekonginstitute.org and www.mekongrok.com.



OBJECTIVES

The information sharing session aims to:

1

Enhance awareness of the MKCF program, objectives, and priority areas among stakeholders in the Mekong region.

2

Provide guidance on proposal preparation, eligibility criteria, and the Expression of Interest (EoI) process under the 10th MKCF Call for Proposals.

3

Encourage prospective applicants from Mekong countries and the Republic of Korea to develop regional project proposals.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The session is expected to achieve the following outcomes:

1. Increased awareness of MKCF funding opportunities and procedures.

2. Improved understanding of the EoI submission process for the 10th MKCF Call for Proposals.

3. Identification of potential project concepts and partnerships.

4. Strengthened engagement between Mekong institutions and Korean partners in developing regional initiatives.

VENUE, DATE AND TIME

The workshop will be conducted in a **hybrid format** (in-person and online participation for in-country participants). **All times are in local time.** Please kindly note that participants are responsible for their own travel and related expenses.

Session in Cambodia

Date and time: March 24, 2026 (8.30 AM - 12.00 PM)
Location: Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Venue: Raffles Hotel Le Royal

Session in Lao PDR

Location: Vientiane, Lao PDR
Date and time: March 25, 2026 (8.30 AM - 12.00 PM)
Venue: Crowne Plaza Hotel

Session in Thailand

Location: Bangkok, Thailand
Date and time: March 27, 2026 (8.30 AM - 12.00 PM)
Venue: Grande Centre Point Terminal 21

Session in Viet Nam

Location: Hanoi, Viet Nam (8.30 AM - 12.00 PM)
Date and time: March 31, 2026 (8.30 AM - 12.00 PM)
Venue: Novotel Thai Ha

Session in Myanmar

Location: Yangon, Myanmar
Date and time: April 2, 2026 (8.30 AM - 12.00 PM)
Venue: Novotel Yangon Max

How to Apply

Participants are required to register through a Google Form using the following Registration Link and QR below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/qeksNbEFB3>



- Onsite participation is limited to 50 participants, on a first-come, first-served basis.
- The onsite registration form will automatically close once 50 onsite registrations are completed.
- Only one participant per organization is encouraged to register for onsite participation in order to allow wider institutional representation.
- Online participation is open to all interested participants.

EXPECTED PARTICIPANTS



- Government agencies
- Academic and research institutions
- Non-government organizations
- Regional and international organizations
- Other stakeholders interested in Mekong regional cooperation and development

AGENDA

Time	Session	Responsible
08:30 AM - 09:00 AM	Registration and Welcome Coffee	
09:00 AM- 09:10 AM	Welcome Remarks	MOFA Representative
09:10 AM- 10:00 AM	Overview of the MKCF program and its Objectives, Priority sectors, Eligibility criteria, Mekong RoK Results based M&E, etc.	MKCF
10:00 AM- 11:30 AM	EoI Preparation (template- technical and budget) etc.	MKCF
11:30 AM- 12:00 PM	Open Discussion and Q&A	MKCF & Participants
12.00 PM -12.15 PM	Closing Remarks	MOFA/MKCF
12.00 PM – 1.00 PM	Lunch will be provided for onsite registered participants	



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ABOUT MEKONG INSTITUTE

The Mekong Institute (MI) is an intergovernmental Organization owned and operated by the six countries of the Greater Mekong Subregion—Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, Viet Nam and Yunnan province and Guangxi Autonomous Region of the People’s Republic of China. MI promotes regional development, cooperation, and integration through capacity development programs and projects across three thematic areas: Agricultural Development and Commercialization, Trade and Investment Facilitation, and Sustainable Energy and Environment.

ABOUT MEKONG-ROK COOPERATION FUND (MKCF)

Following the launch of the Mekong–Republic of Korea (ROK) Partnership in 2011, the Mekong–ROK Cooperation Fund (MKCF) was established in 2013 to support development initiatives in the five Mekong countries: Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Viet Nam. Between 2013 and 2020, the Fund concentrated on six key sectors. Under the current Mekong–ROK Plan of Action (2021–2025), the Fund’s priority areas have been expanded to include culture and tourism, human resource development, agriculture and rural development, infrastructure, information and communication technology (ICT), environment, and non-traditional security challenges. The Fund is administered by the Mekong Institute (MI), which acts as the Fund Coordinator. In this role, MI is responsible for reviewing Expressions of Interest (EOIs) and full project proposals, overseeing fund disbursement, monitoring project implementation, providing technical guidance, conducting site visits, and maintaining close coordination with relevant government stakeholders in the Mekong countries.

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