



## Annex M: Public Consultation and Disclosure Events

This annex summarises all the local, national, regional and international public consultation and disclosure activities for the Project to date.

### Summary of Local Events

Local-level participation has required attention to the presentation of appropriate information through various formats, including village meetings and focus groups. PCPP teams of local Lao people have been established and trained in PRA techniques to facilitate a flow of information from stakeholders. Each team's membership represents a diversity of socio-economic, cultural, gender, and generational perspectives. The approach was designed to ensure a clear understanding of the cultural and livelihood implications of the Project and to ensure that stakeholders were involved in Project planning. In all cases, villagers were notified prior to the arrival of the public consultation team.

The first stages were coordinated by a NTPC consultant responsible for training, planning and reporting on consultation activities on the Plateau. The RMU had overall responsibility for carrying

out the PCPP, while international experts continued to advise on local community participation techniques and reporting. All surveys and visits included presentation and interactive discussions, graphic representation including maps and, in the case of the Nakai Plateau, visits to the demonstration farm.

Table M.1 presents a summary of the local-level consultations undertaken to date for the Nakai Plateau and downstream areas. Further details on the methodology used for local-level PCPP are presented in the SDP.

### Regional and National Participation to Date

At the regional level, PCPP has enabled an exchange of information between NTPC representatives, GOL, and regional stakeholders - that is community leaders, district agencies, provincial agencies, BPKP and local businesses and contractors. These activities have been held in the district and provincial centres. These meetings and workshops disseminated information as it became available from commissioned studies, and provided a forum for discussion of issues, and concerns raised as a result. In particular,

Table M.1: Summary of PCPP events at the local level

Date	Event
April - May 1996	Project awareness and villagers attitude survey for selected villages on the Nakai Plateau
25 May 1996	Meeting for information dissemination and voicing of concerns. District, Provincial and NTEC officials. NTPC Nakai Guest House
4 June 1996	Information briefings on Nakai Plateau by District, Provincial and NTEC officials at the following villages: Ban Nakai Neua, Ban Nakai Tai, Ban Sop On, Ban Sop Phene, Ban Done, Ban Khone Khen, Ban Thalang and Ban Sailom
November 1996	Involvement of local villagers in Demonstration Farm lots and Agricultural Developments
December 1996 - May 1997	Appraisal of the livelihood systems and decision making structures within villages. Recording of villager preferences and concerns with regard to resettlement for all Nakai Plateau villages. Conducted by Social Scientist, Dr. Stephen Sparkes and local team
31 January - 1 February 1997	Inception meeting for Resettlement Management Unit (RMU) and four District Resettlement Working Groups.
January - February 1997	Survey of resettlement preferences in affected villages of Khamkeut District
Dry season 1997	Information dissemination and consultation with residents in the transmission line corridor – explanation and discussions of the transmission line proposal and its potential impacts.
March 1997	Survey of villager attitudes to the Project and related concerns of sample rice-farming villages in the Gnommalat District. Conducted by Social Scientist, Dr. Stephen Sparkes, and local team
January - April 1997	Health Reconnaissance Survey by John Storey, Public Health Specialist
11 April 1997	Meeting on resettlement and livelihood issues, Ban Jat San, Nakai District BPKP resettlement village
24 April - 5 May 1997	Training course in participation and consultation techniques for new PCPP teams in Thakhek by PRA trainer, Paul Chatterton
May 1997	Consultation of affected villages in the downstream area (Gnommalat, Mahaxai and the upper and lower Xe Bang Fai) by 5 PCPP teams under the direction of Mary Diab
5 June 1997	District Workshop on scoping and methodology for the RAP and EAMP. Held in Ban Oudomsouk
20 - 21 April 1998	Workshop on PRA experiences in 1997 and planning of 1998 PCPP for the Nakai Plateau
22 April - 18 May 1998	PCPP team visits to Plateau for feedback on the livelihood model, house designs and village move preparation. Conducted by Dr. Stephen Sparkes
October 1998	Notification Registration and Socio-economic Survey of all villages on the Nakai Plateau; RMU coordination
27 October 2000	Consultations as part of Evaluation of Demonstration and Farms (Theun Deuane and Ban Nakai Neua) by District, RMU, DRWG, VRC, Village organisations and NTEC
Throughout 2001	Study tours and consultation carried out by LWU in support of district authorities
23 February 2001	Consultation Meeting on Community Forestry Association, Nakai
27 April 2001 (ongoing)	Public Consultation on Pilot Village Layout (at Ban Nong Boua, Ban Sailom and Ban Pamanton villages)
26 September 2001	Consultation Meeting on Nakai Plateau Community Forest, Thakhek

Table M.2: Regional PCPP events

Date	Event
7 May 1996	Pilot Public Consultation meeting for the Project involving Provincial, District and NTEC officials. Held at Ban Sop On
27 May 1996	Meeting of representatives from NTEC and BPKP with the Deputy Governor of Khammouane Province to discuss resettlement planning. Held in Thakhek
19 - 20 September 1996	Workshop on National and Resettlement Policy and Plans. Involved Provincial and District officials, LWU and RMU. Held in Thakhek
30 - 31 September 1996	Meeting on regional planning for the public consultation and participation programme. Involved WB representative, NTEC, STENO, National Front for Construction, LWU, and Provincial and District Officials. Held in Thakhek
6 - 7 December 1996	Consultation with Provincial and District officials to obtain feedback on NTEC commissioned studies. NTEC, STENO. Held in Thakhek
16 - 17 December 1996	Workshop on the Social Effects of Power Station Water Release. District and Provincial officials. Held in Gnommalat
14 February 1997	Follow up PCPP Workshop on the Impact of Power Station Water Release. Involved village chiefs and District officials. Held in Gnommalat
12 March 1997	Workshop on the Impact of Power Station Water Release. Involved District officials and NTEC. Held in Mahaxai
20 March 1997	Regional Workshop on the Project. Information briefing to Provincial and District officials. Held in Gnommalat
30 April 1997	Regional Workshop on scoping and methodology for the RAP and EAMP. Held in Thakhek
5 June 1997	Regional Workshop to discuss the draft RAP, Meeting Hall, Nakai District Town
23 June 1997	Regional Workshop to discuss draft EAMP held at the Provincial Meeting Hall, Thakhek
June 1999	NNTNBCA ESMP Endorsement Meeting, Provincial Meeting Hall, Thakhek

the regional programme provides an additional channel for communicating villagers' concerns identified at the local level to the regional stakeholders and interested parties.

National PCPP has involved an intensive programme of information briefings and workshops in Vientiane since May 1996, with STEA being responsible for overseeing the proceedings. These events have largely focused on dissemination of information and responses to three GOL commissioned studies i) Study of Alternatives, ii) Economic Analysis, and iii) the Nakai-Nam Theun NBCA Management Plan (predecessor to the SEMFOP), as well as the safeguard documentation of the EAMP and the RAP. To further facilitate accessibility to information, an NT2 Public Information Centre was opened in the STEA office, Vientiane, in March 1997.

A summary of regional and national events is presented in Tables N.2 and N.3 respectively.

### International Level Participation to Date

National workshops and information briefings have also addressed many of the needs of the international stakeholders. Participation by international media in the national consultation programme, together with the local representation of many international NGOs and international aid and development organisations, has ensured the Project a place in the international arena. Project representatives have attended or participated in numerous conferences addressing international issues related to the Project (Table M.4).

Table M.3: Summary of PCPP events at the national level

Date	Event
25 August 1995	Meeting of NTEC, STENO, DoF (District, Provincial and National), CPAWN, BPKP, WCS, to discuss logging and catchment area management of the Nam Theun Catchment
6 June 1996	NT2 Information Briefing at NTEC office, Vientiane by David Iverach 24 attendees: including GOL ministries agencies, international organizations, NGOs, diplomatic reps, local and international media
12 June 1996	NT2 Information briefing at NTEC office, Vientiane by David Iverach, Eric Noël and Brian McIlree 29 attendees including GOL ministries agencies, international organizations, NGOs, diplomatic reps, local and international media
6 July 1996	NT2 Information Briefing for senior Lao women officials, Lane Xang Hotel, Vientiane NTEC Presenters - David Iverach, Loy Chansavat and Sue Downie
20 August 1996	Nam Theun Information Briefing and Public Relations Seminar for senior members of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Maeteechit State Guest House, Vientiane
28 September 1996	NT2 Information Briefing to members of the Vientiane Executives Evening, Novotel Hotel, Vientiane NTEC Presenters – Brian McIlree and Loy Chansavat
25 November 1996	Internal Consultation Workshop on NT2 Project Area Socio-Economic and Cultural Survey by CARE International
29 November 1996	NT2 Information Briefing for a group of Thai journalists brought to Lao PDR by EGAT, Lane Xang Hotel NTEC Presenter - Loy Chansavat
18 December 1996	NT2 Information Briefing for Lao media representatives, Lane Xang Hotel, Vientiane NTEC Presenters - David Iverach and Loy Chansavat
27 December 1996	NT2 Information Briefing for Lao Women's Union, National Front for Construction and Lao Trade Union Movement NTEC Presenter - Loy Chansavat
16 - 20 January 1997	Field trip for Lao media to NT2 Project area
27 - 29 January 1997	First National Consultation and Participation Workshop on Alternative Study, Environmental and Social Action Plan for the NBCA, and Economic Impact Study
30 January - 1 February 1997	Field trip for international media and Lao Ambassador to U.S to NT2 Project area
1 February 1997	Public release of 7 NTEC-commissioned studies relating to social, environmental and technical aspects of the Project
19 February 1997	Half Day Public Consultation Workshop on the NT2 Project Area Socio-Economic and Cultural Survey by CARE International NT2 Public Information Centre, STENO, Vientiane
19 February 1997	Half Day Public Consultation Workshop on the NT2 Hydroelectric Project Forestry Report by Margules Groome Poyry
20 February 1997	Half Day Public Consultation Workshop on the NT2 Hydroelectric Project Xe Bang Fai Hydrology Assessment by the Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation (SMEC)
20 February 1997	Half Day Public Consultation Workshop on the Potential Impacts of the NT2 Hydroelectric Project on the Fish and Aquatic Fauna of the Nam Theun and Xe Bang Fai basins by Dr Maurice Kottelat
21 March 1997	Official opening of the NT2 Public Information Centre, STENO
31 March 1997	National Public Information Briefing on the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP), Lane Xang Hotel, Vientiane
1 April 1997	National Public Information Briefing on the Environmental Assessment and Management Plan (EAMP), Lane Xang Hotel, Vientiane
7 May 1997	Public release of Draft Resettlement Action Plan for comments from all interested parties
7 May 1997	National Information and Overview Briefing on the NT2 Project NT2 Public Information Centre, STENO
7 May 1997	Public release of 3 NTEC-commissioned studies on health issues
8 - 10 May 1997	2nd National Consultation and Participation Workshop on Alternatives Study
2 - 3 June 1997	National Consultation and Participation Workshop on Draft NT2 RAP NT2 Public Information Centre, STENO
10 June 1997	National Consultation and Participation Workshop on Draft NT2 EAMP NT2 Public Information Centre, STENO
7 - 12 July 1997	National Consultation and Participation Workshop on Alternative Study, Environmental and Social Action Plan for the NBCA, and Economic Impact Study
7 May 1998	Resettlement Workshop, UNDP, Vientiane attended by Jean-Christophe Delvallet, Loy Chansavat and Stephen Sparkes
21- 22 January 1999	National Public Consultation and Participation Workshop on Resettlement Action Plan.
January 1999	World Bank PCPP Mission.
November 22, 2000	Public consultation and participation workshop – draft EAMP
July 2002	Symposium Nam Theun 2 – A window to the future.

Table M.4: International consultation events

Date	Event
21 August 1996	Sustainable Development Seminar, Sydney NTEC Speaker - Dr David Iverach
1 September 1996	Frontiers of the Public-Private Interface in East Asian Infrastructure Conference - Jakarta, Indonesia NTEC Speaker - Mr Guido Belgiorno-Nettis
30 September 1996	Developing the Mekong Subregion Conference – Melbourne, Australia NTEC Speaker - Dr David Iverach
11 March 1997	Information Briefing on Nam Theun 2 Project Embassy of Lao PDR, Washington D.C. NTEC Speakers - Dr David Iverach & Mr Thomas Philippe
12 March 1997	Information Briefing on Nam Theun 2 Project Embassy of Lao PDR, Washington D.C. NTEC Speakers - Dr David Iverach & Mr Thomas Philippe
13 March 1997	Information Briefing on Nam Theun 2 Project UN Plaza Hotel, New York NTEC Speakers - Dr David Iverach & Mr Thomas Philippe
14 March 1997	Information Briefing on Nam Theun 2 Project Embassy of Lao PDR, Washington D.C. NTEC Speakers - Dr David Iverach & Mr Thomas Philippe
10 - 11 April 1997	IUCN/WB Workshop on Environmental and Social Impacts of Large Dams - Gland, Switzerland NTEC Participants - Dr David Iverach and Mr Thomas Philippe
3 July 2002	'Symposium on Nam Theun 2 'Window to the Future' organized by the GOL linking the development of national policy and strategies and international donor community concerns and issues
August 2002	Submission by GOL of a draft National Poverty Eradication Programme (NPEP) to the Donors on the occasion of the UNDP-led Donor Round Table Meeting (RTM) in Vientiane, presenting Nam Theun 2 as a cornerstone of the country's development
May 2003	On the occasion of a mini-RTM, presentation of a second draft of the NPEP emphasizing again the critical importance of Nam Theun 2 for the country's development and presenting elements on how the Project's revenue to the GOL will be used for poverty alleviation in the country.
August-September 2004	International Workshops in Bangkok, Tokyo, Paris and Washington DC attended by Sponsors (EdF, GOL, EGCO and ITD), NTPC management, technical staff and consultants. Participants in these workshops included WB, ADB and Agence Francaise de Development, international NGOs, foreign governments, potential donors and other interested parties.