

## **M-POWER 2010 - Annual Meeting of the Network Partners**

The **M-POWER 2010** the annual meeting of the Mekong Program on Water, Environment and Resilience, was held in **Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 8-10 February 2010**. This year's annual meeting was co-organized and hosted by CEDAC, an M-POWER partner organization in Cambodia. The aim of the M-POWER Annual Partners' Meeting 2010 is to focus on improving the quality of negotiations, decision-making and evaluations of water resource development and management in the Mekong region.

104 participants (32 female) attended the meeting. Participants came from 19 different countries (Australia [4], Cambodia [39], Canada [1], China [7], England [4], Finland [5], French [1], India [1], Indonesia [1], Lao [5], Myanmar [2], Nepal [2], Netherlands [1], Norway [1], Philippine [2], Sweden [1], Switzerland [1] Thailand [13], USA [5], and Vietnam [19]) among those participants, there are 39 local participants and 65 international participants. During a special session on the second day, an additional 77 students and lecturers from local Universities joined the meeting and surprised everyone with their active and lively participation in the dialogue.

The three days of the meeting were structured into six plenary meetings and several parallel sessions during which 37 presentations were held. Speakers informed about ongoing research projects, discussions, and development projects around the Mekong. The presentations were followed by lively interactive discussions in plenum or in smaller groups. The discussions clarified existing and raised new questions. This way, participants were able to synthesize experiences and identify critical opportunities in the coming year for action research, policy support, collaboration and facilitation. Participants that attended the meeting for the first time could bring in new views that enriched the discussions. Hopefully, they will come again in future meetings.



Updates of the program and background papers are available on the workshop website:  
<http://www.mpowernet.org/mweb.php?pg=264>