



**SEACOOP COOPERATION FORUM
“ICT RESEARCH AND ICT FOR DEVELOPMENT”
OCTOBER 25, 2011 - YANGON, MYANMAR**

EVENT REPORT

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EVENT CONCEPT AND OBJECTIVES

This event was the last one of a series of 6 cooperation forums organised over the period 2010-2011 by the SEACOOP project, in order to contribute strengthening S&T cooperation in ICT between Europe and the ASEAN region, and to support policy dialogues between the European Commission and the ASEAN Secretariat.

The event focused on an issue often faced when tackling the development of S&T cooperation in ICT between Europe and the ASEAN region (or other countries and regions of the world such as India and China, Africa or Latin America). The region remains quite diverse in terms of development level even if it globally benefits from a quick economic development. Therefore, promoting research cooperation under FP7 (which is the key message conveyed by SEACOOP) may appear as inappropriate or premature in some cases, while other European funding mechanisms (particularly those focusing on ICT for development and capacity building) may be suited, and may even support a transition period towards cooperation on advanced research.

It is therefore necessary to “bridge the gap between ICT research and ICT for development”, and be able, when addressing S&T cooperation in ICT between the two regions, to introduce to the ASEAN stakeholders the wide spectrum of policies, programmes, and mechanisms which the European Commission, in liaison with the ASEAN Secretariat and other institutions, can offer to ASEAN stakeholders, in order that the greatest number of links can be established and smoothly develop.

The main objective of the forum was, in this context, to allow a thorough exchange of information and experience between stakeholders from Europe and from the ASEAN region involved in activities aiming at strengthening S&T cooperation in ICT, or cooperation in ICT more generally, between the two regions. International organisations were invited as well, in the perspective of (not only bilateral but also) possible multilateral cooperation.

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A cooperation forum focusing on the theme “ICT research and ICT for development” has been organised today in Yangon, Myanmar by the SEACOOOP partnership, under the aegis of the European Commission and of the ASEAN Secretariat, and with the support of USCY (University of Computer Studies, Yangon), the SEACOOOP partner in Myanmar.

Over 140 participants have contributed to this event (see final attendee list in Annex1), and were proposed a quite dense agenda (see final agenda in Annex 2).

The event started with an opening session, including addresses from:

- Dr Ko Ko Oo, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology, Myanmar, who warmly welcomed all participants and assessed the determination of his country to take full advantage of ICT to support its economic and social development, and to develop cooperation links with the EU on ICT research,
- Mads Korn, Attaché, Delegation of the European Union to Thailand, who read an address of Ambassador David Lipman, and underlined that, considering the present changes in Myanmar, the EU was ready to support the evolution of the country towards a more sustainable, and irreversible future,
- Alexander Lim, Head of the S&T Division, ASEAN secretariat, who congratulated SEACOOOP for having succeeded putting all ASEAN ICT researchers together and connected them to Europe, and invited ASEAN Member States to invest in future SEACOOOP activities.

Then a session devoted to “Setting the scene” of the workshop followed:

- starting with a detailed introductory presentation from Roger Torrenti, CEO of Sigma Orionis, SEACOOOP coordinator,
- including contributions from SEACOOOP representatives from “CLMV” countries (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam), the ASEAN Member States with the least economic development levels:
 - Nilar Thein, Rector, UCSY, Myanmar
 - Heng Sokun, Government Official, NiDA, Cambodia
 - Valaxay Dalaloy, Director, NAST, Laos
 - Tran Ngoc Ca, Director of Secretariat, NCSTP, Vietnam

Another session allowed then to introduce “European, ASEAN and global mechanisms supporting cooperation in ICT” with the participation of:

- Alvis Ancans from the European Commission, introducing the last calls of FP7 and the perspectives of the new framework programme (Horizon 2020),
- Cecile Faraud, Policy Officer, Embassy of France, Thailand, who introduced the ICT Asia (or STIC Asie) programme,
- Tiziana Bonapace, Chief, ICT and Development Section, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations, Thailand who introduced in particular the ESCAP APCICT activities (Asian and Pacific Training Center for ICT for Development),
- Eun-Ju Kim, Regional Director of the ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Thailand, who presented the vision and activities of ITU regarding the event focus.

After lunch, a session was devoted to “Good practices, lessons learned, and case studies” and included the contributions from:

- Denis Villorente, Director of ASTI, the Philippines and SEACOOOP partner, who presented the ongoing 3rd phase and the planned 4th phase of the Trans-Eurasia Information Network (TEIN) initiative,
- Inge Mangelschots, from Ghent University, who introduced the Lotus II Erasmus Mundus project her University is coordinating,
- Sylvia Cadena, Project Officer, ISIF Information Society Innovation Fund, Australia, who detailed the different projects that the Information Society Innovation Fund (ISIF) was supporting in Asia,
- three members of the SEACOOOP Advisory Committee who shared with the audience their vision of the status and perspectives of EU-ASEAN cooperation in ICT:
 - Pierre-Yves Danet, Research lab CTO, Orange Labs, France
 - Channa Gunawardena, Director, Business Development, Megaskills Research, United Kingdom
 - Mervyn Levin, Founding Director, Levering Ltd, United Kingdom

During a last formal session, “Examples of advanced ICT developments in Myanmar” were presented by:

- Jong-Sou Park, Visiting Professor, Korean Aerospace University - UCSY, Yangon (E-Government Master Plan)
- Thandar Thein, Professor, UCSM, Mandalay (Proactive Software Solution)
- Thinn Thu Naing, Professor, UCSY, Yangon (Open Cloud System)

A more informal closing session, preceding a networking cocktail offered to participants, included short addresses by Nilar Thein, Alvis Ancans, Roger Torrenti and Emir Rio Krishna (S&T Division, ASEAN Secretariat).

Nilar Thein was warmly congratulated for the excellent organization of the workshop and all participants were thanked for their presence.

Roger Torrenti announced that, beyond the present event report, a public document would be prepared and released before the end of the year by the SEACOOOP partnership, summarizing and disseminating the outputs of the event through a presentation of the policies, programmes, and mechanisms that the European Commission, the ASEAN Secretariat and other international organisations offer to support the strengthening of cooperation in ICT between Europe and Southeast Asia.

The event proceedings have been uploaded on the SEACOOOP web site.

ANNEX 1: FINAL AGENDA

6th SEACOOOP Cooperation Forum on « ICT research and ICT for development » Yangon, Myanmar - October 25, 2011



Event Agenda

8:00 Welcome of participants

9:00 Opening Session

Master of Ceremony: University of Computer Studies, Yangon

Dr. Ko Ko Oo, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology, Myanmar

Korn Mads, Attaché (Cooperation), Delegation of the European Union to Thailand

Alexander Lim, Head of Science and Technology division, ASEAN Secretariat

9:45 Tea-coffee break

10:00 Session 1: Setting the scene

Chaired by Roger Torrenti, CEO Sigma Orionis, SEACOOOP project coordinator

Introduction presentation

Roger Torrenti, CEO Sigma Orionis, SEACOOOP Coordinator

Panel discussion involving Southeast Asian SEACOOOP members

Nilar Thein, Rector, UCSY, Myanmar

Heng Sokun, Government Official, NiDA, Cambodia

Phonpasit Phisammy, Director General, NAST, Lao PDR

Tran Ngoc Ca, Director of Secretariat, NCSTP, Vietnam

11:30 Tea-coffee break

12:00 Session 2: European ASEAN and global mechanisms supporting cooperation in ICT

Chaired by Zalina Abdul Halim, Manager, Corporate Office, MDEC, Malaysia

Alvis Ancans, Policy Officer, International Relations Unit, DG Information Society and Media, European Commission

Korn Mads, Attaché (Cooperation), Delegation of the European Union to Thailand

Cecile Faraud, Policy Officer, Embassy of France, Thailand

Tiziana Bonapace, Chief, ICT and Development Section, Economic and Social Committee for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), United Nations, Thailand

Eun-Ju Kim, Regional Director of ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Thailand

13:30 Lunch

14:30 Session 3: Good practices, lessons learnt and case studies

Chaired by Denis Villorente, Director, ASTI, The Philippines

Inge Mangelschots, International Relations Officer, Universiteit of Gent, Belgium

Denis Villorente, Director, ASTI, TEIN3 partner, Thailand

Sylvia Cadena, Project Officer, ISIF Information Society Innovation Fund, Australia

Pierre-Yves Danet, Research lab CTO, Orange Labs, France

Channa Gunawardena, Director, Business Development, Megaskills Research, United Kingdom

Mervyn Levin, Founding Director, Levering Ltd, United Kingdom

Open discussion with the audience

16:00 Tea-coffee break

16:30 Session 4: Examples of advanced ICT developments in Myanmar

Chaired by Prof. Dr. Ni Lar Thein, Rector, UCSY, Myanmar

Jong-Sou Park, Visiting Professor, Korean Aerospace University - UCSY, Yangon

Thandar Thein, Professor, UCSM, Mandalay

Thinn Thu Naing, Professor, UCSY, Yangon

17:00 Closing Session: Wrap-up and Roadmap

Alvis Ancans, Policy Officer, International relations Unit, DG Information Society and Media, European Commission

Emir Rio Krishna, Technical Officer of S&T Division, ASEAN Secretariat

Roger Torrenti, CEO Sigma Orionis, SEACOOOP Coordinator

17:30 Networking Cocktail



ANNEX 2: FINAL ATTENDEE LIST

#	Name	Organisation	Country
1	Zalina Abdul Halim	MDEC	Malaysia
2	Maria Irene Amatorio	ASTI	Philippines
3	Alvis Ancans	European Commission	Belgium
4	Nyein Thwet Thwet Aung	Dawei Computer University	Myanmar
5	Zaw Min Aung	Ministry of Science and Technology	Myanmar
6	Tin Moe Aye	UCSY	Myanmar
7	Ni Lar Aye	Yatanarpon Teleport	Myanmar
8	Saw Sanda Aye	UCSM	Myanmar
9	Win Aye	UCSM	Myanmar
10	Tiziana Bonapace	UNESCAP	Thailand
11	Sylvia Cadena	APNIC	Australia
12	Yve Callebaut	Support Fund Myanmar	Myanmar
13	Chalermpol Charnsripinyo	NECTEC/NSTDA	Thailand
14	Myo Myo Chein	UCSY	Myanmar
15	Valaxay Dalaloy	NAST	LAO PDR
16	Pierre-Yves Danet	Orange	France
17	Cecile Faraud	Embassy of France in Thailand	Thailand
18	Simon Grimley	NSTDA	Thailand
19	Channa Gunawardena	Megaskills Research	United Kingdom
20	Pensri Guntasopatr	NECTEC	Thailand
21	Kyi Kyi Han	UCSY	Myanmar
22	Sokun Heng	NiDA	Cambodia
23	Htay Hla Hla	UCSY	Myanmar
24	Nwe Nwe Hlaing	UCSY	Myanmar
25	Zar Chi Su Su Hlaing	UCSM	Myanmar
26	Gilmour Hole	UCSY	Myanmar
27	Aung Htein Maw	UCSY	Myanmar
28	Zaw Htun	UCSY	Myanmar
29	Khine Khine Htwe	Kyaing Tong Computer University	Myanmar
30	Ah Nge Htwe	UCSY	Myanmar
31	Tin Htwe	Yatanarpon Teleport	Myanmar
32	Tin Myat Htwe	UCSY	Myanmar
33	Irwan Rawal Husdi	BPPT	Indonesia
34	Saifuk Asmi Hussain Hj	UBD	Brunei Darussalam
35	Aung Zaw Iwin	Inyaland	Myanmar
36	Nor Yasmin Jamil	MDeC	Malaysia
37	Kamal Hisham Kamaruddin	MDeC	Malaysia
38	Kanchana Kanchanasut	AIT	Thailand
39	Myo Khaing	UCSM	Myanmar
40	Cho Cho Khaing	UCSM	Myanmar
41	May Aye Khaing	UCSY	Myanmar
42	Aye Aye Khaing	UCSY	Myanmar
43	Hlaing Htake Khaung Tin	UCSY	Myanmar
44	Mie Mie Khin	UCSM	Myanmar
45	Phyo Thu Thu Khine	Mawlamyine Computer University	Myanmar
46	Eun-Ju Kim	ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific	Thailand

47	Mads Korn	<i>Delegation of the European Union to Thailand</i>	Belgium
48	Tin Ei Kyaw	<i>UCSM</i>	Myanmar
49	Hsu Mon Kyi	<i>Hinthada Computer University</i>	Myanmar
50	Ekendra Lamsal	<i>AIT</i>	Thailand
51	Wilson Lau	<i>I2R</i>	Singapore
52	Cecile Leroy	<i>Delegation of the European Union to Indonesia</i>	Indonesia
53	Mervyn Levin	<i>Levering Ltd</i>	Thailand
54	Alexander Lim	<i>ASEAN Secretariat</i>	Indonesia
55	Nay Yee Lin	<i>Kalay Computer University</i>	Myanmar
56	David Lipman	<i>European Union</i>	Thailand
57	Nicolas Lomenie	<i>CNRS IPAL</i>	France
58	Aung Zayar Lwin	<i>Meraki</i>	Myanmar
59	Inge Mangelschots	<i>Universiteit Gent</i>	Belgium
60	Iram Masud	<i>WELDO</i>	Pakistan
61	Sai Maung Maung Zaw	<i>Lashio Computer University</i>	Myanmar
62	Cecilia Mercado	<i>Saint Louis University</i>	Philippines
63	Pratap Mohanty	<i>Indian Institute of Foreign Trade</i>	India
64	Myo Ohnmar Mon	<i>UCSY</i>	Myanmar
65	Ei Ei Mon	<i>Hinthada Computer University</i>	Myanmar
66	Naing Saing Moon Kham	<i>UCSY</i>	Myanmar
67	Aung Kyaw Myat	<i>Thanlyin Technological University</i>	Myanmar
68	Phyu Hninn Myint	<i>UCSY</i>	Myanmar
69	Mu Mu Myint	<i>UCSY</i>	Myanmar
70	May Tar Hla Myint	<i>UCSY</i>	Myanmar
71	Ei Sandar Myint	<i>UCSY</i>	Myanmar
72	Aye Aye Myint	<i>IMCEITS</i>	Myanmar
73	Thinn Thu Naing	<i>UCSY</i>	Myanmar
74	Mao Neang	<i>NiDA</i>	Cambodia
75	Nwe Ni	<i>UCSY</i>	Myanmar
76	Khin Nwe Ni Htun	<i>UCSY</i>	Myanmar
77	Khin Thandar Nwet	<i>Magway University of Computer Studies</i>	Myanmar
78	Ko Ko Oo	<i>Ministry of Science and Technology</i>	Myanmar
79	Mya Mya Oo	<i>Mandalay Technological University</i>	Myanmar
80	Thein Oo	<i>Myanmar Computer Federation</i>	Myanmar
81	Kyaw May Oo	<i>UCSY</i>	Myanmar
82	Min Oo	<i>Myanmar Computer Professionals Association</i>	Myanmar
83	Win Pa Pa	<i>UCSY</i>	Myanmar
84	Aye Myat Myat Paing	<i>UCSY</i>	Myanmar
85	Jong-Sou Park	<i>Korean Aerospace University</i>	Korea
86	Thi Ha Pham	<i>NCSTP</i>	Viet Nam
87	Aye Leit Leit Phyu	<i>UCSY</i>	Myanmar
88	Sabai Phyu	<i>ICTTI</i>	Myanmar
89	Moe Pwint	<i>UCSY</i>	Myanmar
90	Emir Rio Krishna	<i>ASEAN Secretariat</i>	Indonesia
91	Kalyar Myo San	<i>ICTTI</i>	Myanmar
92	Myint Myint Sein	<i>UCSY</i>	Myanmar
93	T Mohd Sembok	<i>Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia</i>	Malaysia
94	Reza Septiawan	<i>BPPT</i>	Indonesia
95	Tay Tay Shwe	<i>IMCEITS</i>	Myanmar
96	Ei Shwe Sin	<i>UCSY</i>	Myanmar
97	Opaseuth Siharath	<i>Lao Telecom</i>	LAO PDR

98	Pansak Siriruchatapong	NECTEC	Thailand
99	Mya Sithu	UCSY	Myanmar
100	Khin Mar Soe	UCSY	Myanmar
101	Khin Thandar Soe	IMCEITS	Myanmar
102	Wanna Soe	UCSY	Myanmar
103	Kyaw Zwa Soe	UCSY	Myanmar
104	Thi Thi Soe Nyunt	UCSY	Myanmar
105	Ei Ei Soe Tun	ICTTI	Myanmar
106	Piyawut Srichaikul	NECTEC/NSTDA	Thailand
107	Thi Thi Swe	UCSY	Myanmar
108	Ei on Mon Swe	ICTTI	Myanmar
109	Hmway Hmway Tar	Loikaw Computer University	Myanmar
110	Thiri Thae Wut Yee	UCSY	Myanmar
111	Myint Myint Than	Myanmar Computer Federation	Myanmar
112	Win Win Thant	UCSY	Myanmar
113	Ni Lar Thein	UCSY	Myanmar
114	Thandar Thein	UCSM	Myanmar
115	Yadana Thein	UCSY	Myanmar
116	Theingi	West Yangon Technological University	Myanmar
117	Aye Aye Thin	MCPA	Myanmar
118	Tin Thein Thwel	ICTTI	Myanmar
119	Mi Mi Thet Thwin	UCSM	Myanmar
120	Than Than Tint	Myanmar Computer Industry Association	Myanmar
121	CamilleTorrenti	Sigma Orionis	France
122	Roger Torrenti	Sigma Orionis	France
123	Ca Tran Ngoc	NCSTP	Viet Nam
124	Khin Marlar Tun	Yatanarpon University of Technology	Myanmar
125	Chutchana Vesayaporn	NECTEC	Thailand
126	Denis Villorente	ASTI	Philippines
127	Thinn Thinn Wai	UCSY	Myanmar
128	Ei Phyo Wai	UCSY	Myanmar
129	Ei Nyein Chan Wai	UCSY	Myanmar
130	Htwe Pa Pa Win	UCSY	Myanmar
131	Zin Mar Win	UCSY	Myanmar
132	Nwe Nwe Win	Myanmar Computer Professionals Association	Myanmar
133	Su Su Win	ICTTI	Myanmar
134	Su Thwada Win	UCSY	Myanmar
135	Aung Win	Yatanarpon University of Technology	Myanmar
136	Than Than Win	Ministry of Education	Myanmar
137	Htay Htay Yi	ICTTI	Myanmar
138	Khin Than Yu	Yangon Technological University	Myanmar
139	Yuzana	UCSY	Myanmar
140	Ei Phyu Zaw	UCSY	Myanmar
141	Wint Thida Zaw	UCSY	Myanmar
142	Thet Thet Zin	UCSY	Myanmar
143	Khine Khine Zin	ICTTI	Myanmar