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To

Subject: **Invitation to Safeguards Consultation of Myanmar- Ayeyarwady Integrated River Basin Management Project**

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the Ayeyarwady Integrated River Basin Management (AIRBM) Project consultations. The meeting will be held at **Inya Room, the Sedona Hotel in Yangon on Monday, May 19th from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm**. The consultation will be led by the Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems (DWIR), Ministry of Transport. The objective is (1) for the AIRBM team to explain the project development objectives and impacts, and (2) to seek NGOs and CSOs feedback and input on the project and its design.

The AIRBM is a part of a program which will support the Government of Myanmar to strengthen integrated, climate resilient management and development of the Ayeyarwady River Basin and national water resources. Under this first phase, the project will develop institutions and tools needed to implement integrated river basin management, and deliver related livelihoods benefits from enhanced navigation and hydromet warning and advisory services.

The AIRBM will be funded by the World Bank and implemented by the Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems (DWIR)/National

Water Resources Committee (NWRC) Secretariat and the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology (DMH), under the Ministry of Transport. The stakeholders and direct beneficiaries of the project include those in water-dependent sectors and water - vulnerable communities.

For further information about the AIRBM please refer to the attached documents which include the Myanmar and English versions of Project Information Document (PID), Integrated Safeguard Data Sheet (ISDS), and the draft Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) terms of reference. Please also see these documents in the following link of DWIR website. (<http://dwir.coffeecup.com/>) The objective of the ESMF is to outline mechanisms to ensure that poor and vulnerable people are fully consulted in project design and implementation, and that all project safeguards issues (environmental, social etc.) are addressed and mitigated in accordance to the World Bank guidelines. We will provide you the summary of consultations after.

We very much look forward to your participation in the meeting. We would appreciate it if you could please confirm your attendance to Kyaw Soe Lynn (klynn@worldbank.org) and U Toe Aung Lin (kotoegyidwir@gmail.com) by Monday May 12th.

Yours sincerely,



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