81st ESCAP Commission Session Side Event Agenda:

Title: Locally Led Adaptation in Lao PDR: Strengthening Urban Resilience Through Scalable, Inclusive Solutions
Time: 5:15 PM – 6:30 PM
Organizers: Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MoNRE) and UN-Habitat
Moderator: Dr. Avi Sarkar, Regional Advisor for Southeast Asia and Head of UN-Habitat in Lao PDR
Date: 22 April 2025

Start time	End time	Agenda	Speaker/Session Chair
17:15	17:20	Introduction: Situation Context and Overview	Moderator
17:20	17:35	Aligning Adaptation with the 9th NSEDP	Ms. Sisomboun Ounavong, Director General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Planning and Investment
17:35	17:50	Building Resilience from the Ground Up: Department of Climate Change	Mr. Vanhthone Phonnasane, Deputy Director of Climate Change Division, Department of Climate Change, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
17:50	18:00	Transforming human settlements in Lao PDR through adaptation planning	Ms. Veena Ramachandran, UN-Habitat Lao PDR
18:00	18:10	Harnessing Knowledge for Change: Policy Influence and Awareness in Action	Ms. Yi Nam Xu, UN-Habitat Lao PDR
18:10	18:20	Voices for Change: Q&A session	All Participants
18:20	18:30	Closing Remarks and Reflections	Ms. Kazuko Ishigaki UN-Habitat Regional Director, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific