

**HE Ms Khempheng Pholsena**  
**Minister In-charge of Water Resources and**  
**President, Lao National Mekong Committee**

HE Madame Khempheng Pholsena, is currently Lao PDR's Minister of Water Resources and Environment Administration under the Prime Minister's Office.

She has a diverse background that includes expertise in economic and financial management, international cooperation and resource mobilization.



She has the distinction of being ADB's first female Vice-President, prior to which, she was Lao PDR's Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, in charge of international cooperation.

Besides being a vice-minister in various Lao ministries, over the last 30 years, she has served as Head, Vice president and Vice chairman on several government and international committees spanning Planning & Cooperation, Trade & External Economic Relations and Scientific & Technical Cooperation among others.

As a senior government official, she is in charge of negotiating with foreign institutions, countries and international agencies with the aim of furthering international economic relations and cooperation as also to aid coordination and resource mobilization relating to national planning and investments, including foreign direct investment. Ms Khempheng Pholsena, is also presently Chairperson of the Lao National Mekong Committee.