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With Aurore Candier (Irasec), May Oo Mutraw (CMU), Rémi Nguyen (Irasec) and Min Zin (CMU)
Opening by Christian Lechervy, Ambassador of France in Myanmar
A panel discussion led by Carol Isoux, Journalist

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