

Greater Mekong Subregion Economic Cooperation Program

**Ninth Meeting of the GMS Working Group on Human Resource Development
(WGHRD-9)**

Guilin, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, PRC

20-21 May 2009

Theme: “Implementing New Strategic Directions in HRD Cooperation in the GMS”

Annotated Provisional Agenda and Program

Day 1: Wednesday, 20 May 2009

- Chair: Mr. Li Dongxiang
Director, International Department, Ministry of Finance, PRC
- Co-Chair: Ms. Shireen Lateef
Director, Social Sectors Division, Southeast Asia Department, ADB
- 0830-0900 **Registration**
- 0900-1015 **Opening Session**
- Welcome Remarks by PRC
Mr. Wu Jinkang
Deputy Director General, International Department, Ministry of Finance, PRC
 - Opening Statement by ADB
Ms. Shireen Lateef
Director, Social Sectors Division, Southeast Asia Department, ADB
 - Statements by Heads of Delegations
Cambodia
People’s Republic of China
Lao PDR
- 1015-1030 Group Photograph
- 1030-1100 Coffee Break
- 1100-1145
- Statements by Heads of Delegations (Continuation)
Myanmar
Thailand
Viet Nam
- 1145-1200 **Human Resource Development Challenges in the GMS**
(Mr. Jim Knowles, ADB Consultant)
- Mr. Knowles will brief the Working Group on the regional human resource development challenges.*
- 1200-1230 Discussion
- 1230-1400 Lunch

1400-1700 Plenary Session 1

1400-1420 **(i) GMS Youth Forum: Moving Forward**
(Lao PDR Delegate)

Lao PDR Delegate will give an overview of the first GMS Youth Forum held in conjunction with the Third GMS Summit in Vientiane in March 2008, discuss the policy and program implications on WGHRD's work of the recommendations in the GMS Youth Statement, and present ideas and suggestions on future directions for the Youth Forum.

1420-1430 Discussion

1430-1450 **(ii) Highlights of GMS Development Dialogue: Labor Migration**
(Thailand Delegate)

Thailand Delegate will present the highlights and recommendations of the GMS Development Dialogue (GDD), an activity of the Phnom Penh Plan for Development Management, held on 5 May 2009 in Beijing, PRC. The GDD focused on the topic of labor migration.

1450-1500 Discussion

1500-1520 **(iii) 2nd GMS Regional Public Health Forum**
(Ms. Lu Guoping, Deputy Director, Division of Asian and African Affairs, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Health, PRC)

PRC Delegate will present the highlights and recommendations of the 2nd GMS Regional Health Forum held on 23-24 February 2009 in Guilin, Guangxi, PRC. The Forum focused on "Regional Cooperation in Health Security and Health Care in Border Areas".

1520-1530

Discussion

1530-1600

Coffee Break

1600-1620

(iv) Phnom Penh Plan for Development Management: Impact Assessment
(Ms. Shireen Lateef, Director, Social Sectors Division, Southeast Asia Department, ADB)

Ms. Lateef will present the key findings and recommendations of the Impact Assessment of the Phnom Penh Plan for Development Management and their implications on the future directions of the PPP. He/she will also discuss the thrusts of the recently launched research component of the PPP.

1620-1630

Discussion

1630-1650

(v) HIV and AIDS and the Infrastructure Sector
(Ms. Charmaine Cu-unjieng, Program Coordinator, RETAs 6321 and 6467)

Ms. Cu-unjieng will present HIV prevention initiatives in the infrastructure sector, including a regional technical assistance co-financed with the Australian Government to address the spread of HIV associated with infrastructure development and increased physical connectivity in Cambodia, Lao PDR, and Viet Nam

- 1650-1700 Discussion
- 1830 Dinner hosted by Guangxi Department of Finance

Day 2: Thursday, 21 May 2009

0900-0930 Plenary Session 2: Final Draft GMS HRD Strategic Framework and Action Plan

(i) Final Draft GMS HRD Strategic Framework

- *Strategic Directions*
- *Institutional Arrangements; Restructuring the WGHRD*
- *Funding and Resource Mobilization Arrangements*
- *Monitoring and Evaluation*

(Mr. Jim Knowles, ADB Consultant)

Mr. Knowles will brief the Working Group on the national and regional consultative process, including inputs from the GMS Senior Officials' Meeting in November 2008, that guided the development and finalization of the Draft GMS Strategic Framework and Action Plan. He will outline the key features of the Strategic Framework for WGHRD's endorsement to the GMS Senior Officials' Meeting and 15th GMS Ministerial Conference scheduled on 17-19 June 2009 in Thailand.

- 0930-1000 Discussion

1000-1015 (ii) Implementing the GMS HRD Strategic Framework and Action Plan

(Ms. Susan Kerr, Principal Human Resource Development Specialist, Social Sectors Division, Southeast Asia Department, ADB)

Ms. Kerr will present the key features of the Draft Action Plan and a new regional technical assistance to implement some of the priority activities identified in the GMS HRD Strategy/Action Plan

- 1015-1030 Discussion

- 1030-1040 Breakout Groups Session Guidelines and Arrangements
(Myanmar Delegate)

Myanmar Delegate will brief the participants on the guidelines and expected outputs from the simultaneous breakout groups session, including their respective group and room assignments, designated facilitators and rapporteurs. The breakout groups will review and scope the current pipeline in the HRD Action Plan and identify other future high priority projects.

- 1040-1100 Coffee Break

1100-1230 Breakout Groups Session

- *Education: (Lead Country: Viet Nam; Facilitator: Mr. Norman LaRocque, ADB)*
- *Communicable Disease Control (Lead Country: PRC; Facilitator: Mr. Vincent de Wit, ADB)*

- *Labor and Migration (Lead Country: Thailand; Facilitator: Ms. Susan Kerr, ADB)*
- *Social Development (Lead Country: Cambodia; Facilitator: Ms. Anupma Jain, ADB) combined with HIV/AIDS and Infrastructure (Lead Country: Lao PDR; Facilitators: Ms. Emiko Masaki, Ms. Charmaine Cu-unjieng, ADB)*

Each group will discuss in detail contemplated approaches, institutional and financing modalities for implementing the HRD Action Plan, including the identification of lead countries, prospective partners and donors to provide financing and technical support for the implementation of projects. They will also identify other future high priority projects. Each group will prepare a report on the results of their discussions.

Lunch

1230-1400

Plenary Session 3: Breakout Groups Report Presentations and Discussion

1400-1600

(i) Education

1400-1415

(ii) Communicable Disease Control

1415-1430

(iii) Labor and Migration

1430-1445

(iv) Social Development including HIV/AIDS and Infrastructure

1445-1515

1515-1530

Discussion

1530-1600

Coffee Break

1600-1650

Plenary Session 4: Statements by Development Partners

Development Partners are given the opportunity to share their ideas and insights on how they could contribute to effectively advancing the HRD agenda and to indicate their respective areas of interests for collaborative partnerships.

1650-1700

Other Matters:

- Date and Venue of WGHRD-10

1700-1715

Closing Session: Wrap-up and Concluding Remarks by Chair and Co-chair

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