

## Greater Mekong Subregion Economic Cooperation Program

### 15<sup>th</sup> GMS Ministerial Conference 17 – 19 June 2009 Le Meridien, Hotel Chiang Mai, Thailand

TIME	PROVISIONAL PROGRAM OF EVENTS
0900-1750	<p><i>17 June 2009, Wednesday</i></p> <p><b>Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM)</b></p> <p>Participants: GMS Senior Officials and ADB Representatives</p>
0845-1645	<p><i>18 June 2009, Thursday</i></p> <p><b>GMS Development Partners' Meeting (DPM)</b></p> <p>Participants: Development Partner Representatives, GMS Senior Officials, and ADB Representatives</p>
0900-1140	<p><i>19 June 2009, Friday</i></p> <p><b>GMS Ministerial Meeting</b></p> <p>Participants: GMS Ministers, ADB Vice President, GMS Senior Officials, Development Partner Representatives, and ADB Representatives</p>
1145-1430	<p>Lunch Hosted by ADB</p> <p><i>Phnom Penh Plan Top Development Management Program (TDMP)</i></p> <p>Participants: GMS Ministers, ADB Vice President, Heads of SOM, ADB Southeast Asia Department Director General and Deputy Director General</p>
1430-1700	<p><b>GMS Ministerial Retreat</b></p> <p>Participants: GMS Ministers, ADB Vice President, Heads of SOM plus one, ADB Southeast Asia Department Senior Staff</p>
1715-1745	<p><i>Other Events (TBD)</i></p>
1745- 1800	<p><i>Press Conference</i></p> <p>Participants: GMS Minister of Thailand, ADB Vice President</p>

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### Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM)<sup>1</sup> 17 June 2009, Wednesday Chiang Mai, Thailand

#### Draft Provisional Agenda and Program

Chair: Mr. Arkhom Termpittayapaisith  
Deputy Secretary General  
National Economic and Social Development Board  
GMS National Coordinator  
Kingdom of Thailand

Co-Chair: Mr. Thomas Crouch  
Deputy Director General  
Southeast Asia Department  
Asian Development Bank (ADB)

#### AM SESSION

0830-0900 **Registration**

0900-0930 **Session 1: Opening Session**

- Welcome and Opening Remarks by the Chair and Co-Chair
- Brief Statements from the Other Heads of SOM Delegations

0930-1000 **Session 2: Review of the Updated Vientiane Plan of Action (VPOA), 2008-2012 and Recent Developments**

- *Discussions on key developments*

*Report of the Economic Corridors Forum Task Force*

- *Official from Cambodia*

1000-1015 Coffee Break

1015-1200 **Session 3: Draft GMS Sectoral Strategies and other Deliverables for the 15<sup>th</sup> GMS Ministerial Conference**

- *Review of progress of draft sector strategies/ other 15<sup>th</sup> MM deliverables*

(i) *GMS HRD Strategic Framework and Action Plan*

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<sup>1</sup> Reference Documents: 1) Updated Vientiane Plan of Action; 2) Draft HRD Strategy and Action Plan; 3) Draft Energy Cooperation Roadmap; 4) Draft Strategies and Action Plans for NSEC and EWEC; 5) Update on ECF-2; 6) Draft Strategy and Work Plan on GMS Transport and Trade Facilitation; and 7) 15<sup>th</sup> GMS Ministerial Conference Documents: Draft Agenda/Program, Draft Joint Ministerial Statement, Calendar of GMS Events

- *Official from the Cambodia (proposed)*
- (ii) *GMS Road Map for Expanding Cooperation in Energy*
  - *Official from Lao PDR (proposed)*
- (iii) *Strategy and Action Plan for the North-South Economic Corridor*
  - *Official from the PRC (proposed)*
- (iv) *Strategy and Action Plan for the East-West Economic Corridor*
  - *Official from Myanmar (proposed)*
- (v) *Work Program for GMS Investment Cooperation*
  - *Official from Thailand (proposed)*

1200-1315 Lunch

**PM SESSION**

1315-1515 **Session 4: GMS Transport and Trade Facilitation**

- *Discussion of progress in transport and trade facilitation initiatives and the strategic review of transport and trade facilitation in the GMS*
  - o *Official from Viet Nam (proposed)*
- *Report by the GMS Business Forum*
  - o *Official from the GMS Business Forum (proposed)*

1515-1530 Coffee Break

1530-1700 **Session 5: Final Preparations for 15<sup>th</sup> GMS Ministerial Meeting and Finalization of the Joint Ministerial Statement (JMS)**

- *Review of final preparations for the 15<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Meeting*
- *Discussion/ review of the JMS and endorsement of its final version*
  - o *Chair and Co-Chair*

1700-1720 **Session 6: Other Matters**

- *Hosting of the 16<sup>th</sup> GMS Ministerial Conference*
- *Hosting of the Fourth GMS Summit/ Schedule of Task Force Meetings*

1720-1750 **Session 7: Wrap Up and Closing Session**

## Greater Mekong Subregion Economic Cooperation Program

### Development Partners' Meeting (DPM)<sup>2</sup> 18 June 2009, Thursday Chiang Mai, Thailand

#### Draft Provisional Agenda and Program

Chair: Mr. Arkhom Termpittayapaisith  
Deputy Secretary General  
National Economic and Social Development Board  
GMS National Coordinator  
Kingdom of Thailand

Co-Chair: Mr. Arjun Thapan  
Director General  
Southeast Asia Department  
Asian Development Bank (ADB)

#### AM SESSION

- 0830-0845      **Registration**
- 0845-0900      **Session 1: Opening Session**
- Welcome and Opening Remarks by the Chair and Co-Chair
- Mr. Arkhom Termpittayapaisith, Chair  
Mr. Arjun Thapan, Co-Chair
- 0900-0930      **Session 2: Overview of GMS Developments/Updates of the Vientiane Plan of Action, 2008-2012**
- *Presentation of key GMS sector developments and VPOA progress*
    - o *Mr. Arkhom Termpittayapaisith, Deputy Secretary General, NESDB, Thailand and Chair of the DPM*
- 0930-1030      **Session 3: Human Resource Development**
- *Discussion of key elements of new sector strategy and the emerging opportunities for development partnerships*
- (i) *Presentation of key features of the GMS HRD Strategic Framework and Action Plan*
- *Official from the Cambodia (proposed)*
- (ii) *Comments from lead partner(s) on challenges ahead and opportunities*

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*for collaboration (to be confirmed)*

*(iii) Open discussion*

1030-1045

Coffee Break

1045-1145

**Session 4: Supporting sustainable growth through the expansion of cooperation in Energy**

- *Discussion of key elements of the new sector strategy and the emerging opportunities for development partnerships*

*(i) Presentation of key features of the GMS Road Map for Expanding Cooperation in Energy*

- *Official from Lao PDR (proposed)*

*(ii) Comments from lead partner(s) on challenges ahead and opportunities for collaboration (to be confirmed)*

*(iii) Open discussion*

1145-1245

**Session 5: Accelerating the transformation of transport corridors into economic Corridors**

- *Presentation of key elements of the economic corridor strategies and action plans and work program for investment cooperation, and discussion of their implications on development partner programs*

*(i) Strategy and Action Plan for the North-South Economic Corridor*

- *Official from the PRC (proposed)*

*(ii) Strategy and Action Plan for the East-West Economic Corridor*

- *Official from Myanmar (proposed)*

*(iii) Work Program for GMS Investment Cooperation*

- *Official from Thailand (proposed)*

*(iv) Open discussion*

1245-1400

Lunch

**PM SESSION**

1400-1500

**Session 6: Achieving Economic Integration through Transport and Trade Facilitation**

*(i) Presentation of progress in transport and trade facilitation initiatives and strategic review of transport and trade facilitation in the GMS*

- *Official from Viet Nam (proposed)*

*(ii) Comments from lead partner(s) on challenges ahead and opportunities for collaboration (to be confirmed)*

*(iii) Open discussion*

1500-1600

**Session 7: Promoting climate-resilient and environmentally-sustainable growth in the GMS**

*(i) Presentation of ongoing and proposed initiatives by a representative of the GMS Environment Operations Center (proposed)*

*(ii) Comments from lead partner(s) on challenges ahead and opportunities for collaboration (to be confirmed)*

*(iii) Open discussion*

1600-1615

Coffee Break

1615-1645

**Session 8: Other Matters**

*Discussion of additional topics/issues that senior officials and/or development partners may wish to raise*

## Greater Mekong Subregion Economic Cooperation Program

### GMS Ministerial Meeting and Retreat 19 June 2009, Friday Chiang Mai, Thailand

#### Draft Provisional Agenda and Program

Chair: GMS Minister of Thailand  
Co-Chair: C. Lawrence Greenwood, Jr.  
Vice President (Operations 2)

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| <b>AM SESSION</b> | <b>15<sup>th</sup> GMS Ministerial Meeting</b>  |
| 0850-0900         | <b>Photo Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GMS Ministers, ADB Vice President, and Director General and Deputy Director General of Southeast Asia Department, ADB</li></ul>  |
| 0900-1000         | <b>Session 1: Opening Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome Remarks by High-Level Official of Thailand</li><li>• Opening Remarks by ADB Vice President</li><br/><li>• Brief Statements from GMS Ministers of the Other GMS Countries<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Kingdom of Cambodia</li><li>People's Republic of China</li><li>Lao People's Democratic Republic</li><li>Union of Myanmar</li><li>Socialist Republic of Viet Nam</li></ul></li></ul> |
| 1000-1015         | <b>Session 2: Report of the Chair of the Senior Officials' Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Presentation by the SOM Chair</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <i>Mr. Arkhom Termpittayapaisith, Deputy Secretary General, NESDB, Thailand</i></li></ul></li></ul>  |
| 1015-1030         | <b>Session 3: Report of the Co-Chair of the Development Partners' Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Presentation by the DPM Co-Chair</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <i>Mr. Arjun Thapan, Director General, Southeast Asia Department, ADB</i></li></ul></li></ul>  |
| 1030-1045         | Coffee Break  |
| 1045-1130         | <b>Session 4: Statements by the Development Partners</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Statements by development partners of their GMS-related programs and responses to recent GMS initiatives</i></li></ul>  |

- 1130-1145      **Chair's Summary**
- 1145-1430      Lunch  
*Phnom Penh Plan Top Development Management Program:*
- *A learning event to introduce new perspectives and paradigms on cutting-edge development issues of particular relevance to the GMS, and to provide updates on new trends and issues on various dimensions of development management.*
    - o ----- (Speaker)
- PM SESSION**      **Ministerial Retreat (closed session)**
- *Session to allow the GMS Ministers to openly exchange views, in an informal and interactive way, on the key issues facing the GMS Program.*
- 1430-1645      **Open Discussion of Key Topics by Ministers**
- *The Chair will introduce the topics. Then the floor will be opened for the Ministers to present their views or raise any point of recommendation.*
- 1645-1700      **Consideration of the Joint Ministerial Statement (JMS)**
- *A final review of the JMS and its endorsement by the GMS Ministers*
- 1700-1715      **Conclusion of the 15<sup>th</sup> GMS Ministerial Meeting**
- 1715- 1745      Other Events (TBD) – Open Session
- 1745- 1800      *Press Conference (GMS Minister of Thailand and ADB Vice-President) and Issuance of the Joint Ministerial Statement*