

**Greater Mekong Subregion Economic Cooperation Program
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Initial List of Proposed Topics for the Ministerial Retreat

For the Ministerial Retreat on 19 June 2009, the Ministers will be requested to engage in open discussion on topics that will help in further refining and strengthening the GMS Program's responses/actions to key issues and challenges affecting the subregion, as well as in charting the way forward for the Program.

PROPOSED ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION FOR THE MINISTERIAL RETREAT

Issues	Sectors Involved
1. Expediting the implementation of the GMS Cross Border Transport Agreement (CBTA) and other key transport and trade facilitation measures in the GMS A look into the various impediments to the implementation of the CBTA, and an examination of their underlying causes, with the view to prescribing corrective actions (e.g. policy, procedural, institutional, infrastructure, capacity) which the GMS countries may undertake individually and jointly.	Transport, Trade Facilitation, Investment/GMS Business Forum
2. GMS Beyond 2012: The new 10-Year GMS Strategic Framework- A discussion of the possible major global, regional, and national development challenges and development directions facing the GMS after 2012, and how the new 10-Year GMS Strategy (2012-2022) should respond to said challenges. Experience of other regional cooperation programs may be presented.	Multi-sector