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'Implementing New Strategic Directions in HRD Cooperation in the GMS'

GUIDELINES FOR SIMULTANEOUS BREAK-OUT GROUPS

I. Break-out Group Objectives:

1. discuss the progress of on-going initiatives;
2. discuss high priority pipeline projects identified in the Strategic Framework and Action Plan;
3. recommend new project concepts/proposals for subregional cooperation;
4. identify opportunities for resource mobilization (financial, technical and human resources) to support new initiatives; and
5. facilitate networking among country participants and development partners.

II. Guidelines:

A lead facilitator has been designated to moderate the group session. Each break-out group will need to designate a rapporteur who will present the group's report to the plenary session. The group report (5-10 minutes each) will be presented through either powerpoint or overhead projector.

III. Suggested Modality:

The break-out groups are encouraged to:

1. discuss and scope high priority pipeline projects identified in the Strategic Framework and Action Plan;
2. propose new projects (short, or medium - long-term);
3. identify the lead GMS country, participating GMS countries, key players from public and private sectors, and among development partners and the respective role of each player; and
4. estimate the costs.

IV. Expected Output: Group Rapporteurs will present their respective Group Reports to Plenary (Please refer to suggested Report Format in **Attachment 1**).