

**Greater Mekong Subregion  
Tenth Ministerial Conference on Subregional Economic Cooperation  
Yangon, Myanmar  
27 November 2001**

**Senior Officials Meeting  
Provisional Agenda**

0830 - 0900 Registration

**0900 - 0920 Session I- Opening Session**

0900 - 0920 Welcome and Opening Remarks

H.E. Brig. Gen. David Abel  
Minister, Office of the Chairman of the  
State Peace and Development Council (SPDC)  
Union of Myanmar

Mr. C.R. Rajendran, Manager  
Programs Department (West), Division 3  
Asian Development Bank

**0920 - 1115 Session II- Review of Priority Subregional Projects and Agreements at Meetings of GMS Forums and Working Groups**

Chairperson

Mr. C.R. Rajendran, Manager  
Programs Department (West), Division 3  
Asian Development Bank

Co-Chairperson

U Soe Lin  
Director General, Foreign Economic Relations Department  
Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development  
Union of Myanmar

0920 - 0950 Overview of the GMS Program Strategic Thrusts and Sectoral Accomplishments

Resource Person/ Presenter

Mr. Toru Tatara  
Head, GMS Unit, ADB

Mr. Myo Thant  
Senior Regional Cooperation Economist GMS, ADB

- [An overview of the GMS Program strategic thrusts, and key operational issues will be expounded]
- Discussion

0950 - 1030 Key Infrastructure Developments  
(Transport, Telecommunications, Energy)

Resource Person/ Presentor  
Mr. Preben Nielsen  
Deputy Director  
Infrastructure, Energy, and Financial Sectors Department (West), ADB

- [Discussion will focus on measures to expedite the implementation of priority infrastructure projects.]

1030 - 1045 Coffee or Tea Break

1045 - 1115 Environment/ Strategic Environment Framework (SEF)

Resource Person/ Presentor  
Mr. J. Warren Evans  
Manager, Environment Division, ADB

- [The subject will include the draft GMS communique for the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD or RIO + 10), and the components of SEF for improved planning in GMS.]

**1115 - 1230 Session III- Promoting the Long Term Sustainability of Regional Cooperation in the GMS**

1115 - 1200 GMS Strategic Framework (GMS-SF)

Resource Person/ Presentors  
Mr. Toru Tatara  
Head, GMS Unit, ADB

Mr. David Husband  
Senior Advisor, GMS Program

- [Discussion will focus on the elements of the proposed GMS Strategic Framework, including the key issues and challenges, strategic thrusts and operational priorities, and implementation arrangements.]

- Discussions

1200 - 1230 GMS Institutional Framework: Review and Recommendations

Resource Person/ Presentors  
Mr. George Abonyi  
Senior Advisor, GMS Program

Ms. Carolina S. Guina  
Advisor, GMS Program

- [The session will discuss the findings and recommendations of the institutional review of the GMS Program and come up with a consensus on the requirements for institutional strengthening and capacity building]
- Discussions

**1230 - 1400 Lunch to be hosted by the Asian Development Bank**

**1400 - 1530 Session V- Joint Ministerial Statement**

1400 - 1430 Review of the Draft of the Joint Ministerial Statement

- [ The Meeting will provide additional suggestions on the form and substance of the draft Joint Ministerial Statement]

1430 - 1450 Review of the Environmental Communiqué

1450 - 1520 Consideration of the Report of the Chairman of the GMS Senior Officials Meeting to the Tenth Ministerial Conference

1520 - 1530 Venue of the GMS Ministerial Conference

**1800 - 1930 Cocktail Reception Hosted by the Asian Development Bank**