

**Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS):
Sixth Meeting of the Working Group on Human Resource Development (WGHRD-6)
Cape Panwa Hotel, Phuket, Thailand, 21-22 April 2005**

Theme: “Improving the Competitiveness of the Greater Mekong Subregion”

Annotated Meeting Agenda/ Program

Wednesday, 20 April 2005

Arrival of Participants

2000 Working Dinner for Heads of GMS Delegations; Venue: Seahorse Room, Cape Panwa Hotel

Day 1: Thursday, 21 April 2005

0830- 0900 Registration

0900- 0930 **Opening and Welcome Remarks**

Mr. Piamsak Milintachinda
Director-General
Thailand International Development Cooperation Agency
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Royal Thai Government

Mr. Jean Pierre Verbiest
Country Director
Thailand Resident Mission
Asian Development Bank

0930- 0945 **The GMS Program: Strategic Directions in Human Resource Development**
(Presenter: Mr. Myo Thant, Principal Economist, Social Sectors Division, Mekong Department, ADB)

The session will provide an opportunity for countries to be updated on new developments and strategic directions, including the involvement of development partners and the private sector in GMS programs, consequent to the 13th GMS Ministerial Conference and Development Partners’ Meeting held in Vientiane, December 2004.

0945- 1000 Coffee Break

1000- 1005 Brief introduction of Delegates

1005- 1130 **Country Statements** (Presenters: GMS Countries)

The session will provide an opportunity for countries to express their formal positions including needs, achievements, offers of assistance and strategic directions. Each country will have approximately 10-15 minutes to present their statement which will be distributed. Coffee/tea will be made available during this session but there will be no recess.

1130- 1230 **Status of Ongoing WGHRD Initiatives:**

Health (Presenter: Mr. Vincent de Wit, Senior Health Specialist, Social Sectors Division, Mekong Department, ADB)

1. Preparatory Project on Communicable Diseases Control in the GMS
2. Strengthening Malaria Control Strategies for Ethnic Minorities in the GMS
3. Financing Needs for HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care in Asia and the Pacific

Education

1. Phnom Penh Plan Phase I
2. Networking with the Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand

(Presenter: Ms. Sukhdeep Brar, Senior Education Specialist, Social Sectors Division, Mekong Department, ADB)

3. ICT and HIV/AIDS Preventive Education in the Cross-Border Areas of the GMS
4. Vulnerability and Risk Mitigation among Ethnic Minorities in the GMS through Information Management

(Presenter: Ms. Manoshi Mitra, Senior Social Development Specialist, Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Mekong Department, ADB)

Labor

1. Preventing the Trafficking of Women and Children and Promoting Safe Migration in the GMS (Presenter: Ms. Manoshi Mitra, ADB)

The session will present the context of GMS subregional cooperation in these topics to achieve Millennium Development Goals and the current status of various major GMS programs and projects based on the agreements reached at the previous meeting. Each presentation should be under 15 minutes to allow some time for questions. Presenters will be asked to use power point presentations which will be complemented by printed documents that will be made available outside the workshop room.

1230- 1330 Lunch (Café Andaman)

1330- 1515 **New Initiatives:**

Health

1. Communicable Diseases Control Project (*Presenter: Mr. Vincent de Wit, ADB*)
2. PRC Proposal on 1st GMS Forum on Communicable Diseases (*Presenter: Ms. Lu Guoping, Section Chief, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Health, PRC*)

Education

1. Role of the Mekong Institute (*Presenter: Ms. Anita Horton, Resource Mobilization Officer, MI*)
2. Expanded Networks (*Presenter: Ms. Lilita Pacudan, Project Specialist, GMSARN*)
3. Phnom Penh Plan Phase II (*Presenter: Ms. Sukhdeep Brar, ADB*)

1515-1530 Coffee Break

1530-1600 **Social Development**

1. World Bank GMS Labor Migration Program (*Presenter: Mr. Pierre Fallavier, Human Development Specialist, WB*)
2. Community Development Program (*Presenter: Thailand*)

The session will discuss or present new GMS initiatives that are being implemented by the ADB as well as other development partners. Each presentation should be not more than 15 minutes long to be followed by questions and answers. Presenters will be asked to use power point presentations which will be complemented by printed documents that will be made available outside the workshop room.

1600- 1700 **General Discussions**

The session will allow general discussions and exchange of views among the participants regarding the topics covered during the morning and afternoon sessions.

1900-2100 Welcome Dinner for all participants co-hosted by TICA and ADB (Venue: Panwa House, Cape Panwa Hotel)

Day 2: Friday, 22 April 2005

0830- 0845 **Summary of Day 1 Discussions** (*Presenter: ADB*)

0845- 1000 **Break-out Sessions on Needs under each Sector** (**Health**: Tamarind Room; **Education**: Seahorse Room; **Labor**: Marlin Room)

1. Identification of needs
2. Updating of Development Matrix
3. Networking

There will be three breakout sessions which will allow participants with similar specializations to discuss in more detail the new initiatives which have been discussed the previous day as well as update and validate the development matrix. The session will also facilitate networking among the country participants as well as between country participants and development partners.

1000- 1015 Coffee Break

1015- 1200 **Continuation of Break-out Sessions**

1200- 1330 Lunch (Café Andaman)

1330- 1430 **Plenary Presentations by Break-Out Group Leaders**

The objective of this session is to provide an opportunity for cross fertilization of ideas and perspectives across the three different sectors. Each break out group leader will have approximately 15 minutes to report, to be followed by discussions.

1430-1630 **The Way Forward**

This session will be used to exchange ideas on how to further advance GMS cooperation in HRD in the following areas, particularly in the context of providing inputs to: (i) the Senior Officials' Meeting; (ii) Ministerial Meeting; and (iii) 2nd GMS Leaders' Summit:

- *Expansion of networks with various Development Partners*
- *Operationalization of cooperation on Labor*
- *Mobilization of resources including private sector*
- *Archiving and sharing of WGHRD-related reference materials*

1630-1645 Coffee Break

1645- 1700 Closing Session

- Agreement regarding WGHRD-7
 - Theme
 - Venue and date
- Closing Remarks

Saturday, 23 April 2005 Departure of Participants