

Greater Mekong Subregion Economic Cooperation Program

**ADB RETA 6310:
Economic Corridors Forum (ECF) National Consultation Meeting
Kunming, Yunnan Province, PRC
Thursday, 5 June 2008**

Objectives of the Consultations:

1. To consolidate comments and suggestions resulting from the series of national consultations on the proposed institutional arrangements for GMS economic corridor development, especially on the proposed terms of reference (TOR) of the ECF; and
2. To discuss remaining issues and succeeding activities for enhancing institutions for the purpose of promoting GMS economic corridor development.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

0830 - 0900	Registration
0900 - 0930	Session 1: Opening Session
0930 -1000	Session 2: Overview of Proposed Institutional Arrangements <i>(i) Results of Country Consultations</i> <i>(ii) Remaining Issues</i> <i>(iii) Next steps</i>
1000 -1015	<i>Coffee Break</i>
1015 -1200	Session 3: Discussion on Proposed Institutional Arrangements
1200 -1300	<i>Lunch</i>
1300 -1445	Session 4: Discussion on Preparation and Matters pertaining to the Inaugural Meeting of the ECF <i>(i) ECF Agenda for 6-7 June 2008</i> <i>(ii) Draft Kunming Consensus</i>
1445 -1500	<i>Coffee Break</i>
1500 -1630	Session 4: Continued
1630 -1645	Session 5: Other Matters
1645 -1700	Session 6: Wrap Up and Conclusion

Inaugural Meeting of the GMS Economic Corridors Forum

6 - 7 June, Kunming, China

Provisional Agenda

Chair: H.E. Qiu Hong, Assistant Minister of Commerce of China

Co-Chair: Mr. Klaus Gerhaeusser, Officer-in-Charge, East Asia Regional Department,
Asian Development Bank

June 6, 2008 (Friday)

10:00 - 10:30 Opening Ceremony

Venue: Multifunctional hall, 4th floor, Kunming Conference Center

Moderated by: H.E. Ms. Qiu Hong, Assistant Minister of Commerce, China
and Chair of the Meeting

10:00 - 10:05 Introduction of guests on the podium

10:05 - 10:10 Opening Remarks by H.E. Mr. Chen Deming, Minister of Commerce, China

10:10 - 10:15 Welcome remarks by H.E. Mr. Qin Guangrong, Governor of Yunnan Province,
China

10:15 - 10:20 Remarks by H.E. Mr. Somsavat Lengsavad, Vice Premier, Lao PDR

10:20 - 10:25 Remarks by Mr. Klaus Gerhaeusser, Officer-in-Charge, East Asia Regional
Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

10:25 - 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 GMS Economic Corridors Forum

Venue: No.1 International Conference Hall, 3rd floor, Kunming Conference
Center

Moderated by: Mr. Klaus Gerhaeusser, Officer-in-Charge, East Asia Regional
Department, ADB, and Co-Chair of the Meeting

Topic:

1.Objectives, current status and constraints in the development of the GMS
economic corridors;

2. The Strategy and Action Plan for the GMS North-South Economic Corridor

Development.

- 10:45 - 11:00 Introduction of the TOR of the GMS ECF by Mr. Thomas Crouch, Deputy Director General, Southeast Asia Regional Department, ADB
- 11:00 - 11:15 Introduction of Draft Strategy and Action Plan for the GMS North-South Economic Corridor Development by Mr. David J. Green, Director, Country Coordination and Regional Cooperation Division, Southeast Asia Regional Department, ADB
- 11:15 - 11:25 Comments by H.E. Dr. Cham Prasidh, Senior Minister and Minister of Commerce and GMS Minister, Cambodia
- 11:25 - 11:35 Comments by H.E. Mr. Chen Deming, Minister of Commerce, China
- 11:35 - 11:45 Comments by H.E. Mme. Khempheng Pholsena, Minister of the Prime Minister's Office, Head of Water Resource & Environment Administration, Minister of GMS, Lao PDR
- 11:45 - 11:55 Comments by H.E. Brig-Gen. Tin Naing Thein, Minister of Commerce, Myanmar
- 11:55 - 12:05 Comments by H.E. Mr. Viroon Tejapaibul, Deputy Minister of Commerce, Thailand
- 12:05 - 12:15 Comments by H.E. Mr. Cao Viet Sinh, Vice Minister of Planning and Investment, Vietnam
- 12:15 - 12:25 Adoption of the Joint Ministerial Statement on GMS ECF ("Kunming Consensus")
- 12:25 - 12:30 Closing remarks by H.E. Ms. Qiu Hong, Assistant Minister of Commerce, China
- 12:30 - 14:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00 **Roundtable Meeting for the Governors Forum**
Venue: Multifunctional hall, 4th floor, Kunming Conference Center
Chairperson: H.E. Mr. Gu Chaoxi, Vice Governor of Yunnan Province, China
- 14:00 - 14:10 Introduction on the TOR of the Governors Forum by Mr. David J. Green, Director, Country Coordination and Regional Cooperation Division, Southeast Asia Regional Department, ADB

- 14:10 - 14:20 Comments by representative from Cambodia
- 14:20 - 14:30 Comments by representative from China
- 14:30 - 14:40 Comments by representative from Lao PDR
- 14:40 - 14:50 Comments by representative from Myanmar
- 14:50 - 15:00 Comments by representative from Thailand
- 15:00 - 15:10 Comments by representative from Vietnam
- 15:10 - 15:50 Discussion
- 15:50 - 16:00 Closing remarks
- 16:00 - 16:30 **Coffee Break**
- 16:30 **Roundtable Meeting for Border Area Development**
Venue: Multifunctional hall, 4th floor, Kunming Conference Centre
Chairperson: H.E. Mr. Oudet Souvannavong, Secretary General of GMS Business Forum, Vice Chairman of Lao National Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- 16:30 - 16:40 Brief on Cooperation in the Border Areas under the Economic Corridors Forum by Mr. David J. Green, Director, Country Coordination and Regional Cooperation Division, Southeast Asia Regional Department, ADB
- 16:40 - 16:50 Introduction of the project “China-Vietnam Border Economic Cooperation Area” by UNDP
- 16:50 - 17:00 Presentation on the project “China-Vietnam Border Economic Cooperation Area” by representative from Honghe, Yunnan Province, China
- 17:00 - 17:10 Presentation on the project “China-Vietnam Border Economic Cooperation Area” by representative from Laocai Province, Vietnam
- 17:10 - 17:20 Presentation by representative from Lao PDR
- 17:20 - 17:30 Presentation on the China-ASEAN FTA and the construction of GMS economic corridors by Mr. Xu Ningning, Vice Secretary General, China-ASEAN Business Council.
- 17:30 - 17:40 Presentation on the status of Thailand-Myanmar border area cooperation by Mr. Surapol Tangsutivong, Secretary General of Thai-Chinese Culture and Economy Association, Thailand
- 17:40 - 18:20 Discussion

18:20 - 18:30 Closing remarks

June 7, 2008 (Saturday)

10:00 - 17:00 **GMS Policy Briefing on trade, investment and tourism**

Venue: Foreign Economic Cooperation Pavilion, Kunming Conference Center

10:00 - 11:00 **Press Briefing by representatives from MOFCOM, Yunnan Provincial Government, and ADB**

Venue: No.1 International Conference Hall, Kunming Conference Center

Chairperson: Mr. Zhang Kening, Acting Director General, Department of International Trade & Economic Affairs, MOFCOM