



Greater Mekong Subregion 21st Ministerial Conference

Concept Note

Venue:	Chiang Rai, Thailand		
Dates:	30 November-1 December 2016		
Proposed Theme:	<p><i>“Spurring Inclusive Growth Along the GMS Economic Corridors”</i></p> <p>This theme, which was agreed upon by the country delegations at the SOM (via videoconference on 17 February 2016), incorporates elements of a ‘sense of action’. It also reflects the various possible deliverables that were also taken up during said meeting, contributing to inclusive growth and building the GMS Community as the third “C” in the GMS 3Cs.</p>		
Proposed Objectives:	<p>(i) To review the progress of various GMS initiatives as contained in the GMS RIF-IP (and possibly to discuss and pass upon the results of a midterm review of the RIF-IP);</p> <p>(ii) To review and/or endorse certain proposed initiatives aimed at the further development of the GMS economic corridors; and</p> <p>(iii) To review and/or endorse specific outputs, agreements, and recommendations from various GMS sectors of cooperation.</p>		
Component Events:	Day 1 AM	<p>Senior Officials’ Meeting (SOM)</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the Progress Report on the RIF-IP; • Final review of the deliverables to the 21st MM (including the results and recommendations of key studies); • Review the Report of ECF-8; and • Take up other major issues, concerns and plans in various sectors and emerging areas of GMS cooperation, as necessary. 	
	Day 1 PM	<p>Development Partners’ Meeting (DPM)</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update DPs on the progress of implementation of the RIF-IP, emphasizing the need for continued DP engagement and support; • Brief the DPs on the results and possible implications to them of key studies, particularly the review and strengthening of the GMS institutional framework; and • Exchange ideas on how the DPs can further participate effectively in pursuing inclusive growth along the GMS economic corridors. 	
	Day 2	AM	<p>Formal Ministerial Meeting – Presentation of the SOM/DPM reports, endorsement of the various MC deliverables; and</p>
		PM	<p>Ministerial Retreat –Provide the venue for Ministers’ discussion of issues/topics that are highly relevant to GMS cooperation.</p>