



21st GMS Ministerial Conference

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Theme: “Spurring Inclusive Growth along the GMS Economic Corridors”

DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS’ MEETING

Chiang Rai, Thailand

Venue: Le Meridien Hotel

30 November 2016, 1330-1630 hrs

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

Chair:	Dr. Pattama Teanravisitsagool Deputy Secretary-General National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB) Kingdom of Thailand
Co-Chair:	Mr. James Nugent Director General Southeast Asia Department (SERD) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
<i>Objectives:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Update development partners on the progress of implementation of the Regional Investment Framework Implementation Plan (RIF-IP), emphasizing the need for their continued engagement and support for the GMS RIF-IP 2020;2. Promote understanding of key drivers for promoting sustainable and inclusive growth-related investments in the GMS; and3. Exchange ideas on how development partners and other key stakeholders can expand and further deepen their roles in pursuing inclusive growth in the GMS.	
1300–1330	Registration
1330–1340	OPENING SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome Remarks by Dr. Pattama Teanravisitsagool, Deputy Secretary-General, NESDB, Thailand• Opening Remarks by Mr. James Nugent, Director General, SERD, ADB



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<p>1340–1400 (20 min)</p>	<p>SESSION 1: GMS REGIONAL INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (RIF-IP) 2020</p> <p>Proposed outcome: Agreed steps to improve the usefulness of the RIF-IP in guiding investment planning and decision making by GMS countries, development partners and the private sector</p> <p><i>ADB will present the highlights of the Mid-Term Review cum 3rd Progress Report of the GMS RIF-IP, 2014-2018 to inform the participants of the Plan's most significant achievements as well as implementation challenges and issues. ADB will also outline key directions moving forward, including required support for the RIF-IP 2020.</i></p> <p>Note: Participants will be provided in advance the RIF-IP MTR and Third Progress Report including the resulting RIF-IP 2020.</p> <p>Presenter/Facilitator: Ms. Jyotsana Varma, Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, SERC/SERD, ADB (5 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open Discussion (15 min)
<p>1400- 1440 (40 min)</p>	<p>SESSION 2: EXPLORING NEW SYNERGIES AND POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS IN SELECTED AREAS</p> <p>Proposed outcome: Greater understanding of key drivers for promoting inclusive growth in the GMS and expanded role for all development partners.</p> <p><i>ADB will present two (2) illustrative case studies of such key drivers:</i></p> <p>Topic 1: Boosting Integrated Agro-based Value Chains to Support Investments in the GMS</p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Pavit Ramachandran, Senior Environment Specialist, SEER, ADB (10 min)</p> <p><i>The GMS agriculture sector has great potential to be an engine for growth in the subregion while sustainably increasing food security. With continued economic growth and increasing incomes in the subregion, the demand for and value attributed to health, safety, and environmental concerns will continue to intensify, hence the heightened attention to ensure food security</i></p>



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	<p><i>and food safety. The presentation's focus will be a GMS approach that benefits from economies of scale, promotes inclusive value chains and trade in safe and environment-friendly agriculture products, fosters environmental sustainability, and considers policy issues and investment opportunities.</i></p> <p>Topic 2: Integrating Sustainable Tourism in Infrastructure Investments to Spur Inclusive Growth</p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Steven Schipani, Senior Portfolio Management Specialist and OIC, Lao PDR Resident Mission, ADB (10 min.)</p> <p><i>The GMS is committed to developing competitive, inclusive, and sustainable tourism. The presentation will feature good practice examples of how government, development partners and industry stakeholders can work together to boost inclusive and sustainable growth by incorporating tourism dimensions into physical and social infrastructure, including linkages between GMS and ASEAN..</i></p> <p>Open Discussion (20 min)</p>
<p>1440-1500 (20 min)</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>
<p>1500-1620 (80 min)</p>	<p>Session 3: PANEL DISCUSSIONS – Building Strategic Partnerships for Inclusive and Sustainable Growth in the GMS</p> <p>Proposed outcome: New partnership opportunities identified for leveraging and mobilizing technical and financial resources, exchanging and sharing of knowledge and know-how, fostering innovations, building capacity, and improving coordination of development efforts at the national and subregional levels.</p> <p>Note: Attached is the proposed Concept Note describing the format, tentative flow, and suggested guide questions for the panel discussion.</p> <p>Guide questions for Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ <i>What are your current strategies and programs/projects for spurring inclusive and sustainable growth in the GMS ?</i>✓ <i>How can your organization contribute to the GMS agenda by way of new partnership opportunities needed under the RIF-IP 2020?</i> <p>Facilitator: Dr. Pattama Teanravisitsagool, Deputy</p>



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	<p>Secretary-General, Thailand National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB)</p> <p>Panelists/Discussants (5-7 min each; total= 30-40 min):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA)¹<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ms. Claudia Hermes, GIZ-CDIA Program CoordinatorJapan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr. Masanari Yanagiuchi, Senior Representative, JICA ThailandMekong Institute (MI)<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr. Watcharas Leelawath, Executive DirectorNordic Development Fund (NDF)<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr. Pasi Hellman, Managing DirectorWorld Bank (WB)<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr. Ulrich Zachau, Country Director, Southeast Asia <p>Remarks by other Development Partners: (10 min)</p> <p>Open Discussion: (20 min)</p> <p>Recap by Facilitator (5 min)</p>
1620-1630	<p>CLOSING SESSION (10 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Wrap up and concluding statements by Chair and Co-Chair
1800-2100	<p>Gala Dinner hosted by The Royal Thai Government</p>

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