

18 September 2017

**Greater Mekong Subregion Economic Cooperation Program**

**Ninth Economic Corridors Forum**  
***Deepening and Widening Benefits of the Economic Corridors***  
***through Inter-sectoral Synergies***

19 September 2017

Ha Noi, Viet Nam

Venue: Song Hong Ballrooms 1 and 2, Sheraton Hotel

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAM-AGENDA**

***Note: A Cocktail Reception for ECF-9 jointly hosted by the Government of Lao PDR and ADB will be held on 18 September 2017 at 1830 hr.***

<b>0800 – 0830</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>0830 – 0915</b>	Opening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Welcome Remarks: H.E. Minister Souphanh Keomixay, MPI Minister/ GMS Minister for Lao PDR (Chair)</li><li>■ Statements by Heads of Delegation from Cambodia, PRC, Myanmar, Thailand, and Viet Nam</li><li>■ Statement by Mr. Ramesh Subramaniam, Director General, Southeast Asia Department, ADB (Co-Chair)</li></ul>
<b>0915 - 0920</b>	<b>GROUP PHOTO OF HEADS OF DELEGATIONS</b>
<b>Part I. Deepening and Widening Connectivity along the GMS Economic Corridors</b>	
<b>0920 - 1000</b>	<b>Session 1: Transport Sector Connectivity</b>
<b>0920 – 0940</b>	<b>Topic 1.1: Preparation of the Draft GMS Transport Sector Strategy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Presentation on proposed strategic and policy thrusts of the draft GMS Transport Sector Strategy. The presentation will also have an assessment of the state of development of GMS economic corridors, which is an input to the TSS.</li></ul> <p>Presenter: Mr. Shihiru Date, Senior Transport Specialist, ADB</p>

0940 – 1000	<p><b>Topic 1.2: Development of a Seamless Railway Network in the GMS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Briefing on the progress of the Greater Mekong Railway Association (GMRA) toward the development of a GMS railway network by 2020, including the initial finding of the study on the missing rail links in the subregion.</li> </ul> <p>Presenter: Dr. Sompong Pholsena, Director General, Railway Department, Lao PDR (Member, GMRA Board)</p>
1000 – 1020	<b>Open discussion on Session 1</b>
1020– 1035	<b>Break</b>
1035 - 1050	<p><b>Session 2: Promotion of Environmentally Sustainable Regional Power Trade Planning, Coordination, and Development in the GMS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Briefing on the progress of GMS cooperation in the GMS energy / power sector.</li> </ul> <p>Presenter: Mr. Andrew Jeffries, Director, Southeast Asia Energy Division, ADB</p>
1050 – 1110	<b>Open discussion on Session 2</b>
1110 – 1125	<p><b>Session 3: Mobilizing Private Sector Investment into GMS Infrastructure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentation on the use of Public-Private Partnerships to attract greater private sector participation in GMS projects, with examples from the work being done by ADB's Office of Public-Private Partnerships (OPPP).</li> </ul> <p>Presenters: Mr. Pratish Halady, Senior Public-Private Partnership Specialist, ADB</p>
1125 – 1200	<b>Open discussion on Session 3</b>
1200 – 1330	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>Part II. Multi-sector/ Inter-sector Approaches to Economic Corridor Development in the GMS</b>	
1330 – 1430	<b>Session 4: Local Area Development along the GMS Economic Corridors</b>
1330 – 1340	<p><b>Topic 4.1: Border Area Planning and Development</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Ms. Phanchinda Lengsavad, Deputy Director General of SEZ Promotion and Management Office, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Lao PDR</p>

1340-1350	<p><b>Topic 4.2: Border Area Development in the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region in the PRC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Presentation on the ADB-supported <i>Guangxi Regional Cooperation and Integration Promotion and Investment Program</i>, which involves, among other activities, sustainable SME investment and development in border areas, development of border economic zones (BEZs), facilitation of cross border investment and financial transactions, and further improvements in cross-border connectivity.</li> </ul> <p>Presenter: Mr. Wu Tiancheng, Executive Director, Guangxi Foreign Loan Projects Management Office, Guangxi Development and Reform Commission</p>
1350-1400	<p><b>Topic 4.3: Viet Nam: Support to Border Areas Development Project</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Presentation on ADB-assisted project for developing road infrastructure and transport, trade and inclusive tourism facilities in the Cambodia, Lao PDR, Viet Nam Development Triangle Area (CLV-DTA)</li> </ul> <p>Presenter: Mr. Ho Phuoc Thanh, Director General, Department of Planning and Investment, Gia Lai Province</p>
1400-1410	<p><b>Topic 4.4: Report of the Governors' Forum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The Host (Yunnan Province, PRC) will report on the highlights and outcomes of the GMS Governors' Forum held on 10 June 2017 in Kunming, Yunnan Province, PRC.</li> </ul> <p>Presenter: Mr. Liu Qixin, Department of Commerce of Yunnan Province</p>
1410-1440	<p><b>Open discussion on Session 4</b></p>
1440-1510	<p><b>Break</b></p>
1510-1520	<p><b>Session 5: Maximizing the Benefits from Regional E-commerce</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Presentation on the ways by which the GMS countries can benefit from Ecommerce, including expanding access to markets, development of microenterprises and small and medium enterprises, and enhancing partnerships with trade promotion organizations and E-commerce facilitation institutions. The presentation may include a progress report on the activities of the Business Alliance of GMS Cross-border E-Commerce Cooperation Platform.</li> </ul> <p>Presenter: Mr. Liu Qixin, Department of Commerce of Yunnan Province</p>
1520-1540	<p><b>Open discussion on Session 5</b></p>
1540-1555	<p><b>Session 6: Promoting Safe and Environment-Friendly Agro-Based Value Chains in the GMS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Presentation on Promoting Safe and Environment-Friendly Agro-Based</li> </ul>

	<p>Value Chains in the GMS Strategy and Siem Reap Action Plan 2018-2022 and possible multi-sector collaboration.</p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Jiangfeng Zhang, Director, Environment, Natural Resources &amp; Agriculture Division, ADB</p>
<b>1555-1615</b>	<b>Open discussion on Session 6</b>
<b>1615-1640</b>	<p><b>Session 7: Panel Discussion: “Trade Facilitation along the Economic Corridors in the GMS”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ A panel of development partners will each present on their organization’s work on trade facilitation in the GMS.</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Mr. Paul Apthorp, Vice-Chairman and Founding Director, GMS Freight Transport Association (GMS FRETA)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Dr. Yann Duval, Chief, Trade Facilitation Unit Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, UNESCAP</p> <p>Mr. Ryohei Gamada, Senior Economist (Asia Region), JETRO Bangkok</p>
<b>1640-1700</b>	<b>Open discussion on Panel Discussion</b>
<b>1700 – 1715</b>	<p><b>Closing Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Wrap-up by Co-Chair: Ramesh Subramaniam, Director General, Southeast Asia Department, ADB</li> <li>■ Closing Remarks by Chair: H.E. Minister Souphanh Keomixay, MPI Minister/ GMS Minister for Lao PDR</li> </ul>