“Taking Action for Inclusive and Sustainable Development in the GMS”

DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS’ MEETING

Venue: Irrawaddy Meeting Room (Bagan Villa), Kempinski Hotel

9 September 2015, 1330-1630 hrs

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

(as of 3 September 2015)

Chair: U Tun Tun Naing
GMS National Coordinator
Permanent Secretary
Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development (MNPED)
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Co-Chair: Mr. James Nugent
Director General
Southeast Asia Department (SERD)
Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Objectives:
1. Follow through on the outcome of the past Development Partners’ (DPs’) Meeting in 2013 and the DPs’ Roundtable Meeting held as a component event of the 5th GMS Summit in December 2014, focusing on the GMS DPs’ Assistance Matrix;
2. Brief DPs about the GMS Projects Database as a geo-coded information portal of GMS projects and activities;
3. Update DPs on the status of the GMS Regional Investment Framework Implementation Plan (RIF-IP) 2014-2018 and its Monitoring System, emphasizing the need for continued DP engagement and support to implement the RIF-IP;
4. Exchange ideas on how DPs can contribute to taking action for inclusive and sustainable development in the GMS.

1300–1330 Registration

1330–1340 OPENING SESSION

- Welcome Remarks by U Tun Tun Naing, GMS National Coordinator and Permanent Secretary, MNPED, Myanmar
- Opening Remarks by Mr. James Nugent, Director General, SERD, ADB

1340–1350 SESSION 1: REVIEWING AND UPDATING THE GMS DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS’ ASSISTANCE MATRIX

Mobilization of resources is always a key challenge for regional cooperation. Support from development partners by way of financing and technical assistance has played a very crucial role in the GMS Economic Cooperation Program, and regular meetings
with donors and other stakeholders, including the private sector, are very important for discussing GMS strategies, programs and projects. At the Development Partners’ Roundtable Meeting held in conjunction with the 5th GMS Summit in December 2014, the GMS Secretariat presented the GMS Development Partners’ Assistance Matrix and highlighted its linkages with the RIF-IP. The Matrix was based on inputs contributed by development partners and represents a consolidated list of ongoing and planned projects in the GMS.

During this session, ADB, as GMS Secretariat will explain possible approaches for updating the Matrix with assistance from development partners to ensure its continued utility for identifying opportunities for collaboration, eliminating areas of duplication, and optimizing development partner support to the GMS Program through the RIF-IP.

- Brief presentation by Mr. James Lynch, Director, Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Division, Southeast Asia Department, ADB

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<td>ADB will provide a briefing on the GMS Projects Database which is being developed as an information portal capturing geo-coded information about GMS projects and activities. The basic structure, content, features, and functions of the GMS Projects Database will be briefly described.</td>
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<td>This Session will recall that the GMS RIF-IP for 2014-2018 was presented to the GMS Leaders at their 5th Summit. The GMS Leaders emphasized the need for GMS officials and other stakeholders to work together to implement the RIF-IP and also monitor its progress to ensure that development results and benefits are achieved. ADB will brief participants about the Guidelines for the RIF-IP Monitoring System, how they are applied, different institutional responsibilities, and the monitoring process. This session will also discuss the initial RIF-IP Progress Report which is a key deliverable for the 20th GMS Ministerial Meeting. The Progress Report summarizes the implementation status of projects as well as remaining gaps and challenges. The ensuing discussion aims to highlight the importance of participation by development partners and the private sector in financing RIF-IP projects, as well as the roles of GMS countries in monitoring the implementation status of projects their respective countries.</td>
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1445-1500 | Coffee Break |
SESSION 4: PANEL DISCUSSION: THE ROLE OF DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS IN "TAKING ACTION FOR INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE GMS"

At the 5th GMS Summit, development partners presented a collective statement to the GMS Leaders that affirmed their “commitment to work with the GMS countries to achieve the objective of green, inclusive growth and sustainable development” in the subregion. Looking forward to the UN Summit scheduled for 25-27 September 2015 as well as the adoption of a post-2015 AEC Agenda, this session will provide a forum for exchanging insights on how the GMS Program may move forward from the Millennium Development Goals towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals as well as towards implementing the post-2015 AEC Agenda. The session will feature presentations and panel discussions among representatives from donor agencies, the private sector, civil society/international NGO, and academia on strengthening partnerships for more inclusive and sustainable development in the GMS. The panelists will discuss their perspectives on the social (people), environment (planet), and economic (prosperity) dimensions of inclusive and sustainable growth, consistent with the UN’s post-2015 agenda for global action, and the GMS serving as a building block for the AEC post-2015.

Facilitator: U Tun Tun Naing, GMS National Coordinator and Permanent Secretary, MNPED, Myanmar

- Introduction by Facilitator of each Panelist (2 min each)
- Panel Presentations by 6 Panelists (maximum 7 min each)

(i) **Ms. Cherie Russell**
Senior Regional Program Manager
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Embassy of Australia, Bangkok

(ii) **Dr. Masami Ishida**
Director General
Development Study Center and ERIA Support Office
Institute of Developing Economies
Japan External Trade Organization

(iii) **Mr. Saumil Shah**
Director, Market Development and Global Growth
General Electric

(iv) **Dr. Than Than Sein**
Vice President
Myanmar Fruit, Flower, and Vegetable Producer and Exporter Association

(v) **Mr. Abid Gulzar**
Director
Advocacy and Justice for Children – East Asia
World Vision International

(vi) **Dr. Thida Kyu**
Professor and Head, Department of Economics
Yangon University of Economics

- Open Discussion (15-17 min)
- Recap by Facilitator (3 min)
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