

Twenty-first Meeting of the GMS Subregional Transport Forum

Luang Prabang, Lao People's Democratic Republic

19–20 July 2017

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM AND AGENDA

Proposed Meeting Theme:

Toward an Efficient GMS Multimodal Transport System

Objectives:

1. To review the initial working draft of the proposed new GMS Transport Sector Strategy under preparation;
2. To review developments in axle load control practices in the GMS and proposals on improving their effectiveness.
3. To review the report on the state of development of GMS economic corridors from the study "GMS Corridors Assessment".
4. To update the meeting on the progress of the Midterm Review of the GMS Strategic Framework, and the preparation of a five-year action plan;
5. To review the initial progress report on CBTA "Early Harvest" implementation;
6. To review progress and plans in the GMS railway sector toward the development of a GMS railway network, including the initial findings of the study currently being undertaken on the missing rail links in the subregion; and
7. To discuss other topics that have a bearing on the GMS transport sector.

First Day: 19 July 2017

0730–0800

Registration

(Registration will be at the Lobby of the Luang Prabang View Hotel)

0800–1130

Field Visit to the *Hongsa-Chiangman Road Construction Project* (Section at Ban Chaingman, Chomphet District, Luang Prabang Province).

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(The bus will leave from the hotel at exactly 0800 and estimated to return before 1200)

Please refer to Attachment 1 for the detailed schedule of the field visit.

1200–1330	Lunch
1330–1400	<p>Opening Session</p> <p>Welcome Remarks</p> <p>H.E. Viengsavath Siphandone Vice Minister Ministry of Public Works and Transport Lao PDR</p> <p>H.E. Dr. Bouakhong Nammavong Vice Governor Luang Prabang Province</p>
	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>Chair, Dr. Oulay Phadouangdeth Director General, Department of Planning and Cooperation Ministry of Public Works and Transport Lao PDR</p> <p>Co-Chair, Mr. Hideaki Iwasaki Country Director, Thailand Resident Mission Southeast Asia Department Asian Development Bank (ADB)</p>
1400–1410	Group Photo Session
1410–1440	<p>Session 1. Midterm Review of the GMS Strategic Framework and Preparation of a Five-Year Action Plan</p> <p><i>(Countries will be briefed on the results of the Midterm Review [MTR] of the GMS Strategic Framework and related preparation of a new 5-year action plan, particularly as these pertain to the transport sector.)</i></p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Cuong Minh Nguyen, Principal, Regional Cooperation Specialist, Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Division (SERC), Southeast Asia Department, ADB</p>
1440–1500	Coffee/tea Break

1500–1530	<p>Session 2. Review of the Initial Draft of the New GMS Transport Sector Strategy</p> <p><i>(The Forum will discuss the initial working draft of the new GMS Transport Sector Strategy under preparation, which is intended to provide general principles and priority thrusts to help guide multimodal transport development in the GMS in the medium-to-long term. The preparation of the Strategy will also eventually be presented for notation of the 22nd GMS Ministerial Conference in September 2017.)</i></p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Shihiru Date, Senior Transport Specialist, Transport and Communications Division (SETC), Southeast Asia Department, ADB</p>
1530–1615	<p>Open Discussion on Sessions 1 and 2</p> <p><i>(The country delegations will be given the opportunity to briefly give their views and ask questions regarding the two related topics of the MTR of the Strategic Framework/preparation of Action Plan and the new GMS Transport Sector Strategy.)</i></p>
1615–1700	<p>Session 3. Review of the Report on the State of Development of GMS Economic Corridors</p> <p><i>(The Forum will be updated with the progress of the study on “GMS Corridors Assessment”, which reviews and evaluates the status of development of the main GMS economic corridors, including the extensions that were endorsed by the 21st GMS Ministerial Conference in 2016, in terms of their physical and other aspects. The study results, together with the draft GMS Multimodal Transport Strategy, will also be presented at the Ninth GMS Economic Corridors Forum (ECF-9) and the 22nd GMS Ministerial Conference in September 2017.)</i></p> <p>Presenters: Mr. Cuong Minh Nguyen, Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, SERC, ADB</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>
1700–1730	<p>Wrap Up of First Day Sessions</p> <p><i>(Chair and Co-Chair summarizes the key issues and points raised during the day’s sessions, as well as the agreements reached. They also open the floor for any other matters related to the topics taken up that the participants may wish to raise.)</i></p>

<u>Second Day:</u> 20 July 2017	
0900–0945	<p>Session 4: Review on the Status of Axle Load Control Practices in GMS countries</p> <p>Presentation: After a brief introductory presentation by Shihiru Date on the STF history on the status of axle load control in GMS countries, Mr. Don Townsend, ADB Consultant will present the status of Axle Load Control in GMS countries, with recommendations.</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>
0945–1030	<p>Session 5. Review of Initial Progress Report on the CBTA Early Harvest Implementation</p> <p><i>(The Forum will be briefed on the progress achieved in the implementation of the GMS Cross Border Transport Facilitation Agreement “Early Harvest” program.)</i></p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Nguyen Ngoc Thuyen, Deputy Director General International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Transport, Viet Nam</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>
1030–1045	Coffee/tea Break
1045–1130	<p>Session 6. Review of Progress and Plans in the GMS Railway Sector</p> <p><i>(The Forum will be briefed on the progress and plans toward the development of a GMS railway network, including the initial findings of the study currently being undertaken on the missing rail links in the subregion, and updates on and next steps for the GMRA.)</i></p> <p>Presenter: Dr. Sompong Pholsena, Lao Director General for Railways and Member, GMRA Board of Directors</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>
1130–1200	<p>Session 7: Statements/Updates from Development Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JICA: Mr. Tomoki Kanenawa and Mr. Tatsuhiro Kondo • NEDA: Col. Saranyu Viriyavejakul <p>Moderated by Co-Chairs</p>

1200–1230	Session 8. Other Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (TBD)• (TBD)• <i>venue of STF-22 (as traditionally confirmed by the next STF host, Myanmar)</i>
1230–1245	Wrap Up of the Meeting and Concluding Remarks Closing by Chair and Co-Chair
1245–1400	Lunch

**Field Visit: Chiangman - Hongsa Road Construction
Project**
19 July 2017

Time/Date	Activities	Remarks
08:00 AM	Leave the hotel	
08:15 AM	Take Ferry to Chiangman	
08:30-11:00 AM	Visit Chiangman-Hongsa Project Contract 2	Overview of the project (By Project Manager)
11:00-11:30 AM	Leave Chiangman back to Ferry and to Luangphabang/Hotel	
13:30 PM	Forum starts at Luangphabang View hotel	

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