

**Business Meeting for the Greater Mekong Subregion Working Group on Health
Cooperation, 20–21 February 2024
Novotel Bangkok Platinum Pratunam Hotel**

This Business Meeting follows from the 6th Annual Meeting of the Greater Mekong Subregion Working Group on Health Cooperation (WGHC) held in Beijing in December 2023. This two-day meeting is dedicated to finalizing the GMS Health Cooperation Strategy for 2024–2030 (Day 1) and shaping the new regional Technical Assistance (TA) to support the Strategy’s implementation (Day 2).

The Business Meeting’s objectives are to:

- (i) Discuss the consolidated feedback on the draft Regional Health Cooperation Strategy 2024–2030 and reach consensus on outstanding issues or concerns.
- (ii) Review, discuss and finalise the strategic framework for the GMS Health Cooperation Strategy for 2024–2030.
- (iii) Review, discuss and agree on the concept for the new regional Technical Assistance (Technical Assistance: Strengthening Regional Health Cooperation in the Greater Mekong Subregion 2024–2029).
- (iv) Finalize the timelines for the Regional Health Cooperation Strategy 2024–2030 and the associated TA Paper.

Special notes on the meeting:

- The meeting’s sessions will be facilitated by the Secretariat of the WGHC, ADB Consultants and the members of the WGHC.
- It is expected that there will be limited PowerPoint presentations since each session was designed to generate open discussion and consensus building to meet the above objectives.
- Please note that the agenda is *likely to change* to accommodate fruitful discussions to reach the necessary consensus. It is a small meeting and active involvement from all the participants will be needed to ensure its success.

DRAFT AGENDA

Day 1, Tuesday: Sapphire Suite 2, 7th Floor Novotel Bangkok Platinum Pratunam Hotel	
8:30 – 9:00	Registration: desk at the entrance of Sapphire 2, 7th floor
9:00 – 9:10	<p>Welcome Remarks <u>Speaker:</u> Dr. Suriwan Thaiprayoon, Deputy Director, Global Health Division, Office of Permanent Secretary Ministry of Health, Thailand</p> <p>(Welcome Remarks (online)) <u>Speaker:</u> Mr. Rikard Elfving, Principal Social Sector Specialist, ADB</p>
9:10 – 9:15	<p>Introduction of Participants and Program <u>Facilitator:</u> Dr. Megan Counahan, Consultant, ADB</p>
9:15– 10:00	<p>Session 1: Review of comments This session will bring the consolidated comments from the WGHC and aim to agree on any outstanding issues or concerns. This session will be key to shaping the discussions during the business meeting.</p>

10:00 – 10:20	Coffee Break: Foyer in front of the meeting room (Sapphire 2, 7 th floor)
10:20 – 11:00	Session 2: Review, discuss and finalise the strategic framework for the GMS Health Cooperation Strategy for 2024–2030 This session will focus on reaching agreement on the revised strategic framework – it will focus on the first two layers: the strategic pillars and the programming areas.
11:00 – 12:00	Session 3: Shaping the details. This session will focus on shaping the details of the activities in the strategic framework for the GMS Health Cooperation Strategy for 2024–2030 – establishing priority activities for 2024/25 and being as clear as possible on the resources needed for the implementation.
12:00– 13:30	Buffet Lunch: The Square Restaurant at 6 th floor
13:30–15:00	Session 4: How will we monitor the Strategy? This session will focus on the monitoring framework for the GMS Health Cooperation Strategy for 2024-2030 — it will keep in mind the lessons learnt from the implementation of the predecessor strategy, hope to understand the necessary resources (discussed in Day 2) and provide draft indicators.
15:00 –15:30	Coffee Break/Group Photo: Foyer in front of the meeting room (Sapphire 2, 7 th floor)/Inside the meeting room
15:30 –16:30	Session 5: Catching up and finalizing agreements. This session will focus on working out what remaining aspects are needed to <i>finalize</i> the GMS Health Cooperation Strategy for 2024-2030. It will also clarify the necessary steps needed <i>for each country</i> focal to enable its endorsement.
18:00 –22:00	Welcome Dinner: View Room (Rooftop, 9 th floor)
Day 2, Wednesday, will focus on the Technical Assistance (TA) being developed by ADB to operationalize the new health cooperation strategy Venue: Sapphire Suite 2, 7th Floor Novotel Bangkok Platinum Pratunam Hotel	
9:00 – 9:10	Recap of Day 1 Check on any outstanding issues
9:10– 09:20	Session 6: Resources for the Regional Technical Assistance This session will outline the financial resources being requested and map out the timeline for approval of the TA.
9:20– 10:00	Session 7: Concept for the TA (Output 1) There will be three sessions to discuss and consider Regional Technical Assistance for the implementation of the Health Cooperation Strategy 2024–2030—this first one will discuss the <i>Draft</i> Output 1: Support the WGHC and its secretariat.
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee Break: Foyer in front of the meeting room (Sapphire 2, 7 th floor)

10:30-11:15	<p>Session 8: Concept for the TA (Output 2)</p> <p>This session will discuss the Regional Technical Assistance <i>Draft</i> Output 2: Operationalize the strategic pillars of the GMS Health Cooperation Strategy 2024–2030.</p>
11:15 – 12:00	<p>Session 9: Concept for the TA (Output 3)</p> <p>This session will discuss the Regional Technical Assistance <i>Draft</i> Output 3: Facilitate programming between GMS countries</p>
12:00– 13:30	<p>Buffet Lunch: The Square Restaurant, 6th floor)</p>
13:30–14:30	<p>Session 10: The Monitoring framework</p> <p>This session will discuss and agree on the draft Design and Monitoring Framework for the Regional Technical Assistance.</p>
14:30– 15:00	<p>Session 11: Finalization</p> <p>This session will discuss the necessary actions and steps needed to be able to present the Regional Health Cooperation Strategy 2024-2030 and the Regional Technical Assistance for Strengthening Health Cooperation in the GMS at the GMS Leaders' Summit in Beijing in Q4, 2024.</p>
15:00 –15:30	<p>Coffee Break: Foyer in front of the meeting room (Sapphire 2, 7th floor)</p>
15:30– 16:15	<p>Session 5: Last points, agreements, and discussions.</p> <p>This session will focus on working out what remaining aspects are needed to <i>finalize</i> the Regional Technical Assistance 2024–2029</p>
16:15–16:30	<p>Closing Remarks:</p> <p>Mr. Rikard Elfving, Principal Social Sector Specialist, ADB</p>