



GMS Knowledge Network: Knowledge-based Policy Dialogue in the GMS

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GMS Knowledge Network: Context, Objectives, and Outputs

Context

- ❑ GMS-2030 calls for “deepening of dialogue on policies and regulations through knowledge-based solutions and capacity building”.
- ❑ GMS-2030 acknowledges the vital role of regional knowledge centers and think tanks and
- ❑ Establishment of the GMS KN was endorsed by the GMS SOM of June 2022 and GMS MC of December 2022.
- ❑ The Steering Committee of the GMS KN 2nd meeting in Oct. 2023 to discuss the preparation of a 2-year Work Plan.

Objectives

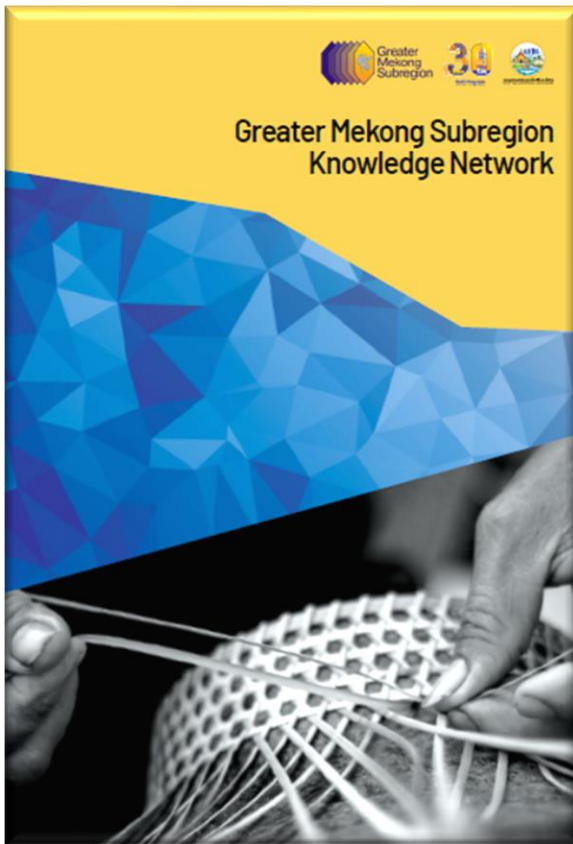
- ❑ Enhance systematic knowledge-sharing among research institutions.
- ❑ A mechanism to coordinate and undertake joint research activities
- ❑ Develop knowledge on key issues leading to greater regional cooperation.
- ❑ Knowledge that can lead to policy dialogue as well as the production of policy and regulatory inputs for government and private sector.
- ❑ Raise the subregion’s voice in the international arena on core topics of equitable and sustainable development.

Outputs

- ❑ **Output 1:** Research and analytical work leading to operational and policy recommendations
- ❑ **Output 2:** Dissemination and knowledge exchange (workshops, conferences, online content)
- ❑ **Output 3:** Training modules and other capacity building activities



GMS Knowledge Network: ongoing actions



- Consultant engaged (August 2023) to work on the stocktaking study of knowledge needs in the GMS
- Prepare GMS Knowledge Network workplan based on the outcome of the stocktaking study
- Identify low-hanging fruit knowledge activities to start work immediately in 2024
- GMS KN Steering Committee Meeting (23 October 2023)
- Consultation with selected GMS Working Groups (October 2023 to April 2024)
- Consultation Meeting with 6 GMS National Secretariats and GMS KN SC members/focals (7 to 18 November 2023)



GMS KN: Preparation of Work Plan

A comprehensive Stocktaking Study

- Identify priority themes and sectors for knowledge generation and dissemination in the GMS Program
- Under each theme and sector, propose specific topics and initiatives where the GMSKN can bring added value
- Provide the basic elements for the development of a draft 2-year work plan for the GMSKN

Criteria when selecting themes and sectors:

- Aligned with priorities of GMS-2030 Strategy and COVID-19 Recovery Plan
- Related to any other emerging areas that help GMS countries address ongoing and emerging challenges to the subregion
- Needs and benefits for regional cooperation and integration have been clearly defined

Criteria when selecting knowledge products and activities

- Through which the GMS KN can bring added value and complement other knowledge sources
- Usable by governments, private sector and other stakeholders, namely in terms of policy dialogue, capacity building
- Where the GMS program is best suited to take forward through sector and thematic working groups.
- Provide recommendations and actions for regional cooperation opportunities



GMS KN: initial results of stocktaking study

Priority Areas and Themes

1. Agriculture and Food Security
2. Cross-Border Trade and Logistics
3. Environment and Climate Change
4. **Energy**
5. Innovation and Digitalization

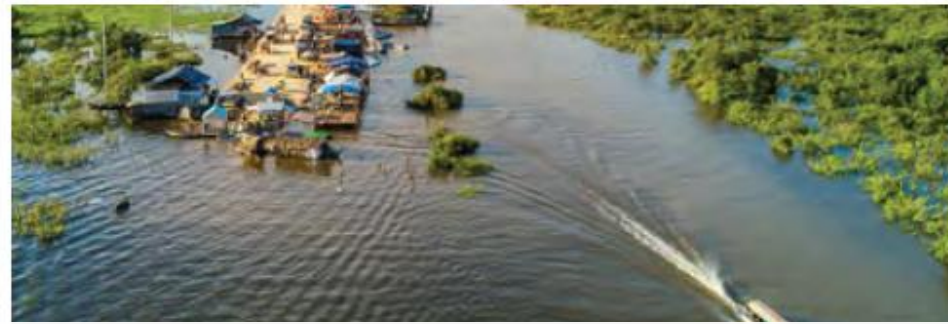
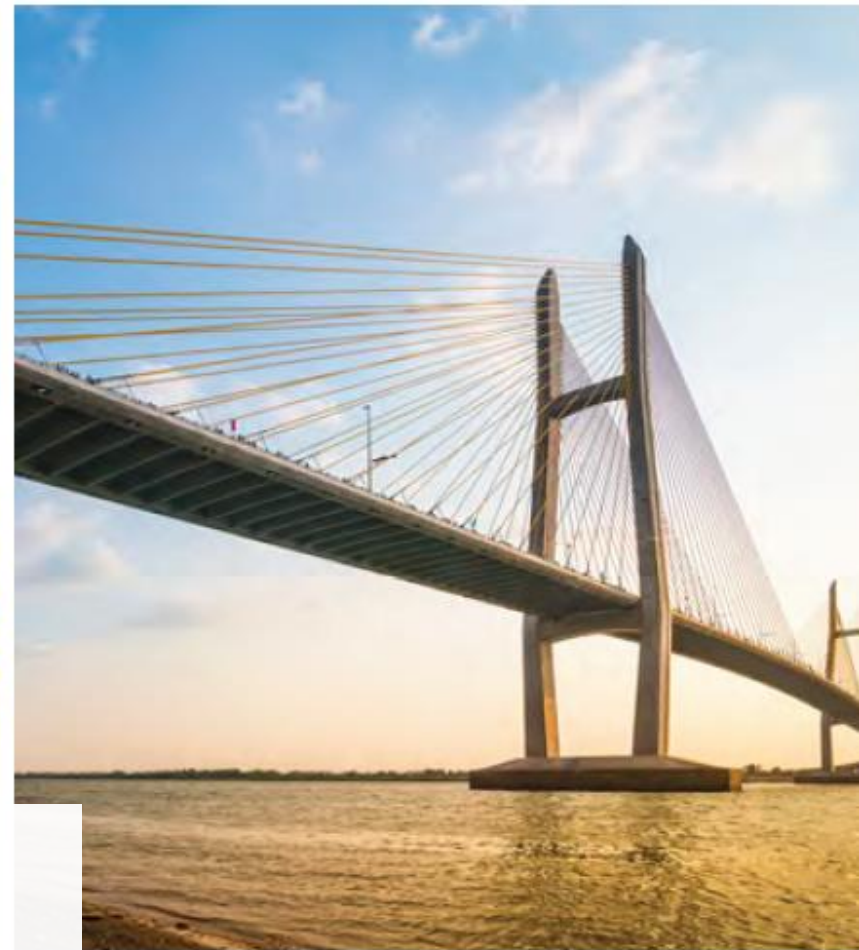
Energy

- Subregional power trade, market development and integration
- Physical, Technical, and operational cross-border interconnection
- Promotion of green energy consumption
 - through the e-vehicles
 - reduce greenhouse gases
 - increase national renewable energy production



Questions and Discussion

1. What themes and topics would you think would be most useful for the GMS Knowledge Network to focus on?
2. Any “low-hanging fruit” would you advise the GMS Knowledge Network to focus on in 2024?
3. How would you best see the GMS Knowledge Network see collaborating with your working group in providing support for policy-dialogue?



THANK YOU!

