



**GMS Task Force on Trade and Investment
Training**
*Integrative Trade: Touchpoints to International
Commerce*
13-14 September 2023
Bangkok, Thailand



Program

Context

The Second Meeting of the GMS Task Force on Trade and Investment (TFTI) has reported multiple areas of substantive progress to date across participating Member States and has identified numerous themes or guiding principles that can inform proposed training or capacity building initiatives.

These include interoperability across process, policy, standards, and technology; access to financing (of various types) to enable successful engagement in trade by SMEs; advancing digital trade and e-commerce; sustainable trade and financing; supply chain transparency and resilience. GMS Member States have also identified numerous challenges in advancing a Digital Trade and Digital Economy agenda, several of which are shared between Member States.

With this context in mind, this training is prepared with the following objectives: (1) Analyze the current state of trade, supply chains, investment and FDI in the Greater Mekong Subregion; (2) Discuss access to financing and various types of financing instruments and mechanisms to enable successful engagement in trade by SMEs; (3) Raise awareness on challenges in advancing a Digital Trade and Digital Economy agenda, (4) Discuss integrative trade, and (5) Explore potential concrete initiatives and next steps on the topics discussed during the training.

Day 1

Registration	All	8:30 – 9:00
Welcome and Introductions	GMS Secretariat	9:00 – 9:15
Session Outline/Expectations		
State of play of global trade, supply, and value chains <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latest trends in global trade, supply, and value chains • Implications of global supply and value chains on jobs • The role of technology and digitalization on global supply and value chains • The implications of climate commitments on global supply and value chains • Geopolitical tension fragmenting trade, investment, and technology flows • Some policy implications 	James Villafuerte Lead Regional Economist Southeast Asia Department	9:15 – 10:00 Presentation (20 min) + Q&A (25 min)
BREAK	All	10:00 – 10:15
Integrative Trade and the Trade Touchpoints <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply chains and sourcing 	Alexander M. Malaket	10:15 – 11:00

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financing • Investment and FDI • Trade facilitation • ESG/Sustainability • Policy lens – high level 	Senior Special Projects Advisor	Presentation (20 min) + Q&A (25 min)
Group Discussion – Understand and analyze the Current State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group discussion • Presentation 	All	11:00 – 12:20 Discussion (50 min) + Presentation (30 min)
LUNCH	All	12:20 – 13:30
Supply Chains and Sourcing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Realities on the ground • Top challenges • SME/Supplier vs. buyer view • Regulatory challenges • Policy lens 	Alexander M. Malaket Senior Special Projects Advisor	13:30 – 14:15 Presentation (20 min) + Q&A (25 min)
Financing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional/Supply chain financing • Trade finance and SME finance gap • Public sector, MDBs and Non-Banks – ADB TSCFP • Evolution of trade financing • Policy lens 	Alexander M. Malaket Senior Special Projects Advisor	14:15 – 15:00 Presentation (20 min) + Q&A (25 min)
BREAK	All	15:00 – 15:15
Group Discussion – Identify Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group discussion • Presentation 	All	15:15 – 16:35 Discussion (50 min) + Presentation (30 min)
Session Close	GMS Secretariat	16:35 – 16:40
Reception Dinner	All	19:00 –

Day 2

Welcome and Day 1 Recap	GMS Secretariat	9:00 – 9:15
ESG/Sustainability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding ESG • Sustainable supply chains • Sustainable finance • Standards, regulation and trade Policy lens	Alexander M. Malaket Senior Special Projects Advisor	9:15 – 10:00 Presentation (20 min) + Q&A (25 min)

BREAK	All	10:00 – 10:15
Trade Facilitation (state of play and way forward) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Findings from the UN Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation • Next Generation TF: digital, sustainable and resilient • Policy and legislative support 	Soo Hyun Kim Economic Affairs Officer ESCAP	10:15 – 11:00 Presentation (25 min) + Q&A (20 min)
Digital Trade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digitization, digitalization and digital transformation • Digital Standards Initiative (DSI) • MLETR: alignment or adoption • Impact of digital trade • Policy lens 	Alexander M. Malaket Senior Special Projects Advisor	11:00 – 11:45 Presentation (20 min) + Q&A (25 min)
LUNCH	All	11:45 – 13:00
Group Discussion – Explore Potential Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group discussion 	All	13:00 – 14:10 Discussion (70 min)
BREAK	All	14:10 – 14:25
Q&A Session	GMS Secretariat	14:25 – 14:45
Policy Workshop – Share Policy Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations • Session Wrap Up 	All	14:45 – 16:15 Presentation (85 min) + Wrap up (5 min)
Session Close	GMS Secretariat	16:15 – 16:20

Overview of the workshop

