

Priorities for Post-Pandemic Green and Resilient Recovery in the GMS

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Program

1:30 pm - 1:40 pm	<p>Opening remarks</p> <p><i>Ramesh Subramaniam, Director General, Southeast Asia Department, ADB, followed by 3-minute video on ADB's response to COVID-19</i></p>
1:40 pm - 2:10 pm	<p>Presentations by GMS WGE representatives on Post-COVID Environment-Friendly and Climate-Resilient Response and Recovery Efforts in Each of the GMS Countries, and Expectations of ADB's Support in Priority Themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cambodia (<i>Sao Sopheap, Secretary of State, Ministry of Environment</i>) • China, People's Republic of (<i>Zhou Jun, Acting Director, Division of Asian, African and Latin American Affairs, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Ecology and Environment</i>) • Lao People's Democratic Republic (<i>Sounadeth Soukchaleun, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment</i>) • Myanmar (<i>Soe Naing, Director, Environmental Conservation Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation</i>) • Thailand (<i>Rungnapar Pattanavibool, Director of Foreign Affairs Division, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment</i>) • Viet Nam (<i>Nguyen The Chinh, Director General, Institute of Strategy and Policy on Natural Resources and Environment, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment</i>)
2:10 pm - 2:20 pm	<p>Updates on (i) ADB TA 9915: GMS Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Program, and (ii) GMS Regional Investment Framework 2022 for Environment</p> <p><i>Srinivasan Ancha, Principal Climate Change Specialist, ADB</i></p>
2:20 pm - 3:10 pm	<p>Kickstarting Post-Pandemic Green and Resilient Recovery in the GMS</p> <p><i>Presenter: Srinivasan Ancha, Principal Climate Change Specialist, ADB</i></p> <p><i>Discussant: Stefanos Fotiou, Director, Environment and Development Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific (ESCAP)</i></p> <p>Reflections by GMS WGE representatives and other participants</p>
3:10 pm - 4:00 pm	<p>Post-Pandemic Priorities for Biodiversity and Wildlife Management in the GMS</p> <p><i>Presenter: Xi Jiao, Resource Person, ADB Consultant</i></p> <p><i>Discussant: Colin Poole, Regional Director, Mekong Wildlife Conservation Society</i></p> <p>Reflections by GMS WGE representatives and other participants</p>
4:00 pm - 4:50 pm	<p>Post-Pandemic Priorities for Sustainable Waste Management in the GMS</p> <p><i>Presenter: Mushtaq Memon, Regional Coordinator for Circular Economy, United Nations Environment Program</i></p> <p><i>Discussant: Stephen Peters, Senior Energy Specialist (Waste-to-Energy), ADB</i></p> <p>Reflections by GMS WGE representatives and other participants</p>
4:50 pm - 5:00 pm	<p>Concluding Remarks by <i>WGE 2020 Co-Chairs</i></p>

