



GREATER MEKONG SUBREGION ECONOMIC COOPERATION PROGRAM

Development Partners' Meeting



20 October 2020

Via Web-based Conferencing

1430-1645 H Manila/Beijing time, 1330-1545 H Bangkok/Ha Noi/Phnom Penh/Vientiane time,
1300-1515 H Nay Pyi Taw time

Introduction:

1. The 24th GMS Ministerial Conference (MC-24) will be held on 4 November 2020 via Web-based Conferencing. MC-24 will prepare for the 7th GMS Summit of Leaders planned in March 2021 in Cambodia. The primary deliverable for the Summit is the new GMS Economic Cooperation Program Strategic Framework 2030, *GMS-2030*, which will provide a new frame to develop the subregion in the next decade, based on deeper regional cooperation and integration in key areas.
2. The *GMS-2030* was prepared in line with the mandate given by the GMS Leaders to the Ministers and senior officials “to begin considering the nature of our journey and future directions beyond the 2022 horizon of the current strategic framework and how the framework can be strengthened and reconfigured to remain flexible, responsive and relevant.” (*Ref.:6th Summit Joint Summit Declaration, March 2018*).
3. Consultations on long-terms directions for the GMS Program began in December 2018, and proceeded with discussions on a new strategy involving the GMS governments, the private sector, development partners, academia, and other stakeholders in early 2019 towards producing a draft of the new strategic framework which would articulate the GMS countries’ aspirations for the subregion for the next decade. The new *GMS- 2030* is intended for the Leaders’ consideration and endorsement at the 7th GMS Summit.
4. Prior to MC-24, a Development Partners’ Meeting (DPM) will convene on 20 October 2020 via web-based conferencing. The DPM will serve as a forum for interactive discussions among GMS senior officials, representatives of development partners, private sector, and civil society that are actively involved in the GMS Program.

Objectives of the DPM:

5. The objectives of the DPM are:
 - (i) To discuss GMS responses to COVID-19, including development partners’ (DP) regional interventions.
 - (ii) To brief development partners on the key elements of the *GMS- 2030*, its vision, mission statement, strategic directions, and results framework, among others;



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- (iii) To exchange ideas on how DPs can contribute Covid-19 initiatives and to the areas of the GMS-2030, capitalizing on experiences and approaches for effective engagement and partnerships through co-financing, technical assistance, and knowledge sharing; and
- (iv) To update development partners on implementation and projects of the GMS Regional Investment Framework 2022 (RIF 2022) and discuss potential areas for development partners to support the projects in the RIF 2022.

Participants:

- 6. GMS Senior officials, representatives of development partner organizations, private sector, and civil society will be invited to participate this meeting.

Summary Report:

- 7. A summary report of the Development Partners' Meeting will be presented to the GMS Ministerial Meeting and will form part of the post-event summary.



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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED PROGRAM AND AGENDA

Chair:	Mr. Wang Zhongjing , Director General, Ministry of Finance, People's Republic of China
Co-Chair:	Mr. Ramesh Subramaniam , Director General, Southeast Asia Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB)
1430 – 1440 (10 min)	Welcome Remarks by Chair and Co-Chair
1440 – 1455 (15 min)	Session 1: Special Session on COVID-19 Response
	<i>To ease the adverse impacts of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, ADB took actions in the GMS countries to respond to immediate needs arising from COVID-19. In this special session, the GMS Secretariat will present the GMS Program and ADB's responses to COVID-19 from February through October 2020.</i> (Presenter: Mr. Asadullah Khan Sumbal, Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, ADB)
1455 – 1510 (15 min)	Session 2: GMS Economic Cooperation Program Strategic Framework 2030: GMS-2030
	<i>The GMS Secretariat will brief the meeting on the GMS-2030: the rationale, vision and mission statement, innovative approaches, pillars of strategy, and institutional arrangements. This session will inform participants on forward-looking directions of the GMS Program over the next decade.</i> (Presenter: Mr. Alfredo Perdiguero, Director, ADB)
1510 – 1555 (45 min)	Session 3: Prospective Development Partner Engagement for Covid-19 Initiatives and GMS-2030 Moderator: Mr. Ramesh Subramaniam, ADB
	<i>To open this session, the Moderator will recap the role that development partners have played, and the partnerships pursued in implementing the GMS Program as guided by the current strategic framework and HAP. Looking ahead towards the implementation of COVID-19 responses and</i>



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	<p><i>the GMS-2030 of development partners, the Moderator will request development partners to give their views on what role they could play in supporting COVID-19 responses and in the GMS-2030.</i></p> <p><i>Prior to the DPM itself, the GMS Secretariat will consult with key development partners who wish to give statements at this session, but the session will also be open for responses from other partners.</i></p>
<p>1555 – 1610 (15 min)</p>	<p>Session 4: Regional Investment Framework 2022 Update</p>
	<p><i>The Regional Investment Framework (RIF) 2022 was developed to support the HAP with a pipeline of priority investment and technical assistance projects under the different sectors of the GMS Program. The GMS Secretariat will present highlights of the status of implementation of the RIF 2022 since it was endorsed by the 6th GMS Summit held in Hanoi, Viet Nam in March 2018.</i></p> <p><i>(Presenter: Ms. Pinsuda Alexander, Economist (Regional Cooperation), ADB)</i></p>
<p>1610-1630 (20 min)</p>	<p>OPEN DISCUSSION</p>
<p>1630-1645 (15 min)</p>	<p>Wrap Up by Co-Chair and Closing Remarks by Chair</p>