



# ADB GMS TA 9916: Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security Program

## Inception Workshop

### AGENDA FOR THE VIRTUAL INCEPTION WORKSHOP

Wednesday 9 June 2021 / 9:00-16:15 (Bangkok time, GMT+7)  
Thursday 10 June 2021 / 9:00-17:00 (Bangkok time, GMT+7)

Building on the achievements of the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Core Agriculture Support Program (CASP) phases I (2006-2012) and II (2012-2019), the Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a Knowledge and Support Technical Assistance (TA) entitled **Greater Mekong Subregion Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security Program (SAFSP) for 5 years (April 2020 – March 2025)**. The TA will support the implementation of the *Strategy for Promoting Safe and Environment-Friendly Agro-Based Value Chains in the GMS and Siem Reap Action Plan*, which was endorsed by the GMS Agriculture Ministers in September 2017.

#### Join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://adb-org.zoom.us/j/95300609257>

**Meeting ID: 953 0060 9257**  
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(Valid for both 9 and 10 June)

The expected **impact** of the TA is 'GMS vision of being a leading supplier of safe and climate-friendly agri-food products realized'. The **outcome** of the TA is: 'GMS investments in and capacity for climate-friendly, safe, and sustainable agri-food value chains increased'. The TA has three **outputs**: (1) Climate-friendly, inclusive, and gender-responsive agri-food value chains and agribusinesses strengthened; (2) Harmonized crop and livestock safety and quality systems adopted; and (3) Climate-adaptive agriculture in the context of the water-energy-food security nexus enhanced. ADB is the executing agency for the TA. The GMS Working Group on Agriculture (WGA), in collaboration with relevant departments of the Ministry of Agriculture and other ministries (e.g., commerce, environment, finance, industry, science and technology, trade), will oversee the implementation of the TA.

Landell Mills has been contracted as the consulting firm to support the TA implementation under overall guidance of WGA coordinators. The consulting team was mobilized on 16 December 2020. The assignment is to be completed within 36 months of mobilization.

The inception workshop aims to receive feedback on the draft inception report and inform the key stakeholders at the GMS and national levels of the proposed assessments, studies, demonstrations, capacity building, and knowledge products. It is expected, by the end of the workshop, that the key GMS stakeholders will have assessed the proposed TA 9916 plans and activities and have contributed to the agreed TA 9916 implementation plan. Moreover, key GMS stakeholders will know their roles, and understand how they will contribute to the TA activities and outputs.

Owing to the prevailing COVID-19 situation and associated uncertainties, the inception workshop will be held virtually using Zoom application.

### Objectives

1. To present the TA 9916 team's inception findings for GMS stakeholder review and feedback, and
2. To build consensus on proposed TA activities and schedule of implementation as well as duties and responsibilities of various stakeholders

## Target participants

- GMS WGA representatives
- Technical department representatives from all GMS Ministries of Agriculture, and other selected ministries
- Private sector (agribusiness) representatives
- Development partner representatives
- ADB
- TA 9916 consultant team

## Expected outputs

1. Understanding and endorsement by the GMS WGA National Coordinators of the TA 9916 plans and activities, and
2. Contribution, commitment, and support agreed by GMS WGA National Coordinators to provide resources (in-kind) for TA field activities, especially the demonstrations.

## Agenda

The virtual inception workshop will be conducted in **English** language. The workshop program is presented below:

Date / Time (CLTV time)	Subject	Presenter / TA / Country
<b>DAY 1: Wednesday, 9 June 2021</b>		
09:00 – 09:05	Welcome by MC Introduction of participants	Mr. Stewart Pittaway – TA 9916 Team Leader
09:05 – 09:15	Opening remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Rapibhat Chandarasrivongs Deputy Permanent Secretary / WGA Coordinator, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MoAC), Thailand</li> </ul>
09:15 – 09:20		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Jiangfeng Zhang Director, Environment, Natural Resource &amp; Agriculture Division, Southeast Asia Department, ADB</li> </ul>
09:20 – 09:30	Scope and Objectives of the workshop	Dr. Srinivasan Ancha – Principal Climate Change Specialist, ADB
09:30 – 10:00	SAFSP – Six Themes and Progress	Mr. Stewart Pittaway – TA 9916 Team Leader
10:00 – 10:20	<b>Output 2.2</b> Improved Cross Border Animal Health and Value Chains	Dr. David Roland-Holst – TA 9916 Animal Health & Value Chains Improvement Specialist
10:20 – 11:00	Panel discussion and Q&A – Output 2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. David Roland-Holst (Facilitator)</li> <li>• Mr. Phouth Inthavong – Deputy Director General, Department of Livestock and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF), Lao PDR</li> <li>• Ms. Mo Shuhua – Director, Foreign Funds Project Management Centre, Guangxi Dept of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, PRC</li> <li>• Dr. Vinod Ahuja – Representative, FAO Mongolia Resident Mission</li> <li>• Dr. Florence Mutua – Scientist, Dept of Animal and Human Health, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) – <i>Absent</i></li> <li>• Mr. Ross de Clifford – Asia Territory Manager, DATAMARS</li> <li>• Dr. Rutjwate Taharnklaew – Board Member, Program Management Unit for National Competitiveness Enhancement (PMU-C) under The Office of National Higher Education Science Research and Innovation Policy Council (NXPO)</li> </ul>

11:00 – 11:20	<b>Output 2.1</b> Food Safety and Quality Standards, Certification, and Traceability	Ms. Vichelle Roaring-Arunsuwannakorn – TA 9916 Food Safety & Quality Specialist
11:20 –12:00	Panel discussion and Q&A – Output 2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Vichelle Roaring-Arunsuwannakorn (Facilitator)</li> <li>Dr. Ker Monthivuth – Director, Plant Protection, Sanitary and Phytosanitary Department (PPSPSD), Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), Cambodia</li> <li>Dr. Thavisith Bounyasouk – Director of Clean Agriculture Standard Center, Dept of Agriculture, MAF, Lao PDR</li> <li>Dr. Nguyen Anh Phong – Director, Institute for Policy and Strategy for Agriculture and Rural Development (IPSARD), Viet Nam – <i>Absent</i></li> <li>Mr. Suriyan Vichitlekarn – Executive Director, Mekong Institute</li> <li>Mr. Pitak Supanantakarn – Vice Chairman, ThaiGAP Institute under Board of Trade of Thailand</li> <li>Mr. Hai Ao – Senior Manager of Fresh Food, Saigon Co-Op, Viet Nam</li> <li>Mr. Patrik Jonasson – Director, Public Policy Asia-Pacific, GS1 Global</li> </ul>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break	
13:00 –13:20	<b>Output 1.1</b> Green, Inclusive, and Gender Response Agri-food Value Chains	Mr. Stewart Pittaway – TA 9916 Team Leader
13:20 – 14:00	Panel discussion and Q&A – Output 1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Stewart Pittaway (Facilitator)</li> <li>Ms. Hu Xinmei – Deputy Director, External Exchange and Cooperation Division, Yunnan Dept of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, PRC</li> <li>Dr. Margaret Yootavana – Senior Policy and Plan Specialist, Planning and Technical Division, Dept of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MoAC), Thailand</li> <li>Dr. Ilean Russell – Senior Policy Officer, FAO-EU Food and Nutrition Security Impact, Resilience, Sustainability and Transformation (FIRST) Programme, FAO Cambodia</li> <li>Mr. Reginald Lee – Director, Programs, Grow Asia, Singapore</li> <li>Ms. Shi Fengzhen – Deputy Manager, Shuang Jiang Cun Mu Xiang Tea Co., Ltd., Yunnan, PRC</li> <li>Mr. Tran Manh Chien (Karl Tran to represent) – CEO, Bac Thom, Vietnam</li> </ul>
14:00 – 14:20	<b>Output 1.2</b> Financing for Climate Smart Agribusinesses	Mr. Pramod Pandeya – TA 9916 Agribusiness Financing Specialist
14:20 – 15:00	Panel discussion and Q&A – Output 1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Pramod Pandeya (Facilitator)</li> <li>Mr. Garry Smith – International Consultant</li> <li>Mr. Suriyan Vichitlekarn – Executive Director, Mekong Institute</li> <li>Dr. Sopheap Loeung – Executive Vice President &amp; Group Risk Officer, ACLEDA Bank, Cambodia</li> <li>Mr. Hans Dellien – Agri-Finance Lead, International Finance Corporation (IFC)</li> <li>Mr. Aukrit Unahalekhaka – Co-Founder and CEO, Ricult Thailand</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Karan Sehgal – Renewable Energy Technologies Officer, Environment and Climate Division, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)</li> </ul>
15:00 – 15:20	Digitization: supporting agri-food value chains and harmonized food standards	Mr. Pier Paolo Ficarelli – TA 9916 Digital Agriculture & Innovation Specialist
15:20 – 16:00	Panel discussion and Q&A – Digitization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Pier Paolo Ficarelli (Facilitator)</li> <li>Mr. Li Ming – Head of Research Team, National Engineering Research Center for Information Technology in Agriculture, PRC</li> <li>Ms. Marta Bogdanic – Agritech Lead, International Finance Corporation (IFC), Vietnam</li> <li>Ms. Wei Li Woo – Lead, Grow Asia Digital Program, Singapore</li> <li>Mr. Song Saran – CEO, AMRURICE, Cambodia</li> <li>Mr. Bui Ba Chinh – Chief Operating Officer, GS1 Viet Nam</li> <li>Ms. Sharmeen Khan – Chief Marketing Officer, OpsSmart, USA</li> <li>Xu Yang – Public Affairs Director, Alibaba Group Holding Limited, PRC – <i>Absent</i></li> </ul>
16.00 – 16:15	Wrap up of the day	Mr. Stewart Pittaway and Dr. Srinivasan Ancha
<b>DAY 2: Thursday, 10 June 2021</b>		
09:00 – 09:05	Welcome to Day 2 Review from Day 1	Mr. Stewart Pittaway – TA 9916 Team Leader
09:05 – 09:25	<b>Output 3.2</b> Enhancing Climate-Adaptive Agriculture in the Context of Water-Food-Energy Security Nexus	Dr. Shama Perveen – TA 9916 Water-Food-Energy Nexus Specialist
09:25 – 10:15	Panel discussion and Q&A – Output 3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Shama Perveen (Facilitator)</li> <li>Mr. Soulikone Chaivanna – Planning and Cooperation Division, Dept of Agricultural Land Management (DALaM), MAF, Lao PDR</li> <li>Dr. Nguyen Nghia Hung – Vice Director, Southern Institute of Water Resource Research (SIWRR), Viet Nam</li> <li>Dr. Sinxay Vongphachanh – Irrigation and Agriculture Specialist, Mekong River Commission (MRC) Secretariat, Lao PDR</li> <li>Dr. Kim Geheb – Principal Researcher, Mekong Region Futures Institute (MERFI), Lao PDR</li> <li>Dr. Louise Gallagher – Scientific Coordinator, UNEP/GRID (University of Geneva) – <i>comments via pre-recorded video</i></li> <li>Mr. Marc Goichot – Asia-Pacific Lead, World Wildlife Fund (WWF)</li> <li>Mr. Thomas Raphel – Chairman, Datamatrix Infotech</li> </ul>
10:15 – 10:35	<b>Output 3.1</b> Water and Soil for Enhanced Food Security in Changing Climate	Mr. Nic Richards – TA 9916 Climate Change & Water Adaptation Specialist
10:35 – 11:15	Panel discussion and Q&A – Output 3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Nic Richards (Facilitator)</li> <li>Dr. Seng Vang – Director, Dept of Agricultural Land Resources Management (DALRM), MAFF, Cambodia</li> <li>Mr. Viengsavanh Phimpachanvongsod – Livestock Specialist, National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute (NAFRRI), MAF, Lao PDR</li> <li>Dr. Florent Tivet – Scientific Advisor, General Directorate of Agriculture, French Agricultural Research Centre for Development (CIRAD)</li> <li>Mr. Rajiv Pradhan – Country Director for Cambodia / Project Manager, Innovation for Sustainable Agriculture, Swisscontact</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Sovanda Son – Representative of SmartAgro Sustainable Innovations Co., Ltd. Cambodia</li> </ul>
11:15 – 11:30	Gender	Ms. Bodil Warming – TA 9916 Gender & Social Dev Specialist and Ms. Ruzette Mariano – TA 9916 National Gender & Social Dev Specialist
11:30 – 11:45	Capacity Building	Mr. Son Truong Le – TA 9916 Knowledge Management & Capacity Building Specialist, Ms. Ruzette Mariano
11:45 – 12:00	Youth	Ms. Linh Tran, ADB International Youth Coordination Assistant
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break	
13:00 – 13:40	Panel discussion and Q&A – Gender, Youth and Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Moniratana Mao (Facilitator)</li> <li>Ms. Bodil Warming &amp; Ms. Ruzette Mariano; Mr. Son Truong Le; and Ms. Linh Tran</li> <li>Ms. Kanokwan Laoaroon (Ms. Aoy) – Head of International Affairs, Public Relations and Community Relations, Kasetsart University Kamphaeng Saen Campus, Thailand</li> <li>Ms. Sok Sothearath – Founder, JUNLEN, Cambodia</li> <li>Ms. Kae Mihara – Gender Officer, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Thailand</li> <li>Mr. Thanh Huy – Project Coordinator, Startup Vietnam Foundation (SVF)</li> </ul>
13:40 – 14:10	Proposed Demonstrations	Mr. Stewart Pittaway – TA 9916 Team Leader
14:10 – 14:40	Demonstration Discussion	Mr. Stewart Pittaway (Facilitator) and WGA
14:40 – 15:10	TA 9916 Work Plan: 2021 to mid-2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall TA 9916</li> <li>Each Country</li> </ul>	Mr. Stewart Pittaway – TA 9916 Team Leader
15:10 – 15:40	TA 9916 Work Plan Discussion	Mr. Stewart Pittaway (Facilitator) and WGA
15:40 – 16:35	Next Steps: Final Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Stewart Pittaway and Dr. Srinivasan Ancha (Facilitators)</li> <li>H.E. Dr. Prum Somany – National Coordinator, Cambodia WGA / Advisor to MAFF / Director, Dept of International Cooperation, MAFF</li> <li>Ms. Zhang Bin – National Focal Point, PRC WGA / Associate Researcher, Asia Regional Cooperation Division, Foreign Economic Cooperation Center (FECC), Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA)</li> <li>Ms. Hu Xinmei – Deputy Director, External Exchange and Cooperation Division, Yunnan Dept of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, PRC</li> <li>Dr. Thatsaka Saphangthong – National Coordinator, Lao PDR WGA / Director General, Dept of Policy and Legal Affairs, MAF</li> <li>Ms. Preyanat Thiabratana – Plan and Policy Analyst, Senior Professional Level, Bureau of Foreign Agricultural Affairs, Office of the Permanent Secretary, MoAC</li> <li>Mr. Nguyen Thanh Dam – National Focal Point, Viet Nam WGA / Head of Multilateral Cooperation Division, International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD)</li> </ul>
16:35 – 16:55	Closing Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Srinivasan Ancha – Principal Climate Change Specialist, ADB</li> <li>Mr. Jiangheng Zhang – Director, Environment, Natural Resource &amp; Agriculture Division, Southeast Asia Department, ADB</li> </ul>