



## Greater Mekong Subregion’s Core Agriculture Support Program, Phase 2 (GMS CASP2)

### Discussion Paper Series

The vision of the GMS CASP2 is that the subregion will become internationally recognized as a hub for safe and environment friendly agriculture products. The GMS Working Group of Agriculture (GMS WGA) comprising officials from the Ministries of Agriculture of Cambodia, the People’s Republic of China, specifically Yunnan province and of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Thailand, and Viet Nam - is supervising the implementation of the CASP2 through a technical assistance from the Asian Development Bank (ADB, TA 8163).

One of the outputs of CASP2 is the development of policy measures that will promote safe and environment-friendly agriculture products (SEAP) in the GMS.

The Discussion Paper Series has been initiated by the GMS WGA to provide as the platform for:

- Raising the awareness of concerned stakeholders in the subregion on the major concerns in SEAP development through evidence-based analysis;
- Generating open discussions on the issues and recommendations;
- Identifying the key policy and institutional directions to address these concerns; and for
- Advocating on the appropriate policy and institutional measures.

The themes of the Discussion Paper Series follow the strategic focal areas of the GMS Strategy and Siem Reap Action Plan for *Promoting Safe and Environment-Friendly Agro-Based Value Chain in the GMS*. The Strategy and Action Plan will be implemented from 2018 to 2022. The three themes are: food safety, sustainable management of natural resources for inclusive and sustainable growth of the agriculture sector, and SEAP value chains.

The discussion papers will go to another round of iteration before these are finalized into Policy Papers. A Compendium of the policy papers will be produced to serve as a knowledge product of the GMS WGA.

The Discussion Papers can be downloaded from <http://www.gmswga.org/casp2studies>

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