



**GMS WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURE  
15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING  
29–30 May 2018, Pu'er, Yunnan Province, People's Republic of China**

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Time	Event
<b>DAY 1: 29 MAY, TUESDAY</b>	
8:00 – 17:45	<p><b>GMS Working Group on Agriculture 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting (WGA AM-15) Day 1</b></p> <p><b>SESSION 1:</b> HIGHLIGHTS OF THE GMS CORE AGRICULTURE SUPPORT PROGRAM PHASE II IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS AND POST-AMM2 FOLLOW UP ACTIONS</p> <p><b>SESSION 2:</b> SIEM REAP ACTION PLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GMS STRATEGY–DIRECTIVE FROM THE SECOND GMS AGRICULTURE MINISTERS' MEETING AND RETREAT</p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Jingmai Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Pu'er Jing Land Hotel</p>
19:00 – 21:00	<p><b>Dinner hosted by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, PRC</b></p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Pu'er Kaiyuan Meizi Lake Hotel</p>
<b>DAY 2: 30 MAY, WEDNESDAY</b>	
8:30 – 10:00	<p><b>Drafting of the Record of Discussion</b> (closed session) Participants: 2 WGA representatives from each country and the WGA Secretariat</p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Tuanjie Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Pu'er Jing Land Hotel</p>
10:00 – 12:30	<p><b>WGA AM-15 Day 2</b></p> <p><b>SESSION 3:</b> LINKAGES TO THE GMS PROGRAM AND DIRECTIVE FROM THE 6<sup>TH</sup> GMS LEADERS' SUMMIT</p> <p><b>SESSION 4:</b> THE NEXT STEPS FOR CASP</p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Tuanjie Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Pu'er Jing Land Hotel</p>
14:00 – 18:00	<p><b>Field Visit/Study Tour</b> (Tianshili Bio Tea Technology Co. Ltd. and Pu'er Coffee Trade Centre)</p>
19:00 – 21:00	<p><b>Dinner hosted by the Asian Development Bank</b></p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Wendong Hall, 4<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Pu'er Jing Land Hotel</p>

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<b>MORNING SESSION</b>	
8:00 – 8:30	<b>Registration</b>
8:30 – 9:00	<b>OPENING SESSION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome remarks by Mr. Jiangfeng Zhang, Asian Development Bank (ADB)</li> <li>• Opening remarks by Mrs. Hongtao Ma, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA), People's Republic of China (PRC)</li> </ul>
Chair	Mrs. Hongtao Ma, Deputy Director General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, People's Republic of China
Co-Chair	Mr. Jiangfeng Zhang Director, Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture Division (SEER) Southeast Asia Department (SERD), Asian Development Bank
9:00 – 10:20	<b>SESSION 1: HIGHLIGHTS OF THE GMS CORE AGRICULTURE SUPPORT PROGRAM PHASE II IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS AND POST-AMM2 FOLLOW UP ACTIONS</b> <i>The session will present a summary of the GMS Core Agriculture Support Program Phase II (CASP2) implementation progress, achievements, issues, and challenges in 2017 to early 2018 and status of post-AMM2 follow up actions.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Country reports by WGA National Coordinators/Focal Points — Cambodia, PRC, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Viet Nam</li> <li>• Consolidated status of the letter of agreement (LOA) activities and proposed next steps (Dr. Apichai Thirathon, Agronomist, WGA Secretariat)</li> </ul>
10:20 – 10:40	<b>Group Photo</b> <b>Coffee Break</b>
10:40 – 12:30	<b>SESSION 1: HIGHLIGHTS OF THE GMS CORE AGRICULTURE SUPPORT PROGRAM PHASE II IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS AND POST-AMM2 FOLLOW UP ACTIONS</b> <i>(cont.)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation and updates on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Value chain study: Fruits and vegetables (WGA Secretariat)</li> <li>- Value chain study: Livestock (Dr. Tom Weaver, Private Sector Development and Value Chain Specialist, WGA Secretariat)</li> <li>- Value chain study: Rice (Ms. Vichelle Arunsuwannakorn, Trade Facilitation Specialist, WGA Secretariat)</li> <li>- Consumer preference study (WGA Secretariat)</li> <li>- Agriculture Information Network Services (AINS) v2.0 (Mr. Ludovic Pommier, Regional Information Services Specialist, WGA Secretariat)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
12:30 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b> (Zhentai Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor)

<b>AFTERNOON SESSION</b>	
14:00 – 15:45	<p><b>SESSION 1: HIGHLIGHTS OF THE GMS CORE AGRICULTURE SUPPORT PROGRAM PHASE II IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS AND POST-AMM2 FOLLOW UP ACTIONS</b> <i>(cont.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation and updates on: <i>(cont.)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gender dimension in low-input agricultural value chains in the GMS (Ms. Phuong Ha Pham, Gender Specialist, WGA Secretariat)</li> <li>- Monitoring and evaluation (Ms. Somphavanh Nakhavong, Data and Indicators Specialist, WGA Secretariat)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Updates on activities in collaboration with the private sector and proposed next steps:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Capacity building training of GMS scientists in laboratory methods for food safety (Ms. Nicola Bonnefoy, Food Safety Manager, Food Industry Asia)</li> <li>- Strengthening agri-food product traceability in the GMS (Mr. Patrik Jonasson, Director Public Policy Asia-Pacific, GS1 Global)</li> <li>- Pinxiang-Lang Son cross-border workshop (Ms. Lin Jing, Director, Tianjin Airport Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau, AQSIQ, PRC)</li> <li>- Mekong Agri-Tech Challenge or MATCh (Ms. Georginia Nepomuceno, Regional Cooperation Specialist, WGA Secretariat)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Statement by co-financing partners (Mr. Kiangkrai Thitimakorn, Embassy of Sweden, Bangkok)</li> <li>• Highlights and consolidation of post-AMM2 follow up actions (Dr. Lourdes Adriano, Team Leader-CASP2, WGA Secretariat)</li> </ul>
15:45 – 16:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16:00 – 17:30	<p><b>SESSION 2: SIEM REAP ACTION PLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GMS STRATEGY—DIRECTIVE FROM THE SECOND GMS AGRICULTURE MINISTERS' MEETING AND RETREAT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of country action plans facilitated by Dr. Francesco Goletti, Policy Framework and Capacity Building Specialist, WGA Secretariat</li> </ul>
17:30 – 17:45	<p><b>1st DAY CLOSING SESSION</b> <i>The Chair and Co-chair will wrap up and summarize the highlights of the day's discussions.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recap of key messages, outcomes, and agreements</li> <li>• Other matters— <i>countries to nominate representatives who will draft the WGA AM-15 Record of Discussion the next day</i></li> <li>• Closing remarks</li> </ul>
19:00 – 21:00	<p><b>Dinner Reception hosted by MARA, PRC</b> Venue: Pu'er Kaiyuan Meizi Lake Hotel</p>

<b>DAY 2: 30 MAY, WEDNESDAY</b> (Tuanjie Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor, Pu'er Jing Land Hotel)	
8:30 – 10:00	<p><b>DRAFTING OF THE RECORD OF DISCUSSION (closed session)</b> Facilitator: Ms. Georginia Nepomuceno, Regional Cooperation Specialist, WGA Secretariat</p> <p><i>Two WGA representatives from each country and the WGA Secretariat will draft the Record of Discussion summarizing the key messages and outcome of the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the WGA, including agreement on the implementation of the Strategy for promoting safe and environment-friendly agro-based value chains in the GMS and Siem Reap Action Plan 2018-2022, and directions from AMM-2 and the recently-concluded 6<sup>th</sup> GMS Leaders' Summit.</i></p>
<b>MORNING SESSION</b>	
9:45 – 10:00	<b>Registration</b>
10:00 – 10:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>
10:15 – 10:30	<b>Reading/Adoption of the Record of Discussion</b>
10:30 – 11:00	<p><b>SESSION 3: LINKAGES TO THE GMS PROGRAM AND DIRECTIVE FROM THE 6<sup>TH</sup> GMS LEADERS' SUMMIT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates on the 6<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit Outcomes and Future Directions for the GMS Program and the Role of the GMS Agriculture Sector Cooperation by Ms. Rhodora Concepcion, Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, Thailand Resident Mission, ADB</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
11:00 – 12:15	<p><b>SESSION 4: THE NEXT STEPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow on technical assistance to implement the strategy by Mr. Pavit Ramachandran, Principal Environment Specialist, SEER-SERD, ADB</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
12:15 – 12:30	<p><b>CLOSING SESSION</b> <i>The Chair and Co-chair will wrap up and summarize the highlights of the day's discussions.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recap of key messages, outcomes, and agreements</li> <li>• Confirmation of the hosting of WGA AM-16 by Lao PDR</li> <li>• Closing remarks</li> </ul>
12:30 – 13:30	<b>Lunch</b> (Zhentai Hall, 3rd Floor)
<b>AFTERNOON SESSION</b>	
14:00 – 18:00	<p><b>Field Visit/Study Tour</b> <i>[Visit to Pu'er tea/coffee garden with production, processing, and agro-tourism facilities.]</i></p>
14:00 – 14:30	Drive to Yunnan Tianshili Bio Tea Technology Co. Ltd. (about 10 km.)
14:30 – 16:00	Tour the Yunnan Tianshili Bio Tea Valley (processing of Pu'er tea)
16:00 – 16:30	Drive to Pu'er Coffee Trade Centre (about 15 km.)
16:30 – 17:40	Visit the Pu'er Coffee Trade Centre
17:40 – 18:00	Drive back to Pu'er Jing Land Hotel
19:00 – 21:00	<p><b>Dinner Reception hosted by ADB</b> Venue: Wendong Hall, 4rd Floor, Pu'er Jing Land Hotel</p>