



Greater Mekong Subregion Economic Cooperation Program

25th Meeting of the Subregional Transport Forum (STF-25) (Hybrid: In-person, Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra, Siem Reap, Cambodia and Virtual: via Zoom app)

14 June 2022

0900 – 1730 H Phnom Penh/Bangkok/Ha Noi/Vientiane time,
0830-1700 H Nay Pyi Taw time, 1000 -1830 H Manila/Beijing time

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM AND AGENDA

Theme: <i>Taking Action on GMS 2030 Strategy and COVID-19 Plan with Emerging Ideas</i>	
Meeting Objectives: The meeting aims to: (i) Report and exchange ideas on how the WG can contribute to implementing the priorities and initiatives under the GMS-2030 and COVID-19 Plan; and (ii) Updates and/or agree on steps on: a. Road Safety in GMS b. GMRA and GMS Railway Development; c. FRETA and improvements in logistics in GMS; and d. Early Harvest GMS CBTA.	
Chair:	His Excellency Pich CHHIENG Director General General Department of Logistics Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) Royal Kingdom of Cambodia
Co-Chair:	Mr. Hiroaki Yamaguchi Director, Transport and Communications Division, Southeast Asia Department Asian Development Bank (ADB)
8.30 —9.00 Phnom Penh time 30mins	Onsite Registration and Virtual Log in <i>Zoom links are open for participants to connect or do online check-in.</i> <i>In-person participants may proceed to Sofitel Phokeethra Ballroom Entrance to claim meeting badge.</i>
9.00-9.05	National Anthem

9.05-9.10 (5 mins)	Special Guest of Honor Speech: His Excellency Trac Thai Sieng , Secretary of State of MPWT, Kingdom of Cambodia.
9.10-9.15 (5 mins)	Group Photo
9.15-9.20 (5 mins)	Welcome Remarks by Chair, His Excellency Pich CHHIENG Welcome Remarks by Co-Chair, Mr. Hiroaki Yamaguchi
9.20-10.35 (75 mins)	Session 1: Progress of GMS 2030 and COVID Plan Implementation in GMS Transport Sector <i>GMS Secretariat will brief on the GMS Leaders' approved GMS Strategic Framework 2030 (GMS 2030) and COVID-19 Response and Recovery Plan, and their relevance to the transport sector and their alignment with the GMS Transport Strategy 2030. The presentation will also focus on the implementation of transport priorities in the GMS Program. (15 mins)</i> <i>This will be followed by country presentations sharing their respective views on specific areas in the transport sector that should be prioritized through the GMS Strategy 2030 and COVID Plan. Country presentations should include: (i) suggestions for implementation actions on priority areas in the transport sector; and (ii) examples of ongoing activities (namely good practices) during the pandemic period, as well as of planned actions to further address key challenges. (10 mins each)</i> <i>Some additional keywords for consideration by countries in preparing the presentation may be as follows:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Transport cross-border facilitation (CBTA)</i> - <i>Deepening connectivity of economic/transport corridors (namely through feeder roads)</i> - <i>Road asset management (namely through axle load control)</i> - <i>Civil aviation policy enhancement for sustainability under pandemic</i> - <i>Approaches to multimodal transport</i> - <i>Green and carbon neutral transport (namely green ports development)</i> - <i>Digitalization of transport and Intelligent Transport Systems</i> - <i>Strengthening private sector participation</i> Country Presentations (10 minutes each) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cambodia 2. People's Republic of China 3. Lao PDR 4. Myanmar 5. Thailand 6. Viet Nam

10.35-10.50 (15 mins)	Coffee Break
10.50-11.15 (25 mins)	Session 1: Progress of GMS 2030 and COVID Plan Implementation in GMS Transport Sector (continuation) <i>Discussion</i>
11.15-12.30 (45 mins)	Session 2: Review of GMS 2030 and Road Safety Programs of GMS including Innovations in Road Safety <i>Presentations by each GMS country and discussion</i> <i>After a brief introduction by SETC on the subject (5 minutes), GMS countries to present on their current road safety programs including best practices and challenges (4 minutes each). Discussion will follow on opportunities for GMS-wide initiative to enhance road safety in the GMS (15 minutes).</i> Country Presentations (4 minutes each): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Viet Nam 2. Thailand 3. Myanmar 4. Lao PDR 5. PRC 6. Cambodia
12.30-14.00 (90 mins)	Lunch break
14.00-14.45 (45 mins)	Session 3: Updates on GMRA including current status of negotiations on Framework Agreement for Cross Border Rail Transport Connectivity and way forward on GMS Railway Development <i>Presentation by GMRA representative followed by discussion</i> <i>After a brief introduction by SETC on the subject, GMRA representative to present the progress of negotiations on Framework Agreement for Cross Border Rail Transport Connectivity and way forward on GMS Railway Development. (15 mins)</i> <i>Discussion (30 mins)</i>
14.45-15.30 (45 mins)	Session 4: FRETA and improvements in logistics in GMS <i>Delegate from PRC private sector Mr. Jin Xin LIU to present, followed by discussion</i> <i>Mr. Lui to present an update on vehicle permits and covid based progress in freight transport initiatives (non-contact measures) in private sector, departing from the status presented during 2019 STF-23. (15 mins)</i> <i>Discussion (30 mins)</i>

15.30-15.45 (15 mins)	Coffee Break
15.45-16.45 (60 mins)	Session 5: Development Partners' presentations <i>Presentations followed by discussions</i> DPs Presentations (5 minutes each) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ADB GMS Secretariat 2. AIIB 3. Australia DFAT 4. JICA 5. World Bank Open discussion (35 mins)
16.45- 17.15 (30 mins)	Session 6: Other Matters <i>The Forum can discuss any other matter raised from the floor, which have a bearing on GMS transport sector cooperation and development. The venue of the next STF (STF-26) may also be taken up (traditionally confirmed by the next STF host, i.e., PRC, based on alphabetical rotation).</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GMS 2030 Results Framework -For information (10 mins) 2. Next STF Meeting (10 mins)
17.15- 17.20 (5 mins)	Wrap Up by Co-Chair and Closing Remarks by Chair