

Development Partner Statement

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Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Dear Partners,

I am very pleased to be here today, extending my appreciation to the organizers and to the host for inviting me to this meeting.

NDF recognizes the results and progress achieved by the program over the last few years, and would specifically like to highlight the improvement in implementation, administration and communication that has resulted from engaging a consultancy firm to manage both CEP and CASP. We believe this also paves the way for closer collaboration between CEP and CASP, which is something we strongly encourage. While some time has likely been lost due to the earlier administration of the CEP and CASP programs, we would like to thank the ADB for this solution.

Looking forward, we would like to see that the results achieved under the program in form of for instance studies and pilot interventions are built on to create and design economically viable investments in the green economy of the GMS region. Thanks to the hard work done under the program, we are now approaching a time where activities should be scaled up to larger and sustainable investments, including from the private sector. We encourage the countries, ADB and other partners to ensure that adequate resources, also in terms of staff capacity and expertise, are put into the further implementation of green activities in the GMS region.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

NDF is happy to be part of this program. We encourage close collaboration and cooperation with the CASP program in order to develop cross-cutting green investment opportunities, and look forward to potential future investment opportunities arising from both programs.

Thank you very much for your attention.