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GMS Urban Development
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Session 5: Next Steps

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Proposed Terms of Reference

Background

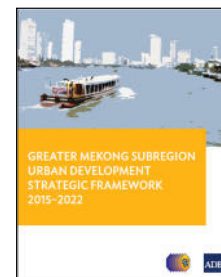
18th GMS MC, December 2012
Endorsed the formation of GMS Task Force for Urban Development



20th GMS MC, September 2015
Endorsed the GMS Urban Development Strategic Framework 2015-2022



21st GMS MC, December 2016
Endorsed the upgrading of the Urban Task Force into a regular GMS sector working Group to oversee urban and border zones/areas development in GMS



Proposed Terms of Reference

Functions/Tasks

Oversee and guide the implementation of subregional action plans, programs and projects emanating from the GMS Urban Development Strategic Framework.



- Platform and mechanism for exchange of policies and strategies in urban development with multisector approach
- Promote knowledge exchange through organization of regional conferences & national consultations
- Develop and coordinate an annual work plan of the WG
- Oversee the preparation of detailed plans for particular areas identified in the Strategic Framework
- Monitor and update the GMS Urban Development Framework
- Monitor and update the Regional Investment Framework for Urban and Other Multisector projects
- Promote alignment of regional and national programming for urban development projects in the GMS (including coordination with ADB in CPS, COBPs)
- Identify programs and mechanisms of exchange of ideas, data, plans and policies between GMS country-level urban support group and with other GMS working groups
- Facilitate preparation and logistics of its regional meetings
- Meet and prepare reports on the outputs and activities of the Urban WG for consideration in future meetings of GMS Senior Officials, Economic Corridors Forums and GMS Ministerial Conferences

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Proposed Terms of Reference

Membership

- 18 GMS country nominated persons (3 for each country)
 - Preferably GMS National Coordinator +2
 - Medium/high level official (DDGs/DGs)
- 3 from ADB
 - SERD (2) and EARD (1)

Resources

- GMS country-level urban support group (USG) drawn from relevant ministries/agencies and/or local government units
- Chair: Host country's lead Urban WG member (hosting is on rotation basis)
- Co-Chair: Director, SEUW. ADB
- Secretariat: ADB SERD (SEUW, SERC, SEER) and EARD (EASS, EAPF)

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Proposed Work Plan

2017

Key Element	Concrete Activity	Indicative Timeline
Identification of key urban centers	Discuss and agree in First Meeting of Urban WG a selection criteria for identifying key urban centers	By 28 June 2017
Infrastructure provision and upgrading in GMS corridor towns	Monitor progress of ongoing and proposed GMS Corridor Towns Devt. Projects thru UWG meetings and GMS RIF monitoring processes	By 28 June 2017 and May-September 2017
Infrastructure provision and upgrading in other key urban areas	Monitor progress of ongoing and proposed Other Multisector/BEZs projects thru UWG meetings and GMS RIF monitoring processes	By 28 June 2017 and May-September 2017
Development plans and spatial plans for high-priority urban areas	Conduct of training on Special Economic Zones and/or spatial planning in partnership with TA8836 (Building Capacity for Enhanced Connectivity in Southeast Asia)	25-29 September 2017

Proposed Work Plan

2017

Key Element	Concrete Activity	Indicative Timeline
Identification of key border areas within overall GMS corridor and urban system	Discuss and agree in First UWG Meeting a selection criteria for key urban centers/border areas and update the priority border points given the expanded and extended configuration of the GMS economic corridors endorsed at 21 st GMS MC.	By 28 June 2017
Development of border zones	Oversee the implementation of TA8989 -Capacity Development for Economic Zones in Border Areas and TA 9293 - Policy Coordination and Planning of Border Economic Zones of PRC and Viet Nam	By 28 June 2017
Peer-to-peer exchange of ideas, approaches, and techniques	Publishing of knowledge products Fostering Competitive Cities and Other Urban Areas in the GMS	By October 2017

Proposed Work Plan

2018

Key Element	Concrete Activity	Indicative Timeline
Development plans and spatial plans for high-priority urban areas	Conduct further training program based on need assessment in GMS member countries and funding resources availability	2018 and onwards (TBC)
Cooperation in cross-border issues	Take up in WG meetings the creation of a mechanism for sharing information and mediation of bilateral discussions on border development issues (partner with TA9293)	By 2018
Improved urban planning and management	Continue to partner with Knowledge Management Initiatives which supports training on urban planning and management	2018
	Partner with other ADB-assisted TAs for the development of GMS Urban Development databank	By December 2018

Proposed Work Plan

2019

Key Element	Concrete Activity	Indicative Timeline
Identification of key urban centers	Decide on key urban centers in accordance with the selection criteria agreed	2019
Peer-to-peer exchange of ideas, approaches, and techniques	Contribute to the Annual GMS Statistics publication , possibly featuring Urban Statistics in GMS and launching of GMS urban databank online	2019
Others-Institutional Matters	Midterm review and update of the GMS Urban Development Strategic Framework 2015-2022	Quarters 1-3 , 2019

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