

Twenty-third Meeting of the GMS Subregional Transport Forum

Bangkok, Thailand

14-15 August 2019

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM AND AGENDA

Proposed Meeting Theme:

Expanding GMS Transport Cooperation to Vital Multi-sector Concerns

Objectives:

1. To review the status and update the pipeline of GMS transport sector projects in the GMS Regional Investment Framework (RIF) 2022
2. To review efforts toward increasing the private sector's engagement in implementing TSS 2030
3. To review the progress of the CBTA "Early Harvest" implementation
4. To review the progress of work and plans for the Greater Mekong Railway Association (GMRA)
5. To review further efforts toward enhancing road safety in GMS countries
6. To share specific country experiences in highway development
7. To discuss other topics that have a bearing on the GMS transport sector.

First Day: 14 August 2019

0830–0900

Registration

0900–0920

Opening Session

Welcome Remarks

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Chair, Mr. Chirute Visalachitra

Deputy Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Transport
Kingdom of Thailand

Co-Chair, Mr. Hiroaki Yamaguchi

Director, Transport and Communications Division,
Southeast Asia Department
Asian Development Bank (ADB)

0920–0935	Group Photo Session and Coffee Break
0935–1125 (110 min)	<p>Session 1. Review of the Pipeline of GMS Transport Sector Projects in the GMS Regional Investment Framework (RIF) 2022</p> <p><i>The country delegations will brief the STF on their respective pipelines of transport sector projects in the RIF 2022. The countries' reports will form the transport sectors input into the annual GMS RIF 2022 Progress Report and Updates for consideration and endorsement by the GMS Ministers.</i></p> <p>Presenters: Representative from each country delegation. <i>[Each country is given 8 minutes for the presentation plus 10 minutes for discussion, for a total of 18 minutes.]</i></p>
1125–1200 (35 min = 15 min presentation + 20 min open discussion)	<p>Session 2. Report of the GMS FRETA on their Activities Toward the Successful Implementation of TSS 2030</p> <p><i>Presentation by the GMS Freight Transporters Association (FRETA) on their efforts and activities of the private sector group that are aligned with and will contribute to the strategic and operational priorities of the GMS Transport Sector Strategy (TSS) 2030</i></p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Chalot Wongsanguan Chairman, FRETA</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>
1200–1400	Lunch
1400–1440 (40 min = 20 min presentation + 20 min open discussion)	<p>Session 3. Report on the Progress of the CBTA “Early Harvest” Implementation</p> <p><i>Report on the progress and recent developments on the implementation of the “Early Harvest” program of the GMS Cross Border Transport Facilitation Agreement, including steps moving forward.</i></p> <p>Presenters: Mr. Kong Sophal Deputy Director General Department of Land Transport Cambodia</p> <p>Ms. Rhodora B. Concepcion Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist SERD, ADB</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>
1440–1515 (35 min = 15 min presentation + 20 min open discussion)	<p>Session 4. Updates on the Greater Mekong Railway Association (GMRA)</p> <p><i>Report on the status and progress of the activities of the GMRA and</i></p>

min open discussion)	<p><i>proposed plans for its operations going forward.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Daosadeth Soysouvanh Department of Railways, MPWT, Lao PDR</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>
1515–1530	Coffee Break
(35 min = 15 min presentation + 20 min open discussion)	<p>Session 5. Updates on Road Safety Measures in GMS Countries</p> <p><i>Report on further efforts toward enhancing road safety in the GMS.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Shihiru Date, Senior Transport Specialist Transport and Communications Division (SETC)/ Myanmar Resident Mission, Nay Pyi Taw, Southeast Asia Department, ADB</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>
(40 min = 15 min presentation + 25 min open discussion)	<p>Session 6. Presentation of the Proposed New GMS Strategic Framework</p> <p><i>GMS Central Secretariat (SERC, ADB) to present the draft proposed new GMS Strategic Framework (GMS 2030), including background information on its basis and process of preparation, its key elements, thrusts, and priorities, with particular focus on the transport sector, with the aim of obtaining further comments and inputs from the STF</i></p> <p>Presenter: Representative from Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Division, South East Asia Department (SERC), ADB</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>
1645–1700	<p>Wrap Up of First Day Sessions</p> <p><i>[Chair and Co-Chair summarizes the key issues and points raised during the day's sessions, as well as the agreements reached. They also open the floor for any other matters related to the topics taken up that the participants may wish to raise.]</i></p>
<p><u>Second Day:</u> 15 August 2019</p>	
(60 min = 30 min presentation [say, for 3 countries, 10 min each] + 30 min open discussion)	<p>Session 7. Presentations on the Experience of GMS Countries on Highway Development</p> <p><i>In response to requests made by some GMS countries in STF-22, countries with extensive experience in highway and expressway development are given the opportunity to share this experience with the other countries for them to benefit from lessons learned and adoption of sound practices.</i></p>

	<p>Presenter: Representatives from agencies Involved in highway/expressway development from PRC, Viet Nam, Thailand</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>
<p>1000–1030</p> <p>(Initially, 30 min is being provided, but actual time requirement will depend on the number of DPs who express a wish to speak.)</p>	<p>Session 8: Statements/Updates from Development Partners</p> <p><i>A number of Development Partner attendees will be given a chance to present to the STF their actual and planned activities in the GMS transport sector, as well as identify possible areas of synergy and collaboration.</i></p> <p>Moderated by Co-Chairs</p>
<p>1030–1045</p>	<p>Session 9. Other Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Forum can take up any other matter raised from the floor, which have a bearing on GMS transport sector cooperation and development.</i> • <i>Venue of the next STF (STF-23) (traditionally confirmed by the next STF host, i.e., Thailand, based on alphabetical rotation)</i>
<p>1045–1100</p>	<p>Wrap Up of the Meeting and Concluding Remarks</p> <p>Closing by Chair and Co-Chair</p>
<p>1100–1200</p>	<p>Break <i>[Note: This is to allow participants to attend to personal needs/arrangements, e.g., packing their luggage for flights later in the day, things to bring for the field visit.]</i></p>
<p>1200–1330</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>1330 onward</p>	<p>Field Visit MRT New Line (Blue Line) at Wat Mangkon Station and Sanam Chai Station.</p>

Programme
Field Visits at MRT Underground Stations
15 August 2019



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| 13.30 hrs. | - Depart from Sofitel Bangkok Sukhumvit by bus |
| 14.00 – 14.40 hrs. | - Arrive at Wat Mangkon Station
- Technical tour at Wat Mangkon Station |
| 14.40 – 15.30 hrs. | - Delegates take MRT train (Blue line) from
Wat Mangkon Station to Sanam Chai Station
- Technical tour at Sanam Chai Station |
| 15.30 hrs. | - Depart from Sanam Chai Station to Sofitel
Bangkok Sukhumvit by bus |
| 16.15 hrs. | - Arrive Sofitel Bangkok Sukhumvit |

