



# Exploring New Approaches for Deepening Engagement of Development Partners in the Greater Mekong Subregion Program

Discussion note for consultations with GMS Sector Working Groups  
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## Background



Endorsed by GMS Summit in 2021, **GMS- 2030** calls for “platforming” the GMS to **enhance deeper engagement by development partners (DPs)**, local governments, academia, civil society, among other key GMS stakeholders.



Exploratory **Study on Deepening DPs Engagement** initiated after discussion and endorsement at the GMS SOM in March 2022.



**Consultations are currently underway** with DPs, sector groups, National Secretariats in GMS countries and others. **Discussion Note** (circulated) highlights issues for consultation.



**Draft results of the Study to be considered by GMS SOM** in June 2022, eventually for consideration at the **GMS Ministerial Meeting**.

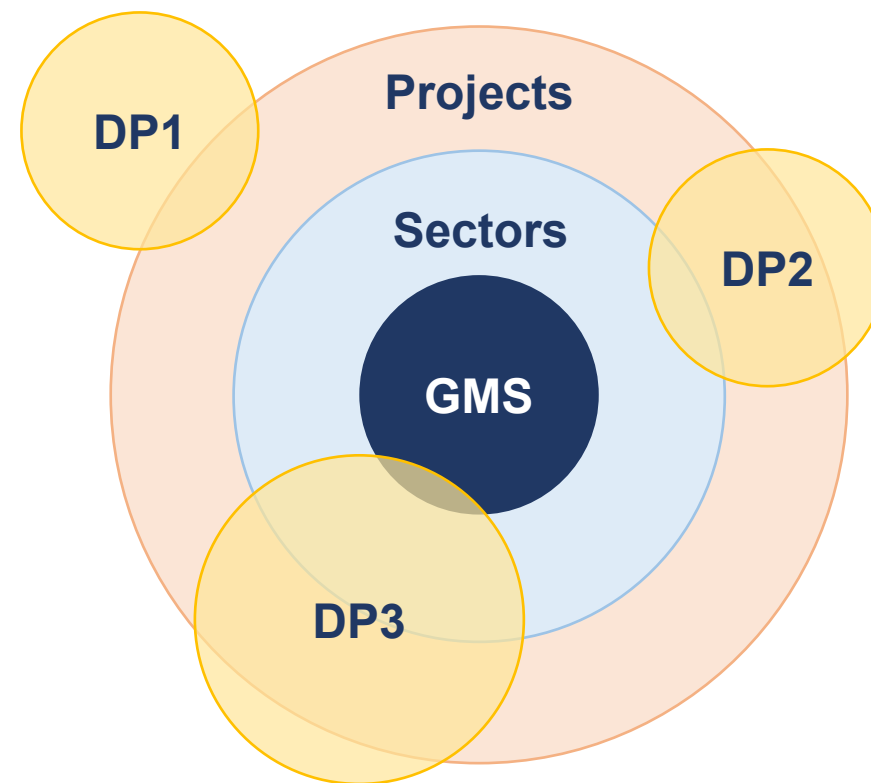
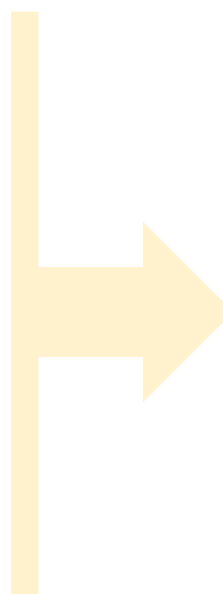


## Draft Framework

**DP1 - Project Level**

**DP2 - Sector/ Thematic Level**

**DP3 - Institutional Level**



*Figure 1: GMS Experience: 3 levels of DP engagement*



## Sector representatives: Role of DPs

- 1** | **Which areas need additional focus by DPs:** Aside from project financing, where will the sector program benefit most from increased DP engagement – knowledge work, capacity building, policy dialog and role in the sector Working Group?
- 2** | **Upstream partnerships:** Are DPs active in upstream partnerships – project programming, prioritization? What can the sector program do to increase upstream engagement?
- 3** | **Managing DP participation:** Is DP participation in projects easily manageable relative to administrative capacities of government and ministry? What can DPs do to streamline their engagement with the sector and projects?



## DP representatives: Preferences and Process

- 1 | What are the **major factors constraining even deeper engagement of DPs** in the sector? (including South-South cooperation)?

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- 2 | **What can the Sector Program do different** to make participation attractive to your organization and to new and wider set of DPs?

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- 3 | Is the **current process of DP engagement** (at sector WGs and through statements at Annual DP meetings) working well? Should there be **more engagement outside these occasions** using physical or hybrid model?





**All views and comments are welcome.**

**THANK YOU!**

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