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Inception Workshop
23–24 September 2021
1:00–6:00 p.m. (GMT +7)
via Zoom



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BACKGROUND

The Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Core Environment Program (CEP) was launched in 2006 as an initiative of the GMS Economic Cooperation Program. The objective is to support environmental cooperation and investments, and to mainstream environmental concerns into development planning within the subregion.

The first phase of the CEP, from 2006 to 2011, was aimed at identifying and protecting biodiversity areas under threat from economic development. In the second phase, from 2012 to 2020, the CEP expanded its operations and moved from pilot on-the-ground interventions in core biodiversity areas to broader transboundary landscape and planning support—including the scaling up of CEP’s pilot work on green freight, climate risk financing, green growth, environmental monitoring, pollution control and land use planning. Furthermore, in February 2018, the GMS Ministers of Environment endorsed the GMS CEP Strategic Framework and Action Plan (2018–2022).

To support the implementation of the Strategic Framework and Action Plan, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a technical assistance (TA) entitled the GMS Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Program (CCESP). This is the third and current phase of the CEP, covering 2020–2025. CCESP consists of six priority themes, which were identified during the 24th Annual Meeting of the GMS Working Group on Environment (WGE AM-24), held in April 2019 in Kunming, People’s Republic of China (PRC).

The Program targets three outputs, each covering two themes:

1. Climate and disaster resilience enhanced, and low carbon transitions facilitated
2. Climate-smart landscapes promoted, and environmental quality enhanced
3. Green technologies and financing instruments demonstrated

ADB recruited Ramboll to support the GMS countries in implementation of the TA to deliver key results of the Program. Three key groups of activities are planned uniformly across each of the six themes: (i) policy dialogues, (ii) capacity building, and (iii) pilot demonstrations.

MEETING LOG-IN DETAILS

MEETING ID: 928 4239 5219
 PASSCODE: CCESP1

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

1. To discuss the draft Inception Report prepared by consulting team and expected results under each of six themes of CCESP, and
2. To discuss the proposed workplan and implementation approach

Aside from these main objectives, the Inception Workshop intends to introduce the TA team, scope of services, and context of the project, and pave the way for open communication and inclusive collaboration. Feedback from ADB, WGE, and other participants will also be added to the final Inception Report, which will be submitted and shared within 2–3 weeks after the workshop.

The Inception Workshop will discuss approaches to identify and implement demonstrations (based on gaps and needs identified), the processes to identify the primary lead and secondary lead country for each theme, the approach to future consultations and workshops, and the way forward.

The overall approach will focus on strengthening regional cooperation with emphasis on resolving transboundary issues through regional dialogue, knowledge sharing, and stakeholder sessions, as well as support that enables policies for green, climate resilient, and gender-inclusive growth.

VENUE AND PARTICIPANTS

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the workshop will be entirely virtual. Ramboll will organize and arrange all aspects of the virtual meeting, in close coordination with ADB and the WGE focal points and coordinators. **The workshop will be held on Thursday, 23 September and Friday, 24 September, at 1:00–6:10 p.m. and 1:00–6:10 p.m. (Bangkok time, GMT +7), respectively.**

We expect 70-plus workshop participants, comprising WGE focal points and coordinators, and representatives of relevant government departments and ministries from each country, besides key development partners, representatives from civil society and academia, and the private sector.

AGENDA

DAY 1 – THURSDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER, 1:00–6:00 P.M. (BANGKOK TIME, GMT +7)

12:30–1:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Login of all participants online via Zoom platform
1:00–1:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome remarks, by Mr. Jan Kürstein, TA-9915 Ramboll Team Leader <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To introduce the workshop team and the facilitator for the workshop • Introduction to the format of the workshop, by Mr. Jens Christian Riise, TA-9915 Capacity Building Specialist, Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Specialist, and Workshop Facilitator
1:05–1:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome remarks by Co-Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Sounadeth Soukchaleun, Deputy Director General, Department of Planning and Finance, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Lao PDR • Mr. Jiangfeng Zhang, Director, Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture Division, Southeast Asia Department, ADB • Opening remarks by Heads of Delegation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Sao Sopheap, Secretary of State, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia • Mr. Zhou Jun, Director, Division of Asian, African, and Latin American Affairs, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE), PRC • Mr. Pavich Kesavawong, Director, Foreign Affairs Division (FAD), Office of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand • Prof. Nguyen Dinh Tho, Director General, Institute of Strategy and Policy on Natural Resources and Environment (ISPONRE), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MoNRE), Viet Nam
1:40–1:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope and objectives of the workshop, by Dr. Srinivasan Ancha, Principal Climate Change Specialist, ADB
1:50–2:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCESP Overview, by Mr. Jan Kürstein, TA-9915 Team Leader <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the CCESP: Link with the CEP, link with international frameworks for climate resilience and sustainability (COP26, COP15, etc.), link with COVID-19 recovery, synergies with the GMS Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security Program (SAFSP) • Presentation of the six priority themes
2:05–2:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BREAK
THEME 1: CLIMATE AND DISASTER RESILIENCE	
2:10–2:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on Theme 1, by Dr. Binod Shakya, TA-9915 CCA and DRM Specialist and Technical Lead
2:25–3:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel discussion (moderator: Dr. Binod Shakya) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Akhteruzzaman Sano, Team Leader, Save the Earth, Cambodia • Mr. Lin Weidong, Director, Guangxi Environmental Protection International Cooperation and Exchange Center, PRC • Mr. Amphaivanh Vannasy, Director, Department of Climate Change, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MoNRE), Lao PDR • Ms. Nguyen Thi Minh Hue, Head of Climate Change Mitigation Technology Department, Center for Climate Change Adaptation (CLITECH), Viet Nam

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Laurent Umans, First Secretary, Water Management and Climate Change, The Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands, Viet Nam • Mr. Khusrav Sharifov, Senior Technical Advisor (Climate and Disaster Resilience), United Nations Development Programme, Viet Nam • Dr. Nguyen Phuong Nam, Climate Change Expert and Founder, Climate Innovation Consulting and Services KLINOVA JSC, Viet Nam
3:25–3:30	• BREAK
THEME 2: LOW CARBON TRANSITIONS	
3:30–3:45	• Presentation on Theme 2 , by Mr. Søren Hansen, TA-9915 Climate Change Mitigation Specialist and Technical Lead
3:45–4:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel discussion (moderator: Mr. Søren Hansen) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Sum Cheat, Climate Change Department, National Council for Sustainable Development, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia • Mr. Qian Zhaohui, Program Officer, Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center, Ministry of Ecology and Environment, PRC • Mr. Viengsavanh Chanthabounheuang, Deputy Director, Environmental Promotion Division, Department of Environmental Quality Promotion, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MoNRE), Lao PDR • Dr. Paweena Panichayapichet, Manager, Project Evaluation and Approval Office, Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization, Thailand • Mr. Tarek Ketelsen, Director General, Australia-Mekong Partnership for Environmental Resources and Energy Systems (AMPERES), Viet Nam • Ms. Ngo To Nhien, Executive Director, Viet Nam Initiative for Energy Transition (VIETSE), Viet Nam
4:30–4:35	• BREAK
THEME 5: DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES FROM CLIMATE ACTIONS/ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY	
4:35–4:50	• Presentation on Theme 5 , by Mr. Andy Brahney, TA-9915 Digital Technology Specialist and Technical Lead
4:50–5:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel discussion (moderator: Mr. Andy Brahney) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bounta Onnavong, Director General, Department of Transport, Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Lao PDR • Dr. Naphasinee Suebsuk, Researcher, Urban Planner and Senior Project Coordinator, Magnolia Quality Development Corporation Limited, Thailand • Dr. Mahesh Prakash, Head of Group and Senior Principal Research Scientist, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, Australian Government (CSIRO) • Ms. Nguyen Thi Minh Hue, Head of Climate Change Mitigation Technology Department, Center for Climate Change Adaptation (CLITECH), Viet Nam
5:35–6:00	• Closing of first day and preparations for Day 2

DAY 2 – FRIDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER, 1:00–6:10 P.M. (BANGKOK TIME, GMT +7)

12:30–1:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Login of all participants online via Zoom platform
1:00–1:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome back, by Jan Kürstein, TA-9915 Ramboll Team Leader <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quick recap of Day 1 and giving the floor to the workshop facilitator, Jens Christian Riise, TA-9915 Capacity Building Specialist, Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Specialist, and Workshop Facilitator
THEME 3: CLIMATE SMART LANDSCAPES	
1:05–1:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on Theme 3, by Dr. Ellyn Kathalina Damayanti, TA-9915 Landscape Management and REDD+ Specialist and Technical Lead
1:20–2:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel discussion (moderator: Dr. Ellyn Kathalina Damayanti) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jake Brunner, Head, Indo-Burma Region, IUCN, Cambodia • Mr. Colin Moore, Regional Carbon Advisor Mekong, Wildlife Conservation Society, Cambodia • Prof. Zhang Jinfeng, Director, Kunming Arboretum, Yunnan Academy of Forestry and Grassland, PRC • Mr. Zhou Jun, Director, Division of Asian, African, and Latin American Affairs, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE), PRC • Ms. Zhang Haiping, Chief of International Cooperation Division, Yunnan Ecological Environment Cooperation Office, PRC • Mr. Somvang Bouttavong, Director, Department of Environment, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MoNRE), Lao PDR • Ms. Regan Pairojmahakij, Senior Programme Officer, The Center for People and Forests (RECOFTC), Thailand
2:20–2:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BREAK
THEME 4: ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY THROUGH POLLUTION CONTROL AND SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT	
2:25–2:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on Theme 4, by Ms. Maria Chiara Metallo, TA-9915 Environmental Quality Specialist and Technical Lead
2:40–3:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel discussion (moderator: Ms. Maria Chiara Metallo) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Zhao Nana, Assistant Director, Basel Convention Regional Center for Asia and the Pacific, PRC • Mr. Nakhalin Vorasarn, Head of Unit, Department of Planning and Finance, WGE Coordinator, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MoNRE), Lao PDR • Mr. Taweechai Jiranaikhajorn, Director, Municipal Solid Waste Management Sub-Division, Pollution Control Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand • Dr. Nguyen Hoang Nam, Senior Researcher, Institute of Strategy and Policy on Natural Resources and Environment (ISPONRE), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MoNRE), Viet Nam
3:25–3:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BREAK

THEME 6: FINANCING LOW-CARBON AND CLIMATE-RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE	
3:30–3:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on Theme 6, by Dr. James MacGregor, TA-9915 Disaster Risk Financing Specialist and Technical Lead
3:45–4:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel discussion (moderator: Dr. James MacGregor) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Chen Yaxiang, Program Manager, Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center, Ministry of Ecology and Environment, PRC • Mr. Bounpakone Phongphichit, Director of Division, Department of Planning and Finance, MoNRE and WGE Coordinator, Lao PDR • Dr. Sanjay Srivastava, Chief, Disaster Risk Reduction, UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Thailand • Dr. Mosleh Ahmed, Team Leader, Rice SDP Project (MEF), ADB • Ms. Hang Thu Vu, Senior Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank
4:30–4:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BREAK
4:35–5:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on CCESP Implementation Approach, Workplan and Demonstrations, by Mr. Jan Kürstein, TA-9915 Team Leader and Mr. Bonheur Neou, TA-9915 CCA and DRM Specialist and Deputy Team Leader
5:05–5:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel discussion (moderators: Mr. Jan Kürstein and Mr. Bonheur Neou) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Khlok Vichet Rotha, Deputy Director, Department of Climate Change, National Council for Sustainable Development, Cambodia • Ms. Wang Yujuan, Program Manager, Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center, Ministry of Ecology and Environment, PRC • Mr. Sounadeth Soukchaleun, Deputy Director General, Department of Planning and Finance, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Lao PDR • Dr. Kim Thi Thuy Ngoc, Head, Division of Science and International Cooperation, Institute of Strategy and Policy on Natural Resources and Environment (ISPONRE), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Viet Nam
NEXT STEPS AND CLOSING REMARKS	
5:55–6:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next steps, by Mr. Jan Kürstein • Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Sounadeth Soukchaleun, Deputy Director General, Department of Planning and Finance, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Lao PDR • Dr. Srinivasan Ancha, Principal Climate Change Specialist, ADB



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