



Regional Meeting: How to Successfully Operationalize One Health for a Green Recovery in the Greater Mekong Subregion?

Online meeting: 7 April 2022, Thursday, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm (Manila time)

Concept Note

A green recovery is critical for the Greater Mekong Sub-region to reduce the risk of future pandemics, mitigate and adapt to the impact of climate change, sustainably boost economic recovery activity and meet the Sustainable Development Goals. While several countries have already started to implement policies and undertake initiatives to support a green recovery, more needs to be done. Awareness of the importance and value of One Health as an inter-disciplinary, cross-sectoral systems approach to planning, implementing, and monitoring initiatives and services across the animal-human-ecosystems interface has been growing fast.

The fundamental need for a One Health approach to a sustainable recovery post-COVID-19 is widely known. However, this agenda needs support from further operationalization of One Health. There is a need to reflect on the successes and challenges of recent One Health efforts across the region and to bring together solid ideas for future priority initiatives that span multiple sectors, including human and animal health, agriculture and livestock, climate, environment, and trade. These ideas should form the basis for not only new and effective operational ways of working but also the focus of funding applications to ADB.

To follow up the previous GMS meeting supported by ADB in June 2021, *One Health in the GMS: Where Are We Now and What Next?*, the objectives of this meeting are to:

1. Position One Health in the context of the GMS's green recovery agenda and discuss how to incentivise cross-sectoral support and action;
2. Present and discuss real-life, diverse examples of successes and challenges of cross-sectoral One Health working from the GMS; and
3. Initiate development of concept notes for national and regional cross-sectoral One Health activities in the GMS to guide operational planning and future funding applications.

Pre-readings

We will supply an electronic documentation pack ahead of the meeting providing relevant background information that attendees may read at their convenience.

Rikard Elfving, Najibullah Habib and Srinivasan Ancha, ADB Task Managers

Agenda

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9:00 – 9:05	Opening & welcome	Mr. Asadullah Sumbal , Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist Asian Development Bank
9:05 – 9:15	The GMS-2030 Framework and One Health	Mr. Rikard Elfving , Senior Social Sector Specialist Asian Development Bank
9:15 – 9:40	Operationalising One Health in the context of the Green Recovery in the Greater Mekong subregion.	Prof Barbara McPake , Nossal Institute for Global Health
9:40 – 10:05	Preventing Pandemics in East Asia and the Pacific	Mr. Sitaramachandra Machiraju , Senior Agriculture Economist, Agriculture & Food Global Practice, <i>and</i> Mr. Daniel Mira-Salama , Senior Environmental Specialist, Environment, Natural Resources & Blue Economy Global Practice East Asia & Pacific Region, World Bank
10:05 – 10:25	Project update: The proposed GMS Cross-border Livestock Health and Value Chains Improvement Project	Dr. Srinivasan Ancha , Principal Climate Change Specialist, Southeast Asia Regional Department, ADB
10:25 – 10:40	Q&A	Moderator: Associate Professor Angus Campbell, Nossal Institute
10:40 – 10:50	Break	
10:50 – 11:35	Practical examples of One Health actions in the GMS	Practitioners in the field of One Health
10:50- 11:05	1. <i>The environment sector's role in One Health and sustainable development in Cambodia</i>	Dr. Loeng Kesaro , Deputy Director General, General Directorate of Protected Areas, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia
11:05- 11:20	2. <i>One Health and zoonotic disease management in the livestock sector in Yunnan Province, People's Republic of China</i>	Dr. Guodong Dong , Yunnan Provincial Animal Disease Control Centre, People's Republic of China
11:20- 11:35	3. <i>Roles for the private sector in One Health</i>	Dr. Vo Ngan Giang DVM , Country Technical Lead, TRANSFORM project, Viet Nam
11:35– 11:45	Open discussion and Q&A	Chaired by Angus Campbell
11:45 – 11:50	Introduction to small group planning session	Nossal Institute
11:50 – 12:05	Small-group sessions: Operationalising One Health activities to support a sustained recovery in the GMS Facilitated by the Nossal Institute <i>Based on the questions at right, what new, practical activities are needed in the GMS to support & operationalise: improving food security, reducing AMR, reducing zoonoses control & preventing future pandemics?</i>	<i>Breakout groups (chosen by meeting attendees):</i> 1. How can One Health practically support food security and safety in the GMS? 2. How to operationalise One Health in antimicrobial resistance (AMR)? 3. What are the next steps for more effective zoonosis control in the GMS, especially after COVID-19? 4. How does the 'green recovery' help sectors collaborate to prevent new diseases emerging at the human-animal-environment interface?
12:05– 12:25	Feedback from small-group sessions	Nossal Institute facilitators
12:25 – 12:30	Summary and next steps	Asian Development Bank
12:30	Meeting close	Asian Development Bank

