



Greater Mekong Subregion Economic Cooperation Program

24th Meeting of the Subregional Transport Forum (STF-24) (Via Web-based Conferencing)

21 January 2021

0800 – 1330 H Nay Pyi Taw time, 0830-1400 H Bangkok/ Ha Noi/ Phnom Penh/
Vientiane time, 09:30 -1500 H Manila/Beijing time

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM AND AGENDA

Theme:

Forging Greater Transport Connectivity Toward the Visions of GMS-2030

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 brief the STF on the key thrusts and principles in the draft GMS Economic Cooperation Program Strategic Framework 2030 (GMS-2030) and COVID-19 Response and Recovery Plan 2021-2023 that have a bearing on the transport sector.
3. To review the progress of the Cross Border Transport Facilitation Agreement “Early Harvest” implementation and updates on possible future efforts in transport and trade facilitation.
4. To update the STF on the work and plans for the Greater Mekong Railway Association.
5. To discuss (i) recent initiatives to improve road safety regimes in GMS countries and (ii) railway planning and financing (few countries on voluntary basis).
6. To update the STF on the activities of development partners in the GMS transport sector.
7. To discuss other matters that have a bearing on the GMS transport sector.

0830-0900

Ha Noi Time

Registration

Open webinar line to join or online check-in

0900-0915

15mins

Opening Session

5 mins

Welcome Remarks

Mr. Le Dinh Tho
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Transport of Viet Nam

5 mins

Opening Remarks

Chair, Mr. Le Tuan Anh
Director General

	International Cooperation Department Ministry of Transport of Viet Nam
5 mins	Co-Chair, Mr. Hiroaki Yamaguchi Director, Transport and Communications Division, Southeast Asia Department Asian Development Bank (ADB)
0915–1000 45 mins	Session 1. Review and Update the Pipeline of GMS Transport Sector Projects in the GMS Regional Investment Framework (RIF) <i>The country delegations will brief the STF on their respective pipelines of transport sector projects in the RIF 2022.</i> Presenters: Representative from each country delegation
1000–1025 25 mins	Session 2. Presentation on the Transport Sector-Related Aspects of the Proposed New GMS Economic Cooperation Program Strategic Framework 2030 (GMS 2030) and GMS COVID-19 Response and Recovery Plan 2021-2023 (GMS COVID-19 Plan) <i>Presentation on the strategic thrusts and principles of GMS 2030 and GMS COVID-19 Plan that have a bearing on the transport sector, including their interfaces with the GMS Transport Sector Strategy (TSS) 2030 and a discussion of their implications for future operational priorities and activities in the sector.</i>
10 mins	Presenter: Representative from the GMS Secretariat in ADB
15 mins	Open Discussion (for questions or clarification only)
1025–1050 25 mins	Session 3. Report on the Progress of the CBTA “Early Harvest” Implementation and other Plans for the Field of Transport and Trade Facilitation
10 mins	<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, e.g., the planned activities under a new ADB-supported TA.</i>
	Presenters: Representative from the CBTA Joint Committee (from a member country or the Secretariat)
15 mins	Open Discussion

<p>1050–1115 25 mins</p> <p>10 mins</p> <p>15 mins</p>	<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 proposed plans going forward.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Representative from the GMRA (from the GMRA Board or Secretariat)</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>
<p>1115–1140 25 mins</p> <p>10 mins</p> <p>15 mins</p>	<p>Session 5. Recent initiatives to improve road safety regimes in GMS countries</p> <p>Presenter: ADB</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>
<p>1140 –1240 60 mins</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>1245 – 1310 25 mins</p> <p>10 mins</p> <p>15 mins</p>	<p>Session 6. Railway planning and financing</p> <p>Presenter: Representative from Viet Nam</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>
<p>1310 –1335 25 mins</p>	<p>Session 7: 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><i>5 DPs at 5 mins each</i> Moderated by Co-Chairs</p>
<p>1335–1350 15 mins</p>	<p>Session 8. Other Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Forum can discuss 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-25) (traditionally confirmed by the next STF host, i.e., Cambodia, based on alphabetical rotation).</i>
<p>1350–1400 10 mins</p>	<p>Wrap Up of the Meeting and Concluding Remarks</p> <p>Closing by Chair and Co-Chair</p>