



PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Chair:	Mr. Yang Yingming Deputy Director General International Department Ministry of Finance, PRC
Co-Chair:	Ms. Amy S.P. Leung Director Urban Development and Water Division (SEUW) Southeast Asia Department (SERD), Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Day 1: Thursday, 14 November	
0830-0900	Registration
0900-0925	Opening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening and Introductory Remarks by Chair and Co-Chair • Welcome Remarks by Governor, Yunan Province, PRC • Brief Statement by Hamid Sharif, Country Director, ADB PRC Mission
0925-0930	Group Photo
0930-0945	Coffee Break
0945-1030	Session 1: Urban Development in the Greater Mekong Subregion: The Role of Cities and Urban Connectivity in Promoting GMS Sustainability, Functional Integration and Competitiveness Presentation by Prof. Douglas Webster, ADB Consultant
1030 -1700	Session 2: Country Perspectives on Urban Development ---- Presentations by member country representatives (30 minutes each and 10 minutes of discussions) in promoting GMS connectivity, integration and competitiveness of corridor towns) Country presentation of 15-20 slides will be guided by the following essential contents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are your general observations about the national urban systems and development strategies as presented by Mr. Douglas in the Urban Development in the GMS? What are the implications of these strategies in the national efforts of your country to promote connectivity, integration and competitiveness of corridor towns

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have urbanization trends been adequately described and assessed for your country? Please provide additional information that needs to be taken into account in the assessment of the urbanization trends. • Does the presentation of the national urban system of your country adequately describe the economic role and importance of the urban centers covered? Please provide additional information on the national urban system, if possible. • As a way forward, identify key development strategies that should be adopted to trigger the development of the corridor towns. Please also indicate what type of urban sector investments that would further promote connectivity, integration and competitiveness of the corridor towns and cross border areas. • What strategic measures can be implemented to strengthen regional cooperation and functional integration among GMS corridor towns?
1030-1110	<p>Cambodia Perspectives on Urban Systems and Development Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by the Cambodia Lead Urban TF Member highlighting the key elements based on the Guide Questions • Discussions
1110-1150	<p>PRC Perspectives on Urban Systems and Development Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by the PRC GMS National Coordinator highlighting the key elements based on the Guide Questions • Discussions
1150-1300	Lunch Break
1300	Session 3. Continuation of Country Presentations
1300-1340	<p>Lao PDR Perspectives on Urban Systems and Development Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by the Lao PDR GMS National Coordinator highlighting the key elements based on the Guide Questions • Discussions
1340-1420	<p>Myanmar Perspectives on Urban Systems and Development Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by the Myanmar GMS National Coordinator highlighting the key elements based on the Guide Questions • Discussions
1420-1500	<p>Thailand Perspectives on Urban Systems and Development Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by the Thailand Lead GMS Urban TF member highlighting the key elements based on the Guide Questions • Discussions
1500-1540	<p>Viet Nam Perspectives on Urban Systems and Development Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by the Viet Nam Lead GMS Urban TF member highlighting the key elements based on the Guide Questions • Discussions

1540-1600	Coffee/ Tea Break
1600-1700	<p>Session 4. Plenary Discussions on GMS sustainability, functional integration and connectivity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Webster will give a synthesis of the country perspectives and initiate discussions on common strategies in urban development with emphasis on the development of corridor towns and border areas. Participants will be encouraged to share views. • The Co-chair will facilitate the plenary discussions.
1830-2000	Dinner
DAY 2: Friday, 15 November	
0900-0920	<p>Session 5. Synthesis of the Day I Session Presentation by SEUW, ADB of the highlights of discussions and agreements during Day 1.</p>
0920-1020	<p>Session 6. Discussions and Confirmation of the GMS Regional Investment Framework (RIF) for Urban Development Sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by ADB on GMS RIF for Urban Development Sector • The Co-Chair will facilitate discussions and seek confirmation on the GMS RIF.
1020 -1035	Coffee, Tea Break
1035 -1125	<p>Session 7. Discussion on Proposed CDTA on Strengthening Urban Planning in the GMS Corridor Towns Development Project and PPTA on Cross-Border Economic Zones Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Capacity Development Technical Assistance on Strengthening Urban Planning in the GMS Corridor Towns Development • Proposed Project Preparatory Technical Assistance on Cross-Border Economic Zones Development <p>The Co-Chair will facilitate discussions and seek consensus on the draft MOU.</p>
1125 -1225	<p>Session 8. Confirmation of the GMS Urban Development Task Force TOR and Discussion of the Agenda on the 2014 Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by ADB on the TOR and indicative 2014 Work Plan/Agenda of the GMS Urban TF • The Co-Chair will facilitate discussion and seek agreements on the agenda.
1230-1240	<p>Closing Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Co-Chair will summarize the agreements. • The Chair will give the concluding remarks.
1240-1400	Lunch

