



**GREATER MEKONG
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Second GMS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting and Retreat

PROGRAM



8 September 2017

Siem Reap, Cambodia

DAY 3 - 8 SEPTEMBER 2017

A.M. SESSION – GMS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting

0800 – 0830	Registration
0830 – 0845	Ministers' visit to the exhibit and market events area
0845 – 0930	<p>OPENING SESSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video presentation on GMS Agriculture Achievements and Vision for the future • Statement by Mr. Ramesh Subramaniam, Director General, Southeast Asia Department (SERD), Asian Development Bank (ADB) • Statement by H. E, Mr. Veng Sakhon, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (MAFF), Kingdom of Cambodia • Welcome and Opening Remarks by H. E Hor Namhong, Deputy Prime Minister, Kingdom of Cambodia <p>Group Photo</p>
0930 – 0945	Coffee Break
Chair:	H. E. Mr. Veng Sakhon, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (MAFF), Kingdom of Cambodia
Co-Chair:	Mr. Ramesh Subramaniam, Director General, SERD, ADB
0945 – 1030	<p>PLENARY SESSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement by GMS Agriculture Ministers/Heads of Delegation PRC: H. E. Mr. Zhang Zhongqiu, State Chief Veterinary Officer, MOA Lao PDR: H. E. Dr. Phouang Parisak Pravongviengkham, Deputy Minister, MAF Myanmar: H. E. Dr. Aung Thu, Union Minister, MOALI Thailand: General Chatchai Sarikulya, Minister, MOAC Viet Nam: H. E. Dr. Le Quoc Doanh, Vice Minister, MARD
1000 – 1030	<p>REPORT OF THE WGA AND ADB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the Host WGA on CASP achievements and progress to date, AMM-2 deliverables (including the GMS Strategy and Action Plan for promoting safe and environment-friendly agro-based value chains), and outcome of the Policy Forum and Public-Private Policy Dialogue the previous day by H.E. San Vanty, Undersecretary of State, MAFF, Cambodia • Report of the ADB on coordination and mobilization of resources, including the outcome of the Development Partners' Forum the previous day by Mr. Pavit Ramachandran, Senior Environment Specialist, Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture Division, SERD, ADB
1030 – 1115	<p>STATEMENT BY DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement by representative of co-financing partners (Ms. Leena Klossner, Nordic Development Fund) • Joint Statement by development partners • Statement by representative from the private sector (YiFan Jiang, Food Industry Asia) • Statement by representative from the research institutions (Dr. Watcharas Leelawath, Mekong Institute)
1115 – 1215	<p>COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS BY MINISTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country commentaries on the GMS Strategy and Siem Reap Action Plan and subsequent endorsement • Suggestions for moving the CASP forward
1215 – 1225	<p>PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF THE AMM-2 JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAFF Minister will present the Joint Ministerial Statement to be endorsed by all GMS Agriculture Ministers
1225 – 1230	Closing Remarks and Conclusion of AMM-2
1230 – 1400	Lunch

P.M. SESSION – Ministerial Retreat	
1345 –	Assembly of Delegates joining the field visit/study tour
1400 – 1430	PRESS CONFERENCE [To be presided by H. E. Mr. Veng Sakhon Minister, MAFF, Cambodia; and Mr. Ramesh Subramaniam, Director General, SERD, ADB.]
1445 – 1645	GMS AGRICULTURE MINISTERS’ RETREAT (closed door) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GMS Agriculture Ministers exchange views on predetermined Retreat topic [Coffee and snacks will be served inside the meeting room.]
1645 – 1700	Launching of the Agriculture Information Network Services version 2.0
1900 – 2100	Gala Dinner hosted by the Kingdom of Cambodia

Note on the First GMS Agriculture Ministers’ Retreat

Venue and Location

Apsara Palace Resort and Conference Center, Siem Reap, Cambodia / 8 September 2017

Background

The Second GMS Agriculture Ministers’ Meeting will continue the process of the First AMM by bringing together Agriculture Leaders from the GMS countries to take stock of status and trends in agriculture cooperation, and discuss future directions for regional cooperation to realize the CASP vision of making GMS a leading producer of safe and environment-friendly agriculture products. The past two days of the full AMM-2 program have set the context, provided opportunities for knowledge sharing and consensus building through discussions among various stakeholders. These inputs will inform Ministers’ deliberations on priorities for further enhancing agriculture cooperation and integrating GMS produce into the global market.

Nature and Duration

The Retreat provides a platform for the Agriculture Ministers of the GMS countries to exchange views in an informal and interactive way on key challenges and opportunities about the CASP, and to consider directions and approaches to address these issues. The Retreat will be held for two hours (1445–1645) in the afternoon of 8 September 2017.

Participants

The GMS Agriculture Ministers and the ADB Head of Delegation (HoD) will participate in this session, each joined by two other officials from the respective countries and ADB. The session will be facilitated by the Minister from MAFF, Cambodia and the ADB HoD. The WGA Secretariat will also have representatives to help facilitate the session, providing program-related information as needed to inform the discussion, and documenting outputs from the meeting discussion. The medium of communication is English. However, provision of simultaneous translation facility may be arranged based on country request.

RETREAT FORMAT

The ADB HoD introduces the general Retreat topic:

*How can the new GMS SEAP Strategy and Siem Reap Action Plan be effectively executed through (i) **formulation of a realistic and achievable implementation plan**: what immediate actions should be done during the first year of implementation which will be the most crucial to guide the direction for the following years; (ii) **mobilization of public and private financing**, particularly what role can public investment have in attracting private investments in agriculture value chain development; and (iii) **improved coordination and results-based monitoring and reporting**, particularly what measurable and realistic results would you like to see after 5 years of implementation of the strategy?*

The Chair (MAFF Minister) opens the floor for some observations from each of the countries and follows up with specific questions aimed at operationalizing the Joint Ministerial Statement presented at the Ministerial Meeting in the morning. At the end of the discussions, he will call on the Co-Chair (ADB HoD) to briefly highlight/summarize the key points and follow up actions.

ACCESS TO RETREAT PROCEEDINGS

The Retreat will be a closed-door meeting, with only the participants mentioned above to be allowed in the meeting room. The intention is to give the Ministers the appropriate atmosphere for a free exchange of ideas. However, three members of each country and ADB delegations will be allowed to listen to the Retreat proceedings in a designated listening room (adjoining the Retreat room). The WGA Secretariat will prepare a summary of Retreat proceedings, which will subsequently be shared with the Working Group on Agriculture focal points.