



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Date	Time	Event
24 March 2014 (Mon)	08:30–16:15	1 st Task Force Meeting for the Preparation of the 4 th GMS Environment Ministers' Meeting
25 March 2014 (Tue)	08:30–17:00	Joint Knowledge Event: GMS Working Group on Environment and GMS Working Group on Agriculture
	18:30–20:30	Hosted Dinner
26 March 2014 (Wed)	08:30–17:30	20 th Annual Meeting of the GMS Working Group on Environment
27 March 2014 (Thu)	07:30–	Field Visit (optional)

**First Task Force Meeting for the Preparation of the 4TH GMS
 Environment Ministers' Meeting
 DRAFT PROGRAM**

24 MARCH 2014 (MONDAY)	
Chair:	Mr. Hla Maung Thein Deputy Director General, Environmental Conservation Department Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry Myanmar
Co-Chair:	Mr. Sanath Ranawana Asian Development Bank
A.M. SESSION	
0830 – 0900	Registration
0900 – 0915	OPENING SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Opening Remarks by the Chair and Co-Chair • Opening Remarks from the Other Heads of Country Delegations
0915 – 1015	ITEM 1: DATE, VENUE, LOGO, AND THEME OF THE 4th GMS EMM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Myanmar as host will suggest a proposed date and venue for the 4th EMM and solicit country feedback • Presentation of proposed theme for the 4th EMM for discussion and final decision by the task force • Preparatory timetable and logistical arrangements
1015 – 1030	Coffee Break
1030 – 1230	ITEM 2: PROPOSED CONCEPT, PROGRAM/AGENDA, COMPONENT ACTIVITIES, AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 4th EMM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The task force to deliberate on proposed concept, program/agenda, component activities, including side events, communications and outreach plan, and other special arrangements for the 4th EMM
1230 – 1330	Lunch
1330 – 1430	ITEM 3: STATUS OF 4th EMM DELIVERABLES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and discussion of 4th EMM deliverables
1430 – 1530	ITEM 4: OUTLINE OF THE 4th EMM JOINT STATEMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of an outline of the 4th EMM Joint Statement for discussion
1530 – 1545	Coffee Break
1545 – 1600	ITEM 5: OTHER MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting of next task force meeting
1600 – 1615	CLOSING SESSION

Note: The Task Force will comprise the WGE Focal Points of each country or his/her representative, ADB, and EOC representatives.

JOINT KNOWLEDGE EVENT: GMS WORKING GROUP ON ENVIRONMENT AND GMS WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURE DRAFT PROGRAM

Theme: Managing natural capital to ensure food, energy, and water security

25 MARCH 2014 (TUESDAY)	
A.M. SESSION	
0830 – 0900	Registration
0900 – 1000	OPENING SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Opening Remarks by H. E. U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation, Myanmar • Welcome and Opening Remarks by H. E. U Win Tun, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry, Myanmar • Opening Remarks by Javed Mir, ADB Group Photo
1000 – 1030	Coffee Break
Chair:	Mr. Hla Maung Thein Deputy Director General, Environment Conservation Department Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry Myanmar
Moderator:	U Tin Htut Oo, Agribusiness and Rural Development Consultants
1030 – 1110	KEYNOTE ADDRESSES <i>(8 – 10 slides, 15 minutes each)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chandran Nair, Global Institute for Tomorrow, 'Role of natural capital in addressing the food-energy-water nexus' Q&A
1110 – 1230	PANEL SESSION 1: BEST PRACTICE IN INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF THE FOOD-ENERGY-WATER NEXUS <i>(5 – 7 slides, 10 minutes each)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ulrich Hoffman, UNCTAD, 'Transforming agriculture to enhance food, energy, water security' • Anthony Jude, ADB, 'Energy and water nexus' • Paul Hartman, Mekong ARCC DAI, 'Managing water security in the context of climate change' Discussion
1230 – 1330	Lunch

P.M. SESSION	
1330 – 1500	PANEL SESSION 2: ENABLING CONDITIONS TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL CAPITAL <i>(5 – 7 slides, 10 minutes each)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alex Smajgl, CSIRO, ‘Promoting multisector planning to improve the food-energy-water nexus’ • Alfred Nakatsuma, USAID, ‘USAID regional efforts to manage natural capital in the Mekong’ • Bruce Dunn, ADB, ‘Re-investing in natural capital’ Discussion
1500 – 1530	Coffee Break
Moderator:	Mr. Anthony Jude, ADB (TBC)
1530 – 1700	NEXT STEPS: OPERATIONALIZING MULTISECTOR INVESTMENTS IN THE GMS REGIONAL INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shunsuke Bando, ADB, ‘Concept Note on RIF Implementation Plan’ • Facilitated discussion: Identification of priority actions for natural capital management to enhance food-energy- water security in the GMS
1830 – 2030	Hosted Dinner



**20TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GMS WORKING GROUP ON
 ENVIRONMENT
 DRAFT PROGRAM**

26 MARCH 2014 (WEDNESDAY)	
A.M. SESSION	
0830 – 0900	Registration
0900 – 0930	SESSION 1: OPENING SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Opening Remarks by Dr. Thet Thet Zin, Deputy Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry, Myanmar • Opening Remarks by Mr. Javed Mir, ADB • Opening Remarks from Other Heads of Country Delegations <p style="text-align: center;">Group Photo</p>
0930 – 0945	Coffee Break
<p style="text-align: right;">Chair:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Co-Chair:</p>	<p>Mr. Hla Maung Thein Deputy Director General, Environmental Conservation Department Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry Myanmar</p> <p>Mr. Sanath Ranawana Asian Development Bank</p>
0945 – 1100	SESSION 2: CORE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM IN CONTEXT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trends in the GMS transboundary biodiversity landscapes: Analysis of threats and opportunities • Summary of CEP Progress <p>Discussion</p>
1100– 1230	SESSION 3: HIGHLIGHTS OF CEP ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROGRESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Achievements in 2013 • Statement from Co-financing Partners • GMS Country Responses <p>Discussion</p>
1230 – 1330	Lunch

P.M. SESSION	
Moderator:	Mr. Javed Mir, ADB
1330 – 1530	<p>SESSION 4: TRANSLATING GMS REGIONAL INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK INTO ACTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of Key Messages from the Joint Knowledge Event <i>[from previous day]</i> • RIF: From Environment Pipeline to Implementation • Responses from Other Development Partners <p>Discussion</p>
1530 – 1545	Coffee Break
1545 – 1645	<p>DRAFTING OF RESOLUTION (closed session for WGE representatives) <i>[This session provides a platform for the environment ministries of the GMS countries to exchange views in an informal and interactive way on key challenges and opportunities for the CEP and how they might be addressed or explored.]</i></p>
1645 – 1730	<p>SESSION 5: CLOSING SESSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation/consideration of the Resolution • Chair and Co-Chair to Summarize Key Points • Confirmation of the Date and Venue of the WGE SAM9 • Concluding Remarks



**Field Visit (optional)
TENTATIVE ITINERARY**

27 MARCH 2014 (THURSDAY)	
0730	Departure from hotel
0800	Arrival at Uppatasanti Pagoda; pay homage
0845	Leave for organic fruits and vegetables farm
0900	Arrival and visit around organic fruits and vegetables farm
1100	Visit to National Herbal Garden
1220	Lunch