



## AGENDA

### 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on Human Resource Development

<b>DAY 1: 13 December 2016, Chambord Meeting Room, Intercontinental Hotel, Kunming, PRC</b>	
8:30 – 9:00	<p><b>Registration</b></p>
9:00 – 9:45	<p><b>Welcome Remarks</b>            Li Rui, Deputy Director, Ministry of Finance, Department of International Cooperation, People's Republic of China  <i>Speech on innovation and how PRC uses innovation in regional cooperation</i></p> <p><b>Opening Statements</b>            Ayako Inagaki, Director, Human and Social Development Division, Southeast Asia Department, ADB  <i>Speech on ADB's work in the human resource development sector and ADB's support to the GMS working group on HRD</i></p> <p>Xinning Jia, Deputy Country Director, PRC Resident Mission, ADB  <i>Speech on ADB's cooperation program in PRC and its impact</i></p> <p><b>Facilitator</b>            Lainie Thomas, ADB</p>
9:45–10:00	<p><b><u>Session 1: Regional Cooperation Overview</u></b>  <i>This session will provide an overview of the GMS program and briefing on the directives and outcomes of the 21st GMS Ministerial Conference relevant to the HRD sector.</i></p> <p><b>Presenters</b>            Pinsuda Alexander, ADB            Jyotsana Varma, ADB  <i>Human Resource Development Sector within the GMS Program</i></p> <p><b>Facilitator</b>            Azusa Sato, ADB</p>
10:00-10:15	<p><b>Photo shoot and coffee break</b></p>
10:15-11:30	<p><b><u>Session 2: Working group achievements in education</u></b>  <i>This session will present updates on the (i) academic credit transfer program, (ii) training standards recognition initiative, and (iii) projects and initiatives with cross border elements.</i></p> <p><b>Presenters</b>            Phunyanuch Pattanothai, SEAMEO Regional Center for Higher Education and Development            Nantana Gajaseni, ASEAN University Network            Wan Fengfeng, Deputy of Vocational and Adult Education Division, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Education Department</p> <p><b>Facilitator</b>            Joel Mangahas, ADB</p>



11:30– 12:15	<p><b><u>Session 3: Challenges to health security in the GMS: new trends in addressing the issues</u></b>  <i>A discussion including experts on health about challenges facing the region and how regional cooperation can bring benefits for all.</i></p> <p><b>Presenters</b>  Gerard Servais, ADB  Chin-Kei Lee, Office of the World Health Organization Representative in PRC  Maria Nnette Motus, International Organization on Migration in South Asia and Pacific  Surasak Thanaisawanyangkoon, Thailand Ministry of Health</p> <p><b>Facilitator</b>  Azusa Sato, ADB</p>	
12:15 – 13:30	<p><b>Lunch, The Market, 1st floor</b></p>	
13:30 – 17:25	<p><b><u>Session 4: Next steps for the strategic framework and action plan</u></b>  <i>The session will begin with a presentation on the HRD strategic framework and action plan 2013-2017. What did it propose, what has been achieved, what were the challenges, and what has its role been strengthening regional cooperation and building the pipeline?</i></p> <p><b>Presenter</b>  Sam Plummer, Consultant, ADB</p> <p><b>Facilitator</b>  Jyotsana Varma, ADB</p> <p><i>Set the assignment of the subgroups: review what the subgroup has achieved. Discuss the value of the subgroup to the working group. Clarify what realistically can be planned for the coming period 2018-2022 under the next framework.</i></p> <p><i>Q&amp;A on the presentation and assignment for clarity</i></p> <p><i>Subgroup breakout session: Begin with some presentations on current innovations and examples to begin the discussion. Each group should then:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Prepare a proposed output for the subgroup (see existing SFAP for examples).</i></li> <li>• <i>Identify priorities for the next 5 years to go into the new action plan and as inputs to the GMS Regional Investment Framework and Implementation Plan</i></li> <li>• <i>Prepare a 15-minute presentation to the plenary for the next day on specific recommendations for moving forward.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>(Participants may have a working break at 15:00 onwards during the discussions at their convenience)</i></p>	
	<p><b>Health and Labor &amp; Migration Subgroups–</b>  Azusa Sato, ADB  Health directions in the GMS</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Gerard Servais, ADB</p> <p><b>Co-facilitators:</b> Kyi Thar (MYRM), Nguyen Thi Hoang Lan (VRM)  Venue: Chambord Meeting Room, 2nd floor</p>	<p><b>Education and Social Development Subgroups-</b>  Chen Ming  Technical and Vocational Education and Training Division, Guizhou Department of Education, PRC</p> <p><b>Facilitators:</b> Joel Mangahas, ADB, Pinsuda Alexander, ADB  <b>Co-facilitators:</b> Khamtanh Chanthy (LRM), Tina Wu (PRCM)  Venue: Yuhuo Meeting Room, 4th floor</p>
17:25-17:30	<p><b>Wrap up of Day 1</b>  Lainie Thomas, ADB</p>	



17:30–19:00	<b>Welcome reception, Butterfly Bar, 2nd floor</b>
<b>DAY 2: 14 December 2016, Chambord Meeting Room, Intercontinental Hotel, Kunming, PRC</b>	
8:30 – 8:45	<b>Recap of Day 1 and Overview of Day 2</b> Azusa Sato, ADB
8:45-10:30	<p><b><u>Session 5: Synthesis of subgroup discussions</u></b>  <i>A representative of each subgroup will present the discussions and conclusions from the previous afternoon (15-20 minutes each). The 2 responders will share feedback (5-8 minutes each) on the presentations. Then the facilitators will run an open discussion to synthesize results about how to move forward with the subgroups' recommendations as inputs to the new HRD Strategic Framework and Action Plan.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Health and Labor and Migration presentation</li> <li>● Education and Social Development presentation</li> </ul> <p><b>Responders</b>          Maria Theresa Medialdia, Mekong Institute          Tinsiri Siribodhi, SEAMEO Secretariat</p> <p><b>Facilitators</b>          Lainie Thomas and Gerard Servais, ADB</p>
10:30-10:45	<b>Coffee break</b>
10:45-11:25	<p><b><u>Session 6: Discussions on the Way Forward</u></b>  <i>The presenter will summarize the accomplishments of the 15<sup>th</sup> WGHRD meeting and discuss the next steps towards the further development and eventual endorsement of the new HRD Strategic Framework and Action Plan.</i></p> <p><b>Presenter</b>          Ayako Inagaki, Director, SEHS</p>
11:25-11:30	<p><b>Session 7: Date and Venue of the 16th Meeting of the WGHRD</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lao PDR (Khamphao Chanphengxay)</p>
11:30-11:45	<p><b><u>Session 8: Feedback and Reflection</u></b>  <i>Participants will fill out feedback forms</i></p> <p><b>Facilitator</b>          Joel Mangahas, SEHS</p>
11:45 - 12:00	<p><b><u>Session 9: Closing Remarks</u></b>  <b>Introduction of Government Official</b>          Lainie Thomas, ADB</p> <p><b>Closing Remarks</b>          Yang Xunbing, Director, Department of Finance, Yunnan Province, PRC</p>
12:00 - 13:30	<b>Lunch, The Market, 1st floor</b>





## **THEME- Spurring regional cooperation: Enhancing knowledge, skills and innovation in the Greater Mekong Subregion**

### **Background**

1. The Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Human Resource Development (HRD) Strategic Framework and Action Plan (SFAP) 2013–2017<sup>1</sup> facilitate GMS integration while mitigating its negative aspects. Regional cooperation in HRD promotes economic growth and inclusive development along the economic corridors by strengthening national education and health systems, harmonizing standards and regulations in education, health and labor migration, and establishing mutual recognition frameworks for skills and professional qualifications that facilitate the flow of investments, goods and services across borders. It also allays the negative health and social impacts through projects such as communicable diseases control.
2. The second regional policy advisory technical assistance project<sup>2</sup> implements the GMS HRD Strategic Framework and Action Plan 2013-2017 and has the following outputs: (i) improved cooperation in technical and vocational education and training (TVET); (ii) improved cooperation in higher education; and (iii) strengthened national implementation and monitoring of the strategic framework and action plan. The technical assistance supports the annual meeting of the Working Group on HRD (WGHRD) to identify areas of regional cooperation, share knowledge and experiences and enhance regional networks and partnerships in HRD.
3. The 14th Meeting of the Working Group on Human Resource Development (WGHRD-14) held in Siem Reap, Cambodia in November 2015 confirmed the need to strengthen vital linkages among skills, knowledge and labor markets. As the GMS HRD SFAP 2013-2017 enters its third year of implementation, a review of its accomplishments and institutional arrangements will address the challenges of coordinating multiple government agencies under the health, education, labor and migration and social development subgroups and will discuss the future HRD agenda to fully harness the benefits and mitigate the associated risks of greater regional integration.
4. At the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on Human Resource Development (WGHRD-15), the theme, Regional cooperation in human resource development: Spurring knowledge, skills and innovation in the Greater Mekong Subregion, proposes a cooperation framework for intensive knowledge-sharing and labor market information sharing using new technologies for skills and knowledge acquisition. In particular, WGHRD-15 will bring together officials, industry leaders and stakeholders to i) discuss opportunities for exchanging and sharing regional knowledge, experience and lessons learned in HRD cooperation in the GMS and ASEAN; ii) monitor and assess on-going regional HRD cooperation initiatives in higher education and TVET; iii) highlight achievements of R-PATA 8549; iv) discuss regional dimensions of national HRD projects; and v) and review the GMS HRD Strategic Framework and Action Plan 2013-2017 strategic directions for the health, education, social development and labor and migration subgroups.

<sup>1</sup> Greater Mekong Subregion Human Resource Development Strategic Framework and Action Plan 2013-2017: <http://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/institutional-document/33966/files/gms-sfap-hrd-2013-2017.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> R-PATA 8549: Implementing the GMS HRD SFAP 2013-2017 (Phase 2) <http://adb.org/sites/default/files/projdocs/2013/46071-001-tar.pdf>

