

GMS Business Summit

13:30 - 17:30, Friday 30 March, 2018

I. Objective:

The GMS Business Summit will serve as an opportunity for GMS Leaders, heads of international and regional organizations, representatives of development partners, business sector and academia to share their views on key development issues of the GMS region and discuss ways to strengthen cooperation among different stakeholders.

II. Participants:

- GMS Leaders (Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, and Viet Nam);
- Head of the international organizations/financial institutions (such as WB, ADB, UNESCAP, AIIB, FAO);
- Representatives of development partners (multilateral and bilateral);
- Representatives of GMS provinces;
- Business delegates (from GMS, and outside the region).

III. Format and Seating Arrangement

- The GMS Business Summit will follow the format of the Davos World Economic Forum. Each panel discussion will be moderated by an experienced moderator.
- Seating arrangement will be theater style.

IV. Program of GMS Business Summit:

TIME	SESSIONS
13.00 – 13.30:	Registration
13.30 – 15h15:	<p>PLENARY SESSION: In search for new drivers of economic growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening remark by the Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam. - Remark by the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia - Remark by the Premier of the State Council of the People’s Republic of China. - Remark by Prime Minister of Lao People’s Democratic Republic - Remark by the President of the Republic of Union of Myanmar. - Remark by the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand. - Panel discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GMS Leaders • President of ADB • President of World Bank • UN Undersecretary, Executive Secretary for ESCAP. <p>Moderator (to be identified)</p> <p><i>Topic Description: Finding new drivers for economic growth that are less reliant on low cost labor, exploitation of natural resources is a key for future success of GMS countries. Key questions to be addressed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the possible new drivers of economic growth in GMS countries? - How to create an environment that is conducive to the emergence and development of new growth drivers?
15h15 – 15h30:	Tea break
CONCURRENT SESSIONS	
15h30 – 17h30:	<p>Session 1: Infrastructure Development and Financing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keynote speech by AIIB President - Keynote speech by Dag Detter, CEO of Detter& Co.(BCG to invite) - Panel discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative of relevant government agency of Lao PDR • Representative of relevant government agency of China • Representative of JBIC/JICA, KOICA/KEXIM • Representative of 1-2 GMS businesses • Representative of 1-2 international businesses (BCG to provide recommendations) <p>Moderator: JamilKassum, Independent Non-executive Director of Randgold Resources (BGC to invite)</p>

Topic description: Infrastructure development is critical for economic growth and progress in social development. Given the enormous demand for infrastructure development in GMS, it is imperative to identify actionable solutions to facilitate infrastructure financing. Suggested issues for discussion:

- How can government encourage infrastructure investment?
- How can a country unlock the most value out of its public assets?
- Available financing mechanism for infrastructure projects?
- Innovative public private partnership for infrastructure development?

Session 2: Agriculture Business and Technology

- Keynote speech by H.E Nguyen XuanCuong, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of Viet Nam

- Presentation by a company in the sector (**from Israel for example – BCG to recommend**)

- Panel discussion:

- Representatives of relevant government agency of Cambodia
- Representatives of relevant government agency of Thailand
- Representatives of FAO
- Representative of 1-2 GMS businesses
- Representative of 1-2 international businesses (**BCG to provide recommendation**)

Moderator: (**BCG to recommend**)

Topic description: Agriculture continues to be a key driver of economic growth and the engine for sustainable development of GMS countries. There is a need to develop an agriculture sector that is competitive, adaptable to climate change and well integrated into the regional and global supply chains. Key questions to be addressed include:

- What are the solutions for a better linkage between production and supply chains, and to increase the added value of GMS agricultural products?
- What role does technology and Industry 4.0 can play in unlocking value and improving productivity in agriculture sector?

Session 3: GMS and Global Trade

- Keynote speech by UN Undersecretary for ESCAP

- Panel discussion:

- Representatives of relevant government agency of Myanmar
- Representatives of relevant government agency of China
- Representatives of relevant government agency of Viet Nam
- Representatives of the WTO
- Representative of 1-2 GMS businesses
- Representative of 1-2 international businesses

Moderator: Mr. Jeffrey Walters, Partner and Managing Director of BCG's Hong Kong Office **(BCG to confirm)**

Topic description: *GMS countries have benefited immensely from globalization and the cross-border flow of goods and services. As the global trade landscape is continuously changing, it's crucial for GMS countries to be up to the speed with new developments and continue to take full advantage of the opportunities for economic development through trade.*