



GREATER MEKONG SUBREGION BUSINESS COUNCIL

A unique regional forum that serves to promote and facilitate trade and investment in the countries of the Greater Mekong Sub-region

Activities implemented from January - December, 2015

1. **The Fourth GMS Environment Ministers' Meeting, 27-29 January 2015, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar**
2. **1st GMS-BF board of director' meeting on 3rd April, 2015 in Phnom Phen, Cambodia.** The meeting conducted through video link that transmitted from ADB Resident Mission in Phnom Penh, Cambodia to Vientiane, Hanoi, Bangkok, Yangon, Beijing and Manila.
3. **ADB Mission visit to Vientiane 25-27 March.** The meeting was to discuss collaboration with GMS-BF and Lao Chamber of Commerce and industry, to discuss technical issues relating to how MBI can partner with the GMS BF and sublease of the GMS-BF office for the MBI project team. The mission team Mr. Dominic, David and Stan will join for this meeting
4. **UNESCAP Business Advisory Council Board meeting held in Bangkok from 18 to 19 May .** The meeting was organized by UNESCAP from 18-19 May, 2015. The ninth meeting of the ESCAP Business Advisory Council (EBAC) will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) in Bangkok, Thailand on 19 May 2015. At the meeting, EBAC will discuss concrete actions for engaging the business sector in the new development agenda and for increasing the contribution of business towards meeting the visions and objectives of ESCAP post-2015. EBAC has harnessed the resources and other contributions of the business community to achieve socioeconomic development in the past decade and has fostered public-private sector dialogue in the Asia and Pacific region.
5. **EBAC Meeting on 18-19 May, 2015.** Several EBAC related meetings will be Held at ESCAP at ESCAP's conference centre in Bangkok during the week of 17 May 2015.
6. **9th World Chambers Congress on 10/06/2015 - 12/06/2015 at Torino, Italy.** The meeting was organized by international chamber of commerce on 10/06/2015 - 12/06/2015 at Torino, Italy. United under the theme "Community, Identity, Vision", more than 1,600 chamber delegates from 120 countries are expected to attend the much awaited Congress together with business and civil society leaders. Aiming to tackle the latest business strategies and economic trends, the Congress will offer attendants the opportunity to explore new technologies, attend engaging workshops, network and exchange ideas, all in one of Italy's best travel destination
7. **the 6th ACMECS Summit in Myanmar on 22-23 June 2015.** The summit was held on 22-23 June, 2015 in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar

8. **ASEAN-EU Business Summit on 23rd August 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**, The summit was organized on 23rd August 2015 in Kuala Lumpur
9. **The 2nd GMS-BF Board of Director' Meeting on 31 August, 2015**. The meeting was conducted through video link that will be transmitted from the office of ADB Resident Mission in Phnom Penh, Cambodia to Laos, Thailand Resident Mission in Bangkok, Vietnam and Yangon Myanmar. PRC China and ADB Manila. Objective of meeting was update the GMS-BF activities implemented from January to June, 2015, financial report, update activities plan 2015, preparation for the 20th GMS Ministerial Conference, which will be held on 10 September in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, and preparation for the Asia-Pacific Business Forum (APBF 2015) 1-3 November 2015. GMS-BF has been requested to co-organize the event with UNESCAP BAC and other matters.
10. **The 20th Greater Mekong Subregion Ministerial Conference (20th MC) on 9-10 September 2015, in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar**. The 20th Greater Mekong Subregion Ministerial Conference (20th MC) was organized by ADB. The conferences attend by GMS ministers and senior officer in six participating countries in GMS program and representatives of development partners, private sector and civil society.
11. **The technical workshop/discussion on ACTS is taken placed on 12 - 15 October 2015 at Settha Palace Hotel**. The workshop was organized by ADB, The main objectives of the discussion are to (i) understand better the process and requirement of ACTS; and (ii) develop a concrete detailed workplan on activities to support Lao Customs Department to enhance readiness for ACTS, it mainly propose the discussions be conducted with Lao Customs colleagues in charge of (i) customs procedures; (ii) IT development; and (iii) Human Resources Development/Training Departments
12. **ASIA-PACIFIC Business Forum 2015 on 1-3 November 2015 in Bangkok, Thailand** .The Forum was organized by UNESCAP. The objective to identify the challenges and discover the most promising opportunities for enhancing regional business connectivity, investment and partnerships in the Asia-Pacific region, in particular within the context of achieving inclusive, resilient and sustainable development in the region
13. **The Workshop on International Trade Finance, Logistics and Business Development on 27-29 November 2015 in Yangon, Myanmar**. The workshop was organized at UMFCCI by ESCAP, EBAC, ESNB, IRU, ICCB, UNIDO, MI, GMS-BF, UMFCCI and Myanmar Bank Association under the sponsorship of the ministry of commerce of Myanmar.
14. **The GMS-BC Working Group Meeting on SME on 8 December, 2015 in Bangkok, Thailand**. The meeting was organized at ADB Resident Mission in Bangkok, Thailand which the objectives: (i)In the last GMS-BC Board Meeting on 31 August 2015, it was decided to re-establish the GMS Private Sector Working Group to address issues on SMEs. In particular the issue of SME Finance in the CLMV countries. At the GMS Business Conference in December 2014 the private sector has agreed that CLMV countries should establish proper National SME credit guarantee schemes based on the model of Thailand, PR. China and other countries (i.e. Japan).(ii)To prepare for a GMS public and private workshop on SME Finance, in order to set principles and modalities for SME Credit Guarantee. (iii)To establish a framework for the GMS Private Sector SME working Group for initiating a platform for expanded networking between the public and private sectors, and the development partner community towards exploring and pursuing subregional and national SME promotion in the GMS.
15. **Update GMS-BC website in 2016**.

