

SDC-CUTS-UNESCAP Conference
Advocacy for Trade & Investment Facilitation in the GMS Region
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Agenda

November 23, 2006

- 0800-0830 Registration
- 0830-0930 Inaugural Session
Welcome Remarks, Marinus W. Sikkel, Office-in-Charge, a.i., Trade and Investment Division (TID), UNESCAP
Introductory Remarks, Pranav Kumar, Policy Analyst, CUTS
An overview of the issues and need for Advocacy in GMS, Sailendra Narain, Regional Advisor, Swiss agency for Development and Cooperation
- 0930-1000 Regional Economic Cooperation Trends and Prospects
Chair: Tiziana Bonapace, TID, UNESCAP
An Overview of Economic Cooperation between India and GMS Countries
Speaker: Sailendra Narain, Regional Advisor, SDC
- 1000-1030 Tea/Coffee
- 1030-1115 Regional Economic Cooperation Trends and Prospects (cont'ed)
Regional Trade Integration Efforts of India, Thailand and China
Speaker: Mia Mikic, TID, UNESCAP
Discussant:
Hank Lim, Singapore Institute of International Affairs
- 1115-1215 Cambodian Perspectives on Regional Economic Cooperation
Chair: Sok Sopheak, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Commerce, Cambodia
Speaker: Samsen Neak, Researcher, EIC, Cambodia
Discussants:
Ham Samnang, Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace, Cambodia
- 1215-1330 Lunch
- 1330-1430 Laotian Perspectives on Regional Economic Cooperation
Chair: Heuan Chanphana, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Laos
Speaker: Phetlavanh Phimmasone, NUoL, Laos
Discussants:
Douangboupa Latthana, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Laos
Khampheng Vongkhanty, Chambers of Commerce of Laos, Laos
- 1430-1500 Tea/Coffee
- 1500-1600 Vietnamese Perspectives on Regional Economic Cooperation
Chair: Hoang Thi Hoa Binh, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Vietnam
Speaker: Doan Hong Quang, CDI, Vietnam
Discussants:
Nguyen Thi Thu Ha, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Vietnam
Doan Thuy Nga, Vietnam Chamber of Commerce, Vietnam
- 2000 Reception & Dinner

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- 0830-1000 Role of China, India and Thailand as Facilitators for Trade and Investment Facilitation in the GMS Countries
Chair: Bui Quang Tuan, IWEP, Vietnam
Speaker:
Marinus Sikkel, UNESCAP, “Integrating SMEs of the GMS in regional and global value chains”
Prabir De, RIS, India, “Role of China, India and Thailand in Trade Facilitation in the GMS Countries”
Xingmin Yin, China, “China Among Asian Trade Liberalisation: The case of China”
Discussant:
Yann Duval, TID, UNESCAP
- 1000-1030 Tea/Coffee
- 1030-1200 Charting Out of A Roadmap and Action Plan for Future Activities
Chair: Bui Quang Tuan, IWEP, Vietnam
Speaker:
Doan Hong Quang, CDI, Vietnam, “Trade policies and multilateral trade negotiations”
Phetlavanh Phimmasone, NUoL, Laos, “Trade and investment facilitation measures in GMS countries”
Samsen Neak, Researcher, EIC, Cambodia, “Institutional capacity building”
Floor Discussions
- 1200-1300 Lunch