The Second GMS Agriculture Ministers’ Meeting was held in Siem Reap, Cambodia from 6-8 September 2017. The Ministerial Meeting was preceded by a Policy Forum, a Development Partners’ Forum, a Public-Private Dialogue and Roundtable, and a Marketplace Exhibit with networking and knowledge-sharing seminars.
A Statement was delivered by Mr. Ramesh Subramaniam, Director-General, Southeast Asia Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB) during the inaugural session.
This was followed by a Statement by His Excellency Veng Sakhon, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of the Kingdom of Cambodia.
The Welcome and Opening Remarks was made by His Excellency Dr. Yim Chhay Ly, Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia.
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The Second GMS Agriculture Ministers’ Meeting, presided by H. E. Veng Sakhon and Mr. Ramesh Subramaniam, agreed on a Joint Ministerial Statement and gave its endorsement of the Strategy for Promoting Safe and Environment-friendly agro-based Value Chains in the GMS and the Siem Reap Action Plan (2018-2022), which will guide the next phase of CASP.
The GMS Heads of Delegation, from left to right, were Mr. Ramesh Subramaniam, Head of the ADB Delegation, H.E. Dr. Phouang Parisak Pravagnviengkham, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, H.E. General Chatchai Sarikulya, Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand, H.E. Veng Sakhon, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), Kingdom of Cambodia, H.E. Yim Chhay Ly, Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, H.E. Zhang Zhongqiu, State Chief Veterinary Officer from the Ministry of Agriculture, People’s Republic of China (PRC), H.E. Dr. Aung Thu, Union Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Myanmar, and H.E. Dr. Nguyen Xuan Cuong, Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Viet Nam.
Group Photo of the Heads of Delegation with the Senior Officials of the GMS Working Group on Agriculture (WGA) and the Asian Development Bank.
A Press Conference was held immediately after the Ministerial Meeting to announce the Joint Ministerial Statement and the endorsement of the GMS SEAP Strategy and Siem Reap Action Plan 2018-2022.
The Ministers provided recommendations and strategic directions for implementing the GMS SEAP Strategy and Siem Reap Action Plan at the First GMS Agriculture Ministers’ Retreat held in the afternoon of 8 September 2017.
Opening of the Siem Reap Policy Forum by His Excellency Mam Amnot, Secretary of State, MAFF, Kingdom of Cambodia and ADB Cambodia Resident Mission Country Director, Mr. Samiuela Tukuafu on 6 September 2017.
To provide context to the Policy Forum, an overview of the GMS SEAP Strategy and Siem Reap Action Plan 2018-2022 was given by Mr. Pavit Ramachandran, Senior Environment Specialist, Asian Development Bank.
A WGA Meeting and 4th Preparatory Meeting for AMM-2 was held on 7 September 2017 chaired by His Excellency San Vanty, Undersecretary of State of MAFF, Kingdom of Cambodia and co-chaired by Mr. Jiangfeng Zhang, Director, Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Division, ADB.
A Development Partners Forum was held in the afternoon of 7 September 2017 to exchange ideas on how development partners and other key stakeholders can expand and further deepen their roles in pursuing inclusive growth in the GMS and improve institutional and program level coordination to maximize development effectiveness.
A Public-Private Roundtable was held on 7 September 2017 to discuss how the public and private sector can work together on the implementation of the GMS SEAP Strategy and Siem Reap Action Plan 2018-2022, moderated by H.E. Veng Sakhon, MAFF Minister, Cambodia, co-moderated by Mr. Ng Kim Keat, Chairman of the Science and Technical Committee of the Food Industry Asia and Mr. Ramesh Subramaniam, Director-General, Southeast Asia Department, ADB.
Launch of the Mekong Agribusiness Technology Challenge (MATCH) was held on 6 September 2017.
The Heads of Delegation together with the Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister visited the Marketplace of GMS products showcasing sustainable and innovative research and development projects under the CASP letters of agreement (LOAs) and memorandum of understanding between the ADB and implementing partners.
Cambodia Deputy Prime Minister and MAFF Minister looks at the exhibit on the combination of green water management and participatory guarantee system project in Cambodia which has high potential for upscaling.
The Agriculture Information Network Service (AINS) version 2.0 which was one of the AMM-2 key deliverables was launched at the exhibit area on 8 September 2017.
Another booth on organic tea production arising out of an LOA project in PRC was visited. The project has been able to diversify into other organic products and other income-generating activities related to tourism.
One of the innovative features in the marketplace was the identification of agro-tourism hotspots where corresponding safe and environment-friendly agriculture products could also be experienced.
The GMS Heads of Delegation pose with the Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and the ADB Head of Delegation at the market place.
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Networking and knowledge-sharing seminars were a key feature of the marketplace activities. These focused on exchange of best practices and ideas to promote public-private collaboration and synergize agro-tourism-environment products or services as a way of sharing lessons learned across the GMS.
GMS Choice Awards were given during the Gala Dinner to deserving marketplace participants in their SEAP journey. One of the awardees was from Cambodia for Best Product Zone Display.