



## Greater Mekong Subregion Environment Operations Center



### First regional consultation on CEP-BCI Phase II Planning

8-9 February 2010, (Intercontinental Hotel), Bangkok, Thailand

#### Background

The two-day regional consultation is being undertaken with the aim for major CEP-BCI stakeholders from the GMS, i.e. the WGE, co-financiers, other international development partners, and the ADB, to come together in a consultative manner to discuss and plan for the development of CEP-BCI Phase II. It is imperative for Phase II to build on the successful achievements of Phase I, and for the consultation participants to review best practices and lessons learned and fine tune the Phase II program design accordingly.

On the directive of the WGE, the 15th Annual Meeting Joint Statement will be taken as a basis for Phase II program development. To guide the discussions for further strengthening and scaling up CEP-BCI in Phase II, a strategic paper “**Strengthening the Integration of Environment into GMS Economic Cooperation**” was formulated by the EOC Secretariat. The consultation will be an opportunity to deliberate on CEP-BCI approaches, lessons learned and the way forward.

The WGE also underscored the importance of channeling policy recommendations in line with subregional, national and sectoral planning processes within the GMS Economic Cooperation Program. In this respect, CEP-BCI should play an instrumental role in the creation of enabling policy and regulatory environment so as to increase effectiveness and mainstreaming of environment in sub-regional planning processes. This will require alignment of CEP-BCI to 1) the Regional Cooperation Strategy and Program (RCSP) for the GMS, 2) the next 10-year GMS strategy and 3) the Economic Corridor Forum.

#### Workshop Outcome and Objectives

The intended outcome of the regional consultation is well deliberated consensus on elements of CEP-BCI phase II development validating: i) tools and approaches; and ii) institutional and capacity building issues, leading towards a detailed Phase II action plan.

At the end of the workshop, participants are expected to have:

- Shared critical issues and lessons of importance for the GMS
- Identified priority areas for upscaling work that has been carried out under CEP-BCI Phase I, building upon experiences, lessons learned and early successes
- Identified emerging areas of collaboration among GMS countries, and new potential partnerships with ongoing similar initiatives in the region, ensuring that:
  - Phase II development does not duplicate or overlap with existing national or sub-regional programs;
  - development objectives with potential and interested co-financing partners are aligned
- Provided suggestions and factors to be taken into account in CEP-BCI Phase II design and implementation.

## Workshop Content, Format and Process

### Content

Discussions during the consultations will focus on two central sub-themes:

Sub-theme A: CEP-BCI lessons learned and Potential Upscaling

Sub-theme B: Capacity Building and Institutional Delivery Structure

### Format

1. Plenary sessions will be led by a lead facilitator and a thematic discussion WGE lead.
2. Each thematic breakout session will be introduced by the lead facilitator who makes a presentation and sets the framework for further discussions (5-10 minutes)
3. Breakout session discussions will be divided into two groups and will be led by a thematic discussion WGE lead
4. Each breakout session group reports their findings to the plenary on Day 2 (maximum 15 minutes).
5. The plenary will provide brief responses to the presentations.
6. Concluding statements on key issues will be formulated.

### Process

1. All participants will have the opportunity to discuss all thematic issues during the consultations.
2. Each breakout session should commence by nominating one or two of its members to report back to plenary. EOC team will record the proceedings.
3. The breakout sessions will be used to define critical issues, lessons and recommendations.
4. The Lead Facilitators and WGE Co-Facilitators in collaboration with the session members will prepare the plenary presentations.
5. Breakout session presentations should address the workshop objectives

### Group allocations, leads and WGE co-facilitators

<b>Sub-theme A</b> <b>Lead facilitator:</b> Robert Basiuk	<b>Sub-theme B</b> <b>Lead facilitator:</b> Iain Watson
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### Next Steps

As a follow-up to the consultation, main discussion points and issues will be incorporated in the draft issues paper which will subsequently be shared in its revised state with the WGE for review and consent.

Building on the GMS strategic issues paper, the EOC team will draft an action plan that will be presented at the Ministerial Meeting, ultimo March 2010.