The GMS countries and the Asian Development Bank present the International Conference on food security, water, energy, and the environment:

20 – 21 February, 2012
Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel & Towers, Bangkok, Thailand

The conference will benchmark economic growth spanning 2001-2010, its impact on inclusive development, gender, ethnic groups and socially disadvantaged, and its overall effect on the environment. This is to discuss the significant economic, environmental, and climate change challenges for food, water and energy security in the next decade (2011-2020).

Participants
With a highly participatory format of panel discussions, thematic working group sessions and plenary sessions, the conference targets professionals in food, water, energy, and environment, academia as well as the private sector and financing institutions.

Thematic Areas
Thematic papers will be presented within the areas of: Dynamics of economic growth in the GMS – a retrospective view 2001-2010 • Social development: poverty and gender • Impact of growth on water demand • Emerging environmental themes: present and future challenges • Growth and food security • Land and water and climate change • Energy and urbanization • The public-private-partnership role in development and environment • GMS Economic Outlook – 2020

Presenters
- Jeff McNeely, IUCN, Gland, Switzerland
- Mark Rosegrant, IFPRI, Washington DC, USA
- Peter McCornick, IWMI Colombo, Sri Lanka
- David Roland-Holst, University of California, Berkeley, USA
- Peter Rogers, Harvard University, USA
- John Kessels, IEA, London, UK
- ... and many more.

Balancing Economic Growth and Environmental Sustainability
The GMS 2020 International Conference is about:

- A critical look at factors affecting growth and development between 2001 – 2010 in the countries of the Greater Mekong Subregion
- Distributional impacts on poverty reduction, gender and social inclusiveness
- An assessment of the impact of growth in the last decade on environment
- Focus on food security, water and energy with a forward look to 2011 - 2020
- Identify economic, environment investment and climate change challenges and opportunities for 2011 - 2020

Policy dialogue
The conference will be a forum for dialogue on scenarios of impact on natural resources and environment. Given the development course that is being forecast for GMS countries, how will food, water and energy security be impacted? This conference will provide a platform for engaging in a constructive dialogue on these important issues.