



## Regional: Support for the Establishment of the Greater Mekong Railway Association

Project Name	Support for the Establishment of the Greater Mekong Railway Association				
Project Number	42518-023				
Country	Regional				
Project Status	Closed				
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance				
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>TA 8529-REG: Support for the Establishment of the Greater Mekong Railway Association</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 225,000.00</td> </tr> </table>	<b>TA 8529-REG: Support for the Establishment of the Greater Mekong Railway Association</b>		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 225,000.00
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Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth				
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development				
Sector / Subsector	<b>Transport</b> - Rail transport (non-urban)				
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming					
Description	To meet the objective of improving railway connectivity to promote efficient, safe, and environmentally-sustainable transport of goods and people within and beyond the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS), a GMS railway coordination body, the Greater Mekong Railway Association, will be established to develop railway institutional capacity in respective GMS countries (Cambodia, People's Republic of China, Lao Peoples Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam), as well as support railway connectivity and inter-operability.				
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The expected impact of the TA is to improve railway connectivity to promote efficient, safe, and environmentally-sustainable rail transport in GMS countries. The outcome of the TA would be the establishment of an effectively functioning and self-sufficient GMRA serving railway connectivity in the GMS. The TA outputs will include: (i) support for the technical working groups on railway connectivity in the GMS; (ii) preparation of a capacity development program for GMS member countries railway bodies; and (iii) facilitation of dialogue with private sector involvement in GMS railway development.				
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### Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	An effectively functioning and self-sufficient GMRA service railway connectivity in the GMS.
Progress Toward Outcome	Activities on-going. A General Meeting of the GMRA was held in Kunming (11 March 2015). Four (4) working group meetings have been held _ Phnom Penh (7-8 October 2014), Bangkok (12-13 November 2014 and 21-22 January 2015), Kunming (10 and 12 March 2015), and Vientiane (9-10 June 2015). Further meetings are planned for Vietnam and Myanmar during 2015.

### Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	Support for the technical working groups on railway connectivity in the GMS Prepare a capacity development program for GMS member countries railway bodies Facilitate dialogue with private sector involvement in GMS railway development
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	Activities on-going. Three working group have been established in the GMRA: (1) Network Connectivity; (2) Network Integration and Interoperability; and (3) GMRA Operations and Partnerships.
Geographical Location	

## Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

### Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

During Project Implementation

## Business Opportunities

Consulting Services Implementation will require 19 person-months of individual consultants, including 1 international railway specialist (for about 3 person-months), and 1 national coordination and capacity development specialist (for about 16 person-months). Recruitment of consultants will be done in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants.

## Responsible Staff

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## Timetable

Concept Clearance	05 Jun 2013
Fact Finding	16 Sep 2013 to 03 Oct 2013
MRM	-
Approval	04 Dec 2013
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	04 Sep 2015

## TA 8529-REG

Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
04 Dec 2013	-	04 Dec 2013	31 Dec 2015	30 Sep 2016	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
225,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	225,000.00	04 Dec 2013	222,502.29

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