AGENDA: MEKONG AUSTRALIA POLICY DIALOGUE - 17 NOVEMBER 2021	
Indochina Time (ICT)	
OPENING	Opening remarks
10.00-10.15	 Introductions by Mr Thomas Parks, Thailand Country Representative, The Asia Foundation (5 mins) H.E. Mr Allan McKinnon PSM, Australian Ambassador to Thailand (5 mins) H.E. Ms Arunrung Phothong Humphreys, Ambassador and Thai SOM Leader for Mekong Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand (5 mins)
KEYNOTE REMARKS	
10.15-10.25	H.E. Mr Chayatan Phromsorn, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Transport, Thailand (10 mins)
10.25-10.30	Photos
SESSION A: SETTING THE SCENE	Infrastructure beyond COVID-19: transforming transport in Australia and ACMECS
10.30-11.15	 Objective: Short opening presentations from a senior ACMECS representative and an Australian will highlight the key opportunities, challenges and trends confronting our respective transport infrastructure sectors Chair: H.E Mr Pablo Kang, Australian Ambassador to Cambodia (5 mins) Senior ACMECS representative keynote: H.E. Sun Chanthol, Senior Minister and Minister of Public Works and Transport (MPWT), Cambodia (10 mins) Australian scene setting remarks: Mr Tony Canavan, Partner and Global Transport Leader, EY (10 mins) Q&A
11.15-11.30 ~ MORNING BREAK	
SESSION B: PANEL I	Strengthening private sector participation to meet ACMECS future transport infrastructure needs
11.30-12.45	 Objective: Explore options to improve private sector involvement in major transport infrastructure projects through enhanced bankability including pipeline planning, risk allocation, promotion of green finance and the PPP enabling environment. Chair: Ms Lynn Tho, EY ASEAN Infrastructure Advisory Leader, EY (5 mins) Australian nominated scene-setter: Ms Catherine Black, Managing Director – Cities & Social, Infrastructure and Project Financing Authority (10 mins) ACMECS member state representatives (5 mins each): H.E. Seilava Ros, Secretary of State at the Ministry of Economy and Finance, Cambodia

12.45 – 14.15 LUNCH	 Madam Vu Quynh Le, Deputy Director, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Vietnam Ms Khampao Nanthavong, Operations Officer, International Finance Corporation, Lao PDR Mr Voratat Tantimongkolsuk, Member, Thailand Board of Trade Q&A
12.45-14.15	Lunch break
SESSION C: PANEL II	Environmentally sustainable, socially beneficial – the future of transport infrastructure
14.15-15.15	Objective : explore options to ensure transport infrastructure is more environmentally sustainable and socially beneficial, including through the integration of emerging technologies to decarbonise transport and increase smart mobility, and through more inclusive approaches to infrastructure planning and delivery.
	Chair: Ms Nguyen Hien, DDG, Transport Development and Strategy Institute, Ministry of Transport, Vietnam (5 mins)
	Australian nominated scene-setter: Dr Kerry Schott AO, Infrastructure Australia Board (10 mins)
	ACMECS member state representatives (5 mins each)
	 H.E. Varsim Sorya, Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) Cambodia
	 Mr Sengdarith Kattignasack, Director-General, Department of Planning and Cooperation, Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Lao PDR
	 Ms Nguyen Thu Hang, Deputy Director General, Environment Department, Ministry of Transport, Vietnam
	 Dr Thuttai Keeratipongpaiboon, Director of International Strategy and Coordination Division, National Economic and Social Development Council, Thailand Q&A
NEXT STEPS	
15.15-15.25	Key take away messages: Mr Thomas Parks, Thailand Country Representative, The Asia Foundation (10 mins)
CLOSING REMARKS	
15.25-15.30	Ms Julia Feeney, Deputy Head of Mission, Australian Embassy Thailand (5 mins)
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