



**GREATER MEKONG
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CORE ENVIRONMENT
PROGRAM**



GMS Core Environment Program (CEP)
Strategic Framework (2018-2022)

Value proposition of CEP (1)



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- Regional program with a track-record on:
 - Knowledge management
 - Policy and regulatory advisory
 - Institutional strengthening and capacity building
 - Project development expertise (e.g. BCC and Green Freight)

Value proposition of CEP (2)



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- Regional program strategically well placed to:
 - Address the demand of emerging global environmental trends and regional priorities (SDGs, NDCs, CBD targets, AEC)
 - Integrate environment and climate additionality in development strategies and investments through well established GMS processes (e.g. GMS SF and RIF)
 - Enhance synergies between
 - Emerging country priorities in the GMS (green growth, climate resilient and low carbon strategies development)
 - ADB's and Development Partners commitments on CC and environmentally sustainable growth
 - Global commitments and new climate funding windows (GCF, GEF, CIF, NDF)

Realignment of the focus

- Align with emerging global environmental trends and opportunities
 - Sustainable Development Goals
 - Green Growth
 - Low Carbon Development
 - Climate resilient infrastructure investments and communities
 - Mainstream Disaster Risk Management
 - Value chain development and private sector involvement
 - Sustainable Financing

CEP Thematic areas

- Green Growth and low carbon development
- Climate change adaptation and Disaster Risk Management
- Biodiversity landscapes and natural capital

Realignment in the approach — “A Services Model”



CEP I and II	CEP (2018-2022)
Regional collaboration	
Regional collaboration focused on transboundary landscapes and knowledge exchange	Stimulate collaboration/technical assistance among GMS countries
Technical and Policy support	
Emphasis on standalone pilots EPA, SEA, BCI	Emphasis on national environmental management systems: Strategic planning Legal frameworks Fiscal instruments
Knowledge and information management (regional hub)	
Generic knowledge and information management covering broad thematic areas	Target project readiness and development support Sharing of best practices Policy-science linkages
Project development	
Donor co-financing channeled through ADB RETA implementing a relative large scale program	Leverage partnership and financing Integrate environmental and climate change additionality in select GMS RIF projects Promote sustainable financing mechanisms with revenue streams

CEP Core functions (1)



- Facilitating regional collaboration and the management of shared natural capital
 - Support regional dialogue and policy directives through WGE meetings, SOM, EMM
 - Identify and develop projects with regional or transboundary scale and impact
 - Establish regional centers of excellence/ community of practice to provide services for select thematic areas and related activities

CEP Core functions (2)

- Providing in-country policy advise and technical support in the areas of sustainable infrastructure, natural capital and climate change
 - Assist in developing national strategic plans integrating environment and climate change
 - Support strengthening of national safeguard systems and environmental monitoring and compliance capacity
 - Advise on legal and regulatory frameworks
 - Support development of suitable fiscal mechanisms



- Providing information and knowledge management support
 - Knowledge events and publications facilitating policy-science linkages
 - Enhance an online portal to facilitate project readiness and strategic decision support by providing information on:
 - Key statistics
 - Assessments to support project formulation
 - Planning and decision support tools
 - Experiences and best practices

CEP Core functions (4)



- Providing project development, financing and investment services
 - Establish a project preparation facility
 - Undertake financial feasibility studies
 - Develop and stimulate private sector/ PPP investment opportunities

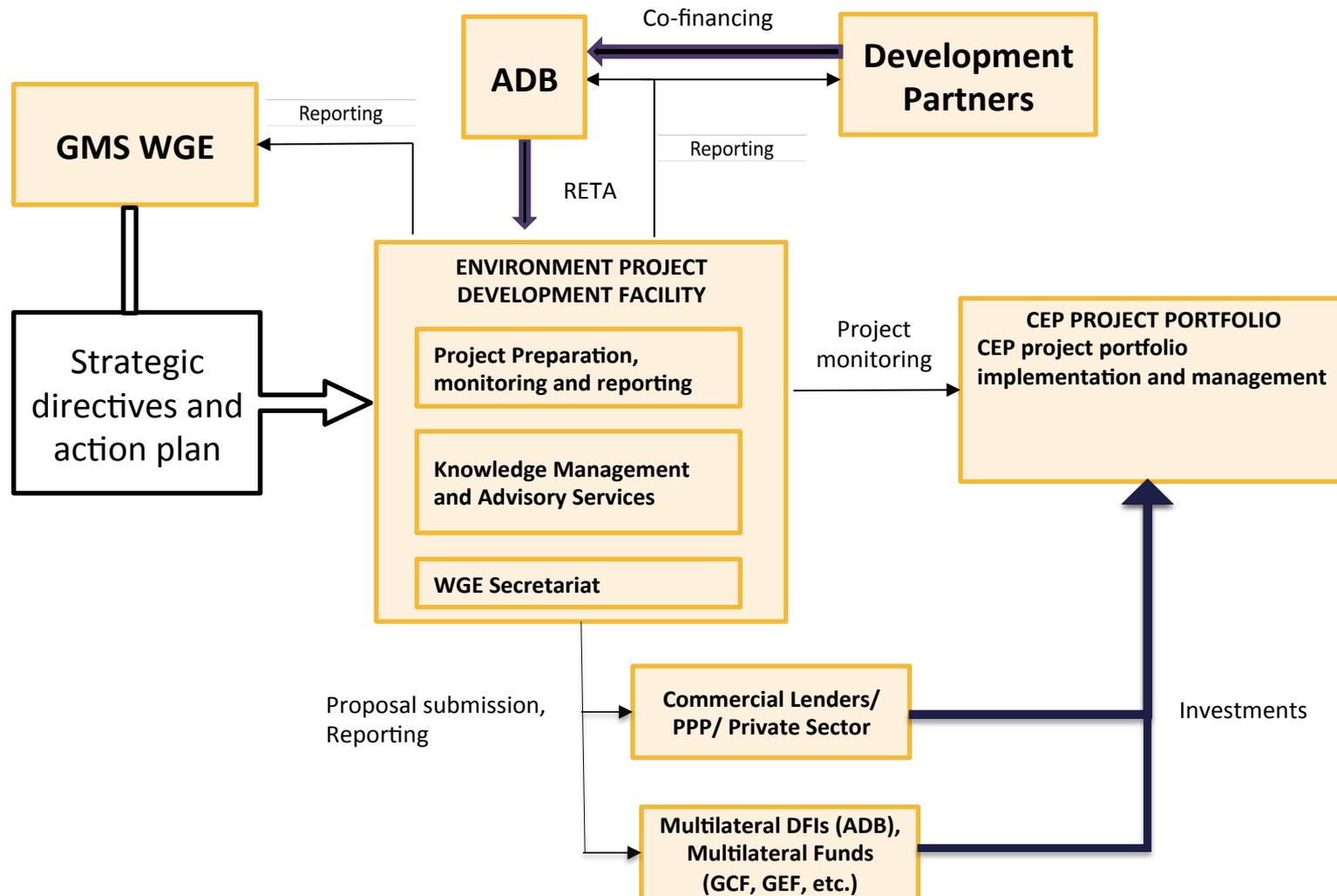
GMS Environment Project Development Facility



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- Project preparation/ readiness focusing on:
 - Environment, climate change, and green growth projects
 - CC and environmental mainstreaming in sector projects
- Proposed to be established with a regional TA to develop projects with the potential to:
 - Promote revenue streams and built-in cost recovery mechanisms
 - Leverage PPP and private sector investment
- Will require adjustment in the skillset to meet realigned priorities

CEP Delivery Structure





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Thank You!

