



# AVIATION

## Lower Mekong Initiative BEST PRACTICES EXCHANGE



Save the Date: February 17-18, 2016 – Singapore

Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam

The workshop will provide a venue for U.S. firms and industry experts to directly address both public and private sector aviation leaders from the five LMI countries, including officials from:

- Ministries of Transportation
- Civil Aviation Authorities
- State and Private Airlines
- Airport Authorities
- National Economic and Social Development Bodies
- Economic Development Cooperation Agencies
- Investment Promotion Bodies, etc.

Additionally, the workshop will include one-on-one meetings between U.S. participants and regional government representatives to discuss priority projects and technology solutions.

The U.S. Commercial Service is proud to announce the Lower Mekong Initiative Aviation Best Practices Exchange. In conjunction with the Singapore Air Show, this two-day workshop will allow U.S. private sector companies to present solutions and technologies to government officials and industry leaders from Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. The event will feature aviation and airport management best practices focused on soft infrastructure, technology development, creating public-private partnerships, technological trends in airport operations and security, achieving international standards, privatization, and air traffic management. The workshop will also focus on the development of institutional connectivity and the role and experience of the U.S. private sector in aviation infrastructure development in the region.

**Why Attend:** The LMI countries are already moving towards a unified aviation market under the ASEAN Single Aviation Market (ASEAN-SAM). The ASEAN-SAM is expected to fully liberalize air travel between member states in ASEAN, allowing ASEAN countries and airlines operating in the region to directly benefit from the growth in air travel, while encouraging tourism, trade, investment and services flows between member states. With low-cost carrier operations making up less than 25% of their national air travel, the LMI nations are also better positioned to proactively plan for increased airport capacity investments as these airlines grow in strength.

**What is the Lower Mekong Initiative?** The Lower Mekong Initiative (LMI) is a U.S. government initiative created to enhance cooperation in the areas of environment, health, education, and infrastructure development. One challenge faced by the LMI is to move the issue of "Mekong Sustainability" from an abstract discussion to practical steps the region can take to meet development goals while strengthening sustainability. To accomplish this, the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Department of State are organizing a series of industry-specific, LMI-wide workshops that aim to translate talk into action. This work program will focus on rapidly growing sectors in LMI partner countries including capital markets, airport/aviation infrastructure, energy, information and communication technologies (ICT), and water.

**Register Your Interest:** Additional information, including cost of participation, on how U.S. companies can apply to present and/or participate in this program will be released in December 2015. However, to register your interest in participating, or if you are interested in being a sponsor of this program, please contact: [Office.HoChiMinhCity@trade.gov](mailto:Office.HoChiMinhCity@trade.gov). More information on the Lower Mekong Initiative can be found at <http://www.state.gov/p/eap/mekong/> and <http://lowermekong.org>.