

**EE361 ECONOMIES OF CLMV COUNTRIES**  
Semester 1/2021 (8 August – 26 November 2022)

**Guidelines on Group Work and Presentation**

**Objective**

The group presentation is intended to foster collaboration among students in selecting an appropriate topic based on course readings and lectures, analyze the key issues, propose recommendations to address the issues and present the findings to the class. Group work will involve from 5 to 7 students per group;<sup>1</sup> each group member is expected to contribute to the discussions, analyses, and overall presentation.

**Topic selection**

The selected topic will draw from a particular development sector (agriculture, education, health, transport, urban development, or trade) or cross-cutting theme (gender, environment, climate change) in one of the CLMV countries. The group will conduct a brief research on the context (country and sector/cross-cutting theme) with a historical timeframe of anytime starting from the 1980s, which is the period of the initial economic reforms for CLMV countries, until the present.

**Group work**

Once the topic is selected and agreed upon by group members, the group will discuss and analyze the country/sector, which will include, but not limited to: (i) overview of the country and sector, (ii) identification of key issues and challenges, (iii) identification of main development of strategies/policies and/or laws/regulations passed or issued by the government and various development actors involved (such as government, the private sector, international financing institutions, and multinational corporations), along with their roles, (iv) outcome – whether successful or failed, and lessons learned from the experience, and (v) conclusion. This will require some literature search and group discussions.

The group will put together a report of between a minimum of 6 pages and a maximum of 9 pages and PowerPoint slides (minimum of 8 slides and maximum of 12 slides) which will be presented in class.

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<sup>1</sup> If there are more than 7 students, I suggest to divide students into two groups.

## **Outline and Format of Report**

The report will follow the format below:

Overview (2-3 pages). A brief background/history of the overall country, the sector/thematic area and overall economic performance. Include data/graphs as needed, economic and social indicators as well as sector indicators. Please indicate why the topic is important; include data/graphs/tables/maps as needed, economic and social indicators as well as sector indicators to provide an idea of the progress status of the sector within the overall country context. For example if the topic selected is agricultural transformation in Viet Nam, the group may want to look as early as 1986 when the country embarked on economic reforms and then proceeded with the agriculture law and enterprise law which provided incentives for farmers to increase their agricultural products, which led to rice self-sufficiency and rice surplus.

Key Issues and Challenges (2-3 pages). This will require several literature sources and cross checking of information/data since there may be differences depending on the source. The group will highlight and focus on key 3-4 issues.

Government/State Strategies, Policies and Legislation (1-2 pages). Identify several key instruments (policies or strategies) undertaken by the government that is relevant to the sector and discuss why these were pursued.

Conclusion (1 page). Summarize the key findings. Distill some lessons learned and discuss what experiences tell us and indicate what worked and what did not work and why.

The following format will apply:

- Typed in Arial 11 point with left and right justifications
- Line spacing at 1.5
- Length of writeup minimum 2 pages, maximum 3 pages
- Margins: 1.00" (left, right, up, down)
- Provide page numbering
- The cover page is attached. Please use this template.

Note that it is important to follow the format provided; if not followed, points will be deducted from the overall score.

## **Evaluation**

The group presentation will comprise 15% of your total grade. The presentation will be evaluated based on the following (carrying a maximum of 100 points)

Report 60 points

- Relevance with course lectures 15 points
- Overall presentation 20 points
- Analysis of context, issues and lessons learned 25 points

Powerpoint Presentation 40 points

- PPT materials 25 points
- Class presentation 15 points

**Timeline**

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
Group formation	25 August 2022
Topic submission	8 September 2022
Submission of first Draft Report	27 October 2022
Submission of Final Draft + Powerpoint	8 November 2022

Topic Selection: To avoid overlapping, please use this matrix as a guide to select your topic. Confirmation will be based on first come first serve.

Sector/ Thematic area	Country			
	Cambodia	Laos	Myanmar	Vietnam
Agriculture				
Transportation				
Health				
Education				
Urban Development				
Gender				
Environment				
Climate Change				

Sample Template: [Please use this format](#) for the cover page

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[Title of Presentation]

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