

REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON POLITICAL TRANSITIONS AND CROSS-BORDER GOVERNANCE

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While transitions are national political processes they have critical regional causes and consequences. Underpinning this project is an understanding of the role cross-border governance issues have in shaping political transitions and democratic consolidation. No country is an island and ideologies, people, natural disasters, telecommunications, economics, trade and conflict all cross-borders. As such this project seeks to organize an initial expert-led workshop to catalyze the development of a regional programme.

A workshop will be held over four days from February 17 to 20th in Mandalay, Myanmar, organized by UNDP and the East-West Center. The first three days will be the analytical framework and knowledge to inform the creation of a regional programme. Each day will be based on one of the three thematic areas, including building democratic institutions, norms and practices, realizing expectations for social and economic opportunities, and addressing internal conflicts across borders. The fourth day will bring UNDP country office heads together to develop the basis for a regional programme.