



**The 12<sup>th</sup> High Level Round Table Meeting 2015**  
**“Enhanced Partnership for Effective Implementation of the 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**National Socio-Economic Development Plan – Achieving the LDC**  
**Graduation by 2020”**

**27<sup>th</sup> November 2015**  
**International Cooperation and Training Center**  
**Vientiane, Lao PDR**

**Provisional Agenda**

**Morning**

08:00 – 8:30 Registration

**Official opening**

08:30 – 09:00 **Official Opening Keynote Address**  
By His Excellency Thongsing Thammavong  
The Prime Minister of the Lao PDR

09:00 – 09:30 **Keynote Address**  
By Ms. Helen Clark  
UNDP Administrator and Chair of the UN Development Group

**Formal Signing and Launching Ceremony of the Vientiane Declaration on Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation**

09:30 – 09:35 **Brief introduction to the Vientiane Declaration on Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation**  
By His Excellency Dr. Kikeo Chanthaboury  
Vice Minister of Planning and Investment

09:35 – 09:40 **Signing Ceremony of the Vientiane Declaration on Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation**

**For the Government of Lao PDR**  
His Excellency Saleumxay Kommasith  
Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs

**For Development Partners**  
Ms. Kaarina Immonen  
UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative

09:40 – 09:50 **Remarks on Enhanced Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation**

By Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

**Associated Events**

09:50 – 09:55 Photo Session with the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, UNDP Administrator, the Executive Secretary of ESCAP and UNDP Director of Asia and Pacific

1. Ministers/Vice Ministers and Governors/Vice Governors
2. Head Delegations of Development Partners/Ambassadors and Heads/Deputy Heads of International Organisations

09:55 – 10:10 - Official Tour of the 12<sup>th</sup> HL RTM Development Cooperation Exhibition  
- Coffee Break

**Chair of the 12<sup>th</sup> High Level Round Table Meeting**

His Excellency Thongloun SISOULITH  
Deputy Prime Minister of Lao PDR  
Minister of Foreign Affairs

**Co-Chair of the 12<sup>th</sup> High Level Round Table Meeting**

Mr. Haoliang Xu  
UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Regional Director of UNDP Bureau for Asia and the Pacific

**Session I – From the 7<sup>th</sup> NSEDP's to the 8<sup>th</sup> NSEDP's – Achieving to the LDC Graduation by 2020**

10:10 – 10:30 **Presentation on the 7<sup>th</sup> NSEDP's key achievements/challenges/lessons learnt and the 8<sup>th</sup> NSEDP's goals, priorities and implementation measures**

By His Excellency Somdy Douangdy  
Minister of Planning and Investment

10:30 – 11:30 **Plenary Discussion - Focused Area I**

**1.1 Macro-economic management and growth**

- Key speaker: A representative of Chair and Co-Chairs of Macro-Economic Working Group (5 minutes intervention)
- Key speaker: A representative of Chair and Co-Chairs of Trade and Private Sector Working Group (5 minutes intervention)

**1.2 Balanced regional and local development and greater regional/global integration**

- Key speaker: A representative of Chair and Co-Chairs of Infrastructure Sector Working Group (5 minutes intervention)
- Key speaker: A representative of Chairs and Co-Chair of Governance Sector Working Group (5 minutes intervention)

**1.3 Followed by Open Discussion (40 minutes)**

11:30 – 12:30 **Plenary Discussion - Focused Area II**

**2.1 The multisectoral (convergence) approach to address food and nutrition security**

- Key speaker: A representative of Chair and Co-Chairs of Agriculture and Rural Development SWG (5 minutes intervention)
- Key speaker: A representative of Chair and Co-Chairs of Health (5 minutes intervention) (Note – Chair of Health SW – Ministry of Health will also speak on behalf of Food and Nutrition Security Secretariat)

**2.2 Human Development, Service delivery and social sector development**

- Key speaker: A representative of Chair and Co-Chair of Education SWG (5 minutes intervention)
- Key speaker: A representative of Chair and Co-Chairs of Illicit Drug Control SWG (5 minutes intervention)

**2.3 Followed by Open Discussion (40 minutes)**

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch**

**Afternoon**

**Session I - continued**

13:30 – 14:30 **Plenary Discussion - Focused area III**

**3.1 Environment and sustainable management of natural resources**

**3.2 Climate change, natural disaster preparedness and risk mitigation and agricultural production and stability**

- Key speaker: A representative of Chair and Co-Chair of Environment and Natural Resource Management SWG (5 minutes intervention)
- Key speaker: A representative of Chair and Co-Chair of UXO SWG (5 minutes intervention)

**3.3 Followed by Open Discussion (50 minutes)**

<b>Session II – Global Partnership for the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals “SDGs”</b>
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14:30 – 14:45 **Presentation on Global Partnership for the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals – SDGs in the context of the Development of Lao PDR**

By His Excellency Saleumxay Kommasith  
Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs

14:45 – 15:45 **Plenary discussion**

15:45 – 16:10 **Coffee break and refreshment**

## **Official Closing**

16:10 – 16:20 **Remarks**

Mr. Haoliang Xu

UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP Assistant Administrator and  
Regional Director of UNDP Bureau for Asia and the Pacific

16:20 – 16:30 **Official Wrap-up and Closing**

His Excellency Thongloun SISOULITH

Deputy Prime Minister of Lao PDR

Minister of Foreign Affairs

## **The High Level Round Table Meeting's Press Conference**

17:00 – 17:30 **Press Conference**

- By His Excellency Thongloun SISOULITH, Deputy Prime Minister of Lao  
PDR, Minister of Foreign Affairs

- By Mr. Haoliang Xu, UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP Assistant  
Administrator and Regional Director of UNDP Bureau for Asia and the  
Pacific