



2017 Round Table Implementation Meeting
“Greater Partnership for Implementation of the 8th NSEDP: Realizing LDC Graduation and Achieving SDGs”

22nd – 23rd November 2017
KM 4 Provincial Convention Center (Sa Mo Sorn Lak 4)
Pakse district, Champasack province

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Day 1: 22nd November 2017 – Panel Discussions and Field Visits

Morning session: – Panel Discussions

08:00 – 08:40	Registration
08:40 – 08:50	Welcome remarks <i>By: H.E. Mr. Bouasone Vongsongkhone, Deputy Governor of Champasack Province</i>
08:50 – 09:00	Opening Remarks <i>By: H.E. Dr. Kikeo Chanthaboury, Deputy Minister of Planning and Investment</i>
09:00 – 09:30	Presentation of the Champasack Provincial Socio-Economic Development Plan: Implementation Progress & Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview: Social & Economic Profile/Status of Champasack Province• Outcome 1. Economic Development – results and challenges (include issues related to relevant Economic Vulnerability Index (EVI) as well as efforts/success in attracting ‘Quality Private Sector Investment’).• Outcome 2. Social Sector Development – results and challenges (include issues related to the Human Asset Index (x 4 criteria) and skills development issues in priority development sectors in Champasack).• Outcome 3. Environmental Development – results and challenges (include environmental aspects of the EVI).• Refer to good examples of South – South Cooperation in Champasack. <i>By: Mr. Saythong Sayavong, Director of the Provincial Department of Planning and Investment, Champasack Province</i>
09:30 – 10:00	Open Discussion

10:00 – 10:15	Coffee Break
10:30 – 12:30	<p>Parallel Panel discussions</p> <p>1. LDC Graduation & SDG Integration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information sharing on the latest economic, human and environmental criteria situation including priorities and actions needed to attain LDC graduation. • Preparations for the 2018 Triennial LDC review and summarising the longer-term implications of LDC graduation for Laos PDR and • Outlining the current status of SDG integration, road map, indicators, monitoring, reporting and use of statistics. • Preparations for the High Level Political Forum for July 2018, including the National Voluntary Report. • Agree Key Recommendations for presentation to Day 2 of the RTIM <p>➤ Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. Madam Phetsamone Sone, Deputy Head of Lao Statistic Bureau, MPI - (Key area: statistical matters for SDG monitoring and reporting) 1.2. Dr. Sitthiroth Rasphone, Division Director, Development Policy Research Center - (Key area: LDC and Human Development Report) 1.3. Mr. Tim Enderlin, Director of Cooperation for the Mekong Region (Cambodia, Lao PDR and Vietnam) of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (Key area: support for the SDG integration and implementation) 1.4. Mr. Mussie Delelegn, Chief, Landlocked Developing Countries' Section, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes (UNCTAD) – UN perspective on LDC graduation 1.5. Mr. Amphone Souvannalth, Director, Association for Rural Mobilisation and Improvement (ARMI) (Key area: contribution for SDG integration and implementation) 1.6. Mr. Sinouk Sisombat – Sinouk Café Gourmet Lao - (Key area: contribution for SDG implementation) <p>➤ Moderator: Mr. Anouparb Vongnorkeo, Director General, Department of International Organisation, MOFA</p> <p>➤ Technical support: UNDP and UNRCO</p>
	<p>2. Realizing quality private sector investment for development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capitalization on the current LBF discussions and priorities organised in March 2017, to identify priority areas in which various partners can add value to the acceleration of progress in key areas, such as in (1) legal environment, (2) taxation; (3) transportation and import/export procedures; (4) business registration/licensing; (5) access to finance; (6) labour market development. • Identify innovative or replicable examples of how ‘quality’ private sector investments have significantly contributed to LDC criteria and/or SDG attainment in the principle sectors of Agriculture, Industry/Manufacturing, and Commerce/Services such as tourism,

	<p>financial service sector, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agree Key Recommendations for presentation to Day 2 of the RTIM <p>➤ Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2.1. Ms. Valy Vetsaphong, Vice President, LNCCI - (Key area: Linkage with LBF)2.2. Mr. Phouvieng Phongsa, Deputy Director General, Department of Planning and Cooperation – MOIC - (Key area: SWG related matters such as business development and enabling environment)2.3. H.E. Mr. Leo Faber, Ambassador of European Union to Lao PDR – (Key area: SWG related matters as Co-Chair)2.4. Mr. Mombert Hoppe, Senior Trade Economist, World Bank – (Key areas: Ease of Doing Business and Green Growth)2.5. Mr. Takeshi HUKIHARA, Ambassador of Japan to Lao PDR – (Key area: Quality of FDI)2.6. Mr. Jack Sheehan, Vice President of ECCIL - (Key areas: Taxation and Enabling Environment) <p>➤ Moderator: Mr. Outakeo Keodouangsinh, Deputy Director General, Investment Promotion Department, MPI</p> <p>➤ Technical support: Technical support – EU</p>
	<p>3. Investment in skills and labour force for human development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support Education SWG to look at ways of accelerating implementation of the national skills development/human resource development strategy in light of the shortage of labour market skills to help drive private sector development contributing to the development of the country in general.• Include reference to the youth dividend, yet Lao skilled labour is lagging behind, and higher value adding jobs are being taken up by economic migrants from neighbouring countries. Hence, discussions could be geared towards progress, challenges/bottlenecks and plan of actions to make the Lao national labour market more diverse and competitive.• Agree Key Recommendations for presentation to Day 2 of the RTIM <p>➤ Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">3.1. Mr. Phouthavong Phoummasak, Director of Labour Market Information Division, Skills Development and Employment Department, MLSW – (Key area: Labour market information system)3.2. Mr. Tee Chee Seng, General Manager of Savan-Seno Special Economic Zone - (Key area: local employment and recruitment issues)3.3. Ms. Sophie Wilkinson, Second Secretary - Human Resource Development and Political, Australian Embassy in Lao PDR – (Key area: support for the implementation of the national education development plan and human resource development

	<p>strategy)</p> <p>3.4. Mr. Graeme John Buckley, Director, ILO Decent Work Technical Support Team for East and South-East Asia and the Pacific and ILO Office for Thailand, Cambodia and Lao PDR – (Key area: Global labour framework).</p> <p>3.5. Mr. Tony Donovan, Chief Technical Adviser, Lux Development Project Lao/029 - Skills for Tourism – (Key area: vocational trainings and employment)</p> <p>➤ Moderator: Ms. Dockeo Phonthachith, Deputy Director General, Department of Planning, MOES</p> <p>➤ Technical Support: Australia</p>
	<p>4. Enhancing south-south cooperation and triangular cooperation: “Institutional Arrangement for Effective Development and Monitoring”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions over policy and institutional framework for South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation; • Identification of south/south co-operation initiatives that fit with the priority themes which demonstrate high quality development results in terms of contribution to LDC graduation and SDG achievement across economic, social and environmental aspects, which could be included within site visits to province/s; • Agree Key Recommendations for presentation to Day 2 of the RTIM <p>➤ Panelists:</p> <p>4.1. Ms. Sisavanh Didaravong, Deputy Director General, Department of Planning/Ministry of Planning and Investment - (Key area: SSC/TC experience – regional work on green growth and planning process)</p> <p>4.2. Dr. Bounpheng Philavong, Director General, Department of Hygiene and Health Promotion, Ministry of Health - (Key area: SSC/TC experience – food and nutrition security, particularly working with partners in the region)</p> <p>4.3. Mr. Lim Yihong, Second Secretary (Political), Embassy of the Republic of Singapore in Vientiane, Lao PDR - (Key area: current initiatives on TC)</p> <p>4.4. Rep. of Korea (Confirmed. But a person to be a panellist still need TBC) - (Key area: support for SSC and TC)</p> <p>4.5. Mr. Balasubramaniam Murali, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative – (Key area: SSC/TC and RTP/SWG)</p> <p>➤ Moderator: Dr. Arounyadeth Rasphone, Deputy Director General, Department of International Cooperation, MPI</p> <p>➤ Technical support: UNDP</p>
<p>12:30 – 13:30</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>

Afternoon Session – Field Visits

13:30 – 17:00	<p>Visit to three project sites – based on the priority areas of the RTIM 2017</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UXO related activities (Kaeng Yao Village, Barjieng Chaleunsouk District, Km40) - particularly focusing on mine risk education that directly contributes to SDG 18. 2. Coffee plantation project of Coffee Production Cooperative (Km24) - involving activities related to coffee plantation/harvest, packing, processing and employment generation. 3. Champasack Southern Skill Development Center - seeing how the training programme affects employment and decent jobs.
18:00 – 18:30	<p>Courtesy visit to the Governor of Champasack province <i>By: all delegations</i> <i>Venue: Arawan Riverside Hotel</i></p>
18:30 – 21:00	<p>Baci Ceremony and Dinner Reception <i>Hosted by the Governor of Champasack Province</i> <i>Venue: Arawan Riverside Hotel</i></p>

Day 2: 23rd November 2017 - “Policy Implementation Dialogue”

Morning Session

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:10	<p>Official Opening Remarks <i>By: H.E. Mr. Somdy Douangdy, Deputy Prime Minister of Lao PDR</i></p>
09:10 – 09:20	<p>Keynote Address <i>By: H.E. Mr. Haoliang Xu, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General, United Nations Development Programme Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific</i></p>
09:20 – 09:25	<p>Welcome Remarks <i>By: H.E. Dr. Bounthong Divixay, the Governor of Champasack Province</i></p>
09:25 – 09:30	<p>Remarks <i>By: H.E. Dr. Souphanh Keomixay, Minister of Planning and Investment</i></p>
09:30 – 09:35	<p>Remarks <i>By: Mrs. Kaarina Immonen, UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative</i></p>

09:35 – 09:45	Photo Session with Deputy Prime Minister of Lao PDR and Chairs of the meeting <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ministers/Deputy Ministers and Governors/Deputy Governors 2. Head Delegations of Development Partners/Ambassadors and Heads/Deputy Heads of International Organisations, INGOs, NPAs and Private Sector
09:45 – 10:30	- Official Tour of the 2017 RTIM Development Cooperation Exhibition - Coffee Break

Chairs of the 2017 RTIM

- H.E. Dr. Souphanh Keomixay, Minister of Planning and Investment
- H.E. Dr. Bounthong Divixay, Governor of Champasack Province
- Mrs. Kaarina Immonen, UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative

10:30 – 11:00	Main Presentation “Summary annual NSEDP progress, challenges 2017 and priorities for 2018” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcome One (Economic) including reference to LDC EVI status & priorities • Outcome Two (Social/Human) including reference to LDC HAI status & priorities • Outcome Three (Environment) including reference to LDC EVI status & priorities • Cross-Cutting Issues • Resourcing/Expenditures • Priorities for 2018 <p><i>By: H.E. Dr. Kikeo Chanthaboury, Deputy Minister of Planning and Investment</i></p>
11:00 – 11:45	Open Discussion on NSEDP Progress, Implementation Challenges 2017 and Priorities for 2018
11.45 – 12.00	Outcomes of Panel Discussion - Presentation 2 - Quality Private Sector Investment for Development <i>By: H.E. Dr. Khamlien Pholsena, Deputy Minister of Planning and Investment (Representative of Group II)</i>
12:00 – 12.30	Open Discussion on Realising Quality Private Sector Investment for Development
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break

Afternoon Session

13.30 – 13.45	<p>Outcomes of Panel Discussion - Presentation 1 - LDC Graduation and SDG Integration <i>By: H.E. Mr. Sengphet Houngbounnuang, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs (Representative of Group I)</i></p>
13:45 – 14:15	<p>Open Discussion on LDC Graduation & SDG integration</p>
14.15 – 14.30	<p>Outcomes of Panel Discussion - Presentation 3 - Investment in Skills for Human Development <i>By: H.E. Asso. Prof. Dr. Khamphay Sisavanh, Deputy Minister of Education and Sports (Representative of Group III)</i></p>
14:30 – 15.00	<p>Open Discussion on Investment in Skills for Human Development</p>
15:00 – 15:30	<p>Coffee Break</p>
15:30 – 15:45	<p>Outcomes of Panel Discussion - Presentation 4 – Enhancing South-South and Triangular Cooperation: “Institutional Arrangement for Effective Development and Monitoring” <i>By: H.E. Dr. Kikeo Chanthaboury, Deputy Minister of Planning and Investment (Representative of Group IV)</i></p>
15.45 – 16:15	<p>Open Discussion on Enhancing South-South and Triangular Cooperation: “Institutional Arrangement for Effective Development and Monitoring”</p>
16:15 – 16:20	<p>Remarks <i>By: Mrs. Kaarina Immonen, UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative</i></p>
16:20 – 16:25	<p>Remarks <i>By: H.E. Dr. Bounthong Divixay, Governor of Champasack Province</i></p>
16:25 – 16:35	<p>Official Summing Up and Closing Remarks <i>By: H.E. Dr. Souphanh Keomixay, Minister of Planning and Investment</i></p>
16:45 – 17:15	<p>Press conference To brief media on the outcomes of the 2017 RTIM by</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>H.E. Dr. Souphanh Keomixay, Minister of Planning and Investment</i> 2. <i>H.E. Dr. Bounthong Divixay, Governor of Champasack Province</i> 3. <i>Mrs. Kaarina Immonen, UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative</i>