



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

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| 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> |

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| 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Panelists (TBC) ➤ Moderator (TBC) |
| | <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, financial service sector, etc. • Agree Key Recommendations for presentation to Day 2 of the RTIM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Panelists (TBC) ➤ Moderator (TBC) |
| | <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 |

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| | <p>competitive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree Key Recommendations for presentation to Day 2 of the RTIM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Panelists (TBC) ➤ Moderator (TBC) |
| | <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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Panelists (TBC) ➤ Moderator (TBC) |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch Break |

Afternoon Session – Field Visits

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| 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 (Paksong District, Km50) - particularly focusing on mine risk education that directly contributes to SDG 18 - These activities are supported by UNDP and USA. 2. Coffee plantation project (Ban E Tou, Km35) - involving activities related to coffee plantation/harvest, packing, processing and employment generation. The activities were supported by AFD. 3. Skill labour technical and vocational training center of Champasack province (Km7) - seeing how the training programme affects employment and decent jobs. This project is co-supported by the Government of Japan. |
| 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

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| 08:30 – 09:00 | Registration |
| 09:00 – 09:10 | Official Opening Remarks <i>By: H.E. Mr. Somdy Donangdy, Deputy Prime Minister of Lao PDR</i> |
| 09:10 – 09:20 | 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> |
| 09:20 – 09:25 | Welcome Remarks <i>By: H.E. Dr. Bounthong Divixay, the Governor of Champasack Province</i> |
| 09:25 – 09:30 | Remarks <i>By: H.E. Dr. Souphanh Keomixay, Minister of Planning and Investment</i> |
| 09:30 – 09:35 | Remarks <i>By: Mrs. Kaarina Immonen, UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative</i> |
| 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

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| 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 & |
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| | <p>priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 – 11:30 | Open Discussion on NSEDP Progress, Implementation Challenges 2017 and Priorities for 2018 |
| 11.30 – 11.45 | <p>Outcomes of Panel Discussion - Presentation 1 - LDC Graduation and SDG Integration</p> <p><i>By: H.E. Mr. Thongpane Savanphet, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs (Representative of Group I)</i></p> |
| 11.45 – 12.00 | <p>Outcomes of Panel Discussion - Presentation 2 - Quality Private Sector Investment for Development</p> <p><i>By: H.E. Dr. Khamlien Pholsena, Deputy Minister of Planning and Investment (Representative of Group II)</i></p> |
| 12:00 – 12:30 | Open Discussion on LDC Graduation & SDG integration, and Quality Private Sector Investment for Development |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch Break |

Afternoon Session

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| 13.30 – 13.45 | <p>Outcomes of Panel Discussion - Presentation 3 - Investment in Skills for Human Development</p> <p><i>By: Deputy Minister of Education and Sports (Representative of Group III)</i></p> |
| 13:45 – 14:00 | <p>Outcomes of Panel Discussion - Presentation 4 – Enhancing South-South and Triangular Cooperation: “Institutional Arrangement for Effective Development and Monitoring”</p> <p><i>By: H.E. Dr. Kikeo Chanthaboury, Deputy Minister of Planning and Investment (Representative of Group IV)</i></p> |
| 14.00 – 15:00 | Open Discussion on Investment in Skills for Human Development & Enhancing South-South and Triangular Cooperation: “Institutional Arrangement for Effective Development and Monitoring” |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | Coffee Break |
| 15:30 – 15:35 | <p>Remarks</p> <p><i>By: Mrs. Kaarina Immonen, UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative</i></p> |

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| 15:35 – 15:40 | Remarks <i>By: H.E. Dr. Bounthong Divixay, Governor of Champasack Province</i> |
| 15:40 – 15:50 | Official Summing Up and Closing Remarks <i>By: H.E. Dr. Souphanh Keomixay, Minister of Planning and Investment</i> |
| 16:00 – 16:30 | Press conference To brief media on the outcomes of the 2017 RTIM by <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 Vientiane Province</i>3. <i>Mrs. Kaarina Immonen, UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative</i> |

On 28th November 2017

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| 09:00 – 10:00 | 2017 RTIM Development Partners debriefing with the Prime Minister of Lao PDR at the Prime Minister's Office in Vientiane Capital. |
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