



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

27th 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 – 09:40 **Video Presentation on the Round Table Process in Lao PDR**

09:40 – 09:45 **The formulation of the Vientiane Declaration on Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation**
By His Excellency Dr. Kikeo Chanthanboury
Vice Minister of Planning and Investment

09:45 – 09:50 **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

09:50 – 10:00 **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

10:00 – 10:05 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

10:05 – 10:20 - Official Tour of the 12th HL RTM Development Cooperation Exhibition

- Coffee Break

Chair of the 12th High Level Round Table Meeting

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

Co-Chair of the 12th 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 7th NSEDP's to the 8th NSEDP's – Achieving to the LDC Gradation by 2020

10:20 – 10:40 **Presentation on the 7th NSEDP's key achievements/challenges/lessons learnt and the 8th NSEDP's goals, priorities and implementation measures**

By His Excellency Somdy Douangdy
Minister of Planning and Investment

10:40 – 11:40 **Plenary Discussion - Focused Area I**

Specific topic

1.1 Macro-economic management and growth

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

Specific topic

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

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

Follow by Open Discussion (40 minutes)

11:40 – 12:40 **Plenary Discussion - Focused Area II**

Specific topic

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

- Key speaker – A representative from Chair and Co-Chairs of Agriculture and Rural Development SWG (5 minutes intervention)
- Key speaker – A representative from 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)

Specific topic

2.2 Human Development, Service delivery and social sector development

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

Follow by Open Discussion (40 minutes)

12:40 – 13:30 **Lunch**

Afternoon

Session I - continued

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

Specific topic

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

Follow by Open Discussion (50 minutes)

Session II – Global Partnership for the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals “SDGs”

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
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17:00 – 17:30 - 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