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Governance Sector Working Group Under Round Table Process Booklet



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I. The National Round Table Process, Lao PDR

The Round Table Process serves as the primary platform for aid effectiveness in the Lao PDR. It is led by the Government of the Lao PDR and co-chaired by the UNDP.

The process and the associated Round Table mechanisms bring together government, development partners and NGOs to have a meaningful dialogue on Official Development Assistance (ODA), aid effectiveness, strategic planning and alignment, as they work together to implement the National Socio-Economic Development Plan (NSEDP).

The coordination of ODA in the Lao PDR follows the principles of the Paris Declaration, the locally adopted Vientiane Declaration and the revised Vientiane Declaration – Country Action Plan (VDCAP), which now integrates the Accra Agenda for Action.¹

The guiding development policy of the process is the document called *Long Term Strategy of Socio Economic Development to the year 2020*. This strategy is supported by the ten year *Socio Economic Development Strategy 2001-2010* and the NSEDP Process, which provides the overarching development strategy and framework for prioritizing the Government's expenditure program, expressed in its annual budget. The NSEDP is coordinated with the National Budgeting Framework and the National Public Investment Program.

The NSEDP provides the Government of Lao PDR with the framework for both economic and social advancement for the country. The achievement of the Millennium Development

¹ During the 3rd High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, held on the 2-4 September 2008 in Accra, Ghana, donor and recipient countries agreed on more effective guidelines for aid delivery:

Goals (MDGs) by 2015 and the emerging Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), and the aim of graduating from Least Developed Country status by 2020, form essential elements of the NSEDP. The NSEDP is supported by the development of sectoral strategies by the ten Sector Working Groups (SWGs). Led by the Government and co-chaired by Development Partners, the SWGs provide detailed and current advice on key development issues and challenges faced in the Lao PDR.

The role of the NSEDP is that it clearly lays out the core development strategy for Lao PDR based on Government expenditure decisions. The NSEDP specifies the policy framework that will help put in place the enabling environment for socioeconomic development, and enhances fiscal governance by strengthening public expenditure management.

The Round Table Process has facilitated the formulation of the 7th (2011-2015) and 8th (2016-2020) NSEDP Plan with full participation by, and consultation with, Development Partners.

² Sustainable Development Goals 2016

Sector Working Groups:

The Sector Working Group mechanism co-chaired by Government and Development Partners (DPs) was established in 2006. The Department of International Cooperation (DIC) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) at that time requested that this review take place to take stock of what has been achieved so far, where challenges remain and, most importantly of all, to develop recommendations on how to strengthen the benefits from SWGs for government and DPs, and their contribution to Lao's social and economic development.

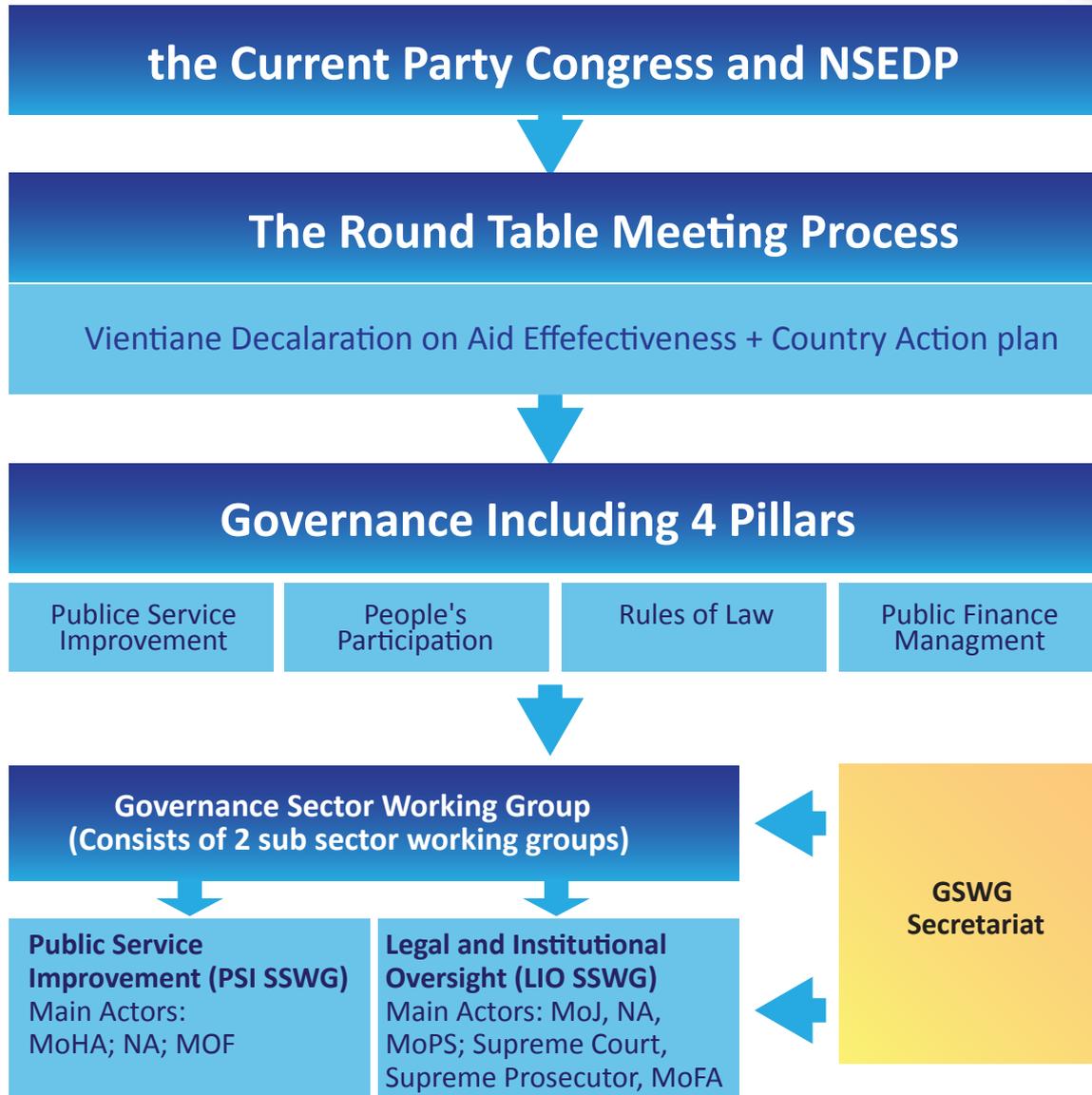
The SWGs are forums to discuss and build consensus about development priorities, and improve sectoral aid coordination and effectiveness as set out in the VDCAP. Under the common framework of the Round Table Process, these groups commit to Lao PDR's development efforts in the areas of their expertise under the leadership of the Government of Lao PDR.

(Source: National Roundtable Process webpage, www.rtm.org.la)

Under the Roundtable Meeting Process currently there are 10 Sector Working Groups that bring together representatives from Government, Development Partners and NGOs, as follows:

1. Agriculture and Rural Development Sector Working Group
2. Education Sector Working Group
3. Governance Sector Working Group
4. Health Sector Working Group
5. Illicit Drug Control Sector Working Group
6. Infrastructure Sector Working Group
7. Macroeconomics Sector Working Group
8. Natural Resource Management and Environmental Sector Working Group
9. Trade and Private Sector Development Sector Working Group
10. UXO Sector Working Group

Structure of Round Table Mechanism



II. Governance Sector Working Group

Background:

The Governance Sector Working Group (GSWG) was reorganized during 2006 in order to reflect the need for high level leadership in this critical sector which has a cross cutting impact on other sectors. Leadership for the Group was moved up to the Ministerial level, which includes the Minister of Justice, the Minister of Home Affairs (Chair of former Public Administration and Civil Service Administration and former Minister to the Prime Minister's Office), and the Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Lao PDR.

Objective:

The main objective of the Governance Sector Working Group is to ensure convergence of development partner assistance and approaches in different areas of governance reform, and help execute the Country Action Plan of the Vientiane Declaration on Aid Effectiveness.

Mandate:

The mandate for the Governance Sector Working Group envisages:

1. Coordinate the implementation of governance reforms in four areas: public service improvement, people's participation, rule of law, and public financial management
2. Dialogue, discuss and negotiate to enable information sharing, deepening consensus among stakeholders, and alignment and close coordination of interventions with the NSEDP

3. Simplify and harmonize procedures and practices, and increase use of government systems
4. Support cross-sector collaboration, improve complementarities and develop synergy
5. Making capacity development and promote gender equity in the sector activities
6. Systematic documentation and reporting on the work of members of the GSWG



GSWG Booth in exhibition of High level-Round Table Meeting

Governance Sector Working Group

Structure of the Governance Sector Working Group:

The Governance Sector Working Group (GSWG) consists of two levels of coordination as follows:

- **Executive level** to provide strategic direction and endorsement of the work plans.
- **Sub Sector level** to assist the GSWG in carrying out the substantive and technical discussions, related to public service improvement, people's participation and legal and institutional oversight.

Members of the Governance Sector Working Group:

The GSWG comprises of representatives from relevant ministries, development partners in the area of governance. Membership in the group will be revised periodically to reflect changes that may occur.

The meetings of the GSWG may also invite private sector, International Non- Governmental Organizations (INGOs), Non-Profit Associations (NPAs) and Foundations as relevant to the theme of the meetings.

(Please refer to Appendix 2 for the list of members)



III. Sub Sector Working Group

In order to effectively carry out the mandated tasks, the GSWG will be assisted by two Sub-Sector Working Groups: one on public service improvement, and the other on legal and institutional oversight. In relation to the work on public financial management, no separate Sub-Sector Working Group is envisaged; instead, representatives of the Sector Working Group on Macro-Economic Management can be requested to contribute to the GSWG periodically.

The Sub-Sector Working Group is intended to be a coordinating and supporting body, and is not intended to substitute for or duplicate the functions of ministries and offices of the government. The Sub-Sector Working Groups provide a mechanism and process that can assist ministries and agencies in bringing together their partners to reinforce and support these functions, and help elaborate options for consideration and implementation by government.



1. Public Service Improvement Sub-Sector Working Group (PSI-SSWG)

The main objective of the Public Service Improvement Sub Sector Working Group (PSI-SSWG) is to carry out the substantive and technical tasks, related to public service improvement, public and local administration, civil service strengthening, and people's representation, assigned to the GSWG.

Main responsibilities of the PSI SSWG are:

- Deal with technical issues regarding governance sector improvement
- Coordinate and support implementation of reforms
- Identify and facilitate consensus and convergence of reform initiatives
- Facilitate systematic capacity development

Chair and Co-chairs: Vice Minister of Home Affairs, Representative of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Deputy Resident Representative of UNDP.

Members of PSI-SSWG are representatives of relevant ministries and offices, including the National Assembly (NA) as well as development partners working on aspects of public service improvement, public and local administration and civil service strengthening, and people's representation. Membership in the group may be revised periodically, to include new members.

The meetings of the PSI SSWG may also invite private sector, International Non- Governmental Organizations (INGOs), Non-Profit Associations (NPAs) and Foundations as relevant to the theme of the meetings.

(Please refer to Appendix 2 for the list of members)

Conveners

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2. Legal and Institutional Oversight Sub-Sector Working Group

The main objective of the Legal & Institutional Oversight Sub Sector Working Group (LIO SSWG) is to carry out the substantive and technical tasks, related to law making, and judicial machinery and all other activities under Legal Sector Master Plan (LSMP) assigned to the GSWG.

Main responsibilities of the LIO-SSWG are:

- Deal with technical issues regarding governance sector improvement.
- Coordinate and support implementation of reforms
- Identify and facilitate consensus and convergence of reform initiatives
- Facilitate systematic capacity development

Chair and Co-chairs: Vice Minister of Justice, European Commission Charge d'Affaires, Deputy Resident Representative of UNDP

Members of LIO-SSWG are representatives of relevant ministries and offices as well as development partners working on aspects of law making, and judicial machinery. Membership in the group may be revised periodically, to include new members.

The meetings of the LIO-SSWG may also invite private sector, International Non- Governmental Organizations (INGOs), Non-Profit Associations (NPAs) and Foundations as relevant to the theme of the meetings.

(Please refer to Appendix 2 for the list of members)

Conveners

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3. GSWG Secretariat

The Secretariat will take on the task of supporting the Chair and Co-chairs to call for and conduct the GSWG meetings, and assist the Sub Sector Working Groups to conduct meetings.

The GSWG Secretariat is headed by the Department of Planning and Cooperation of MoHA with representatives of MoHA, MoJ, NA, MoF and other relevant ministries as members.

Main responsibilities of the Secretariat are:

- Coordinate substantive and technical tasks
- Assist Sub-Sector Working Groups
- Prepare work plan
- Compile information from SSWGs report to GSWG
- Compile proposals from the TWGS on section-wide priorities harmonize activities
- Integrate proposals of SSWGs for funding gaps
- Organize meetings, provide translations, prepare agendas and documents

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Governance Sector Working Group

Abbreviations

DP	Development Partner
GPAR	Governance and Public Administration Reform
GSWG	Governance Sector Working Group
LIO SSWG	Legal and Institutional Oversight Sub Sector Working Group
LSMP	Legal Sector Master Plan
MDG	Millennium Development Goal
NSEDP	National Socio-Economic Development Plan
ODA	Official Development Assistance
PSI SSWG	Public Service Improvement Sub Sector Working Group
RTiM	Round Table Implementation Meeting
RTM	Round Table Meeting
SDC	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SWG	Sector working Group
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
VDCAP	Vientiane Declaration and the revised Vientiane Declaration – Country Action Plan
MoHA	Ministry of Home Affairs
MoJ	Ministry of Justice
MoF	Ministry of Finance
NA	National Assembly
MoFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
INGO	International Non-Governmental Organization
NPA	Non Profit Association
DIC	Department of International Cooperation
EC	European Commission
MPI	Ministry of Planning and Investment

Appendix 1: Terms of Reference (brief)

I. Objectives and Terms of Reference of the Governance Sector Working Group (GSWG):

The main objective of the Governance Sector Working Group is to ensure convergence of development partner assistance and approaches in different areas of governance reform, and help execute the Country Action Plan of the Vientiane Declaration on Aid Effectiveness.

The Terms of Reference for the work of the Governance Sector Working Group are:

1. Facilitate increased commitment of development assistance, for an integrated long term programme (with roadmap and implementation plan), which will align governance improvement in all areas (including private sector and civil society), to achieve the NSEDP and Strategic Plan on Governance
2. Coordinate the implementation of governance reforms in four areas: public service improvement, people's participation, rule of law, and sound financial management, as in the Governance Strategy of the Govt. of Lao PDR, presented to the Round Table Meeting in 2006
3. Promote dialogue, discussions and negotiations with development partners on key aspects of governance reform, which would include:
 - a. information sharing on and exchanges among members of the GSWG about on-going and planned initiatives in the governance area, through relevant documents and structured meeting and interactions
 - b. exchange of updated information on flow of local and external resources through government and non-government channels, for governance reforms, which could be managed as a sector assistance database

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- c. steps to deepen consensus and convergence of different governance reform initiatives supported by development partners, and improve alignment with the goals and strategies of the NSEDP and Governance Reform strategy of the Govt. of Lao PDR
4. Promote simplification and harmonization of procedures and practices in implementing development partner assisted initiatives in the governance sector, and increase the use of government channels to implement long term activities
5. Provide a platform for members of the GSWG, other Sector Working Groups as well as other development partners in Lao PDR, about events and achievements in governance reform, and initiate cross-sector collaboration, improve complementarities and develop synergy
6. Facilitate systematic capacity development and gender equity as an integral part of assistance provided by development partners to government agencies, and directly undertake capacity development required for the GSWG secretariat and focal points in government
7. Facilitate systematic documentation and reporting on the work of members of the GSWG, as well as the steps undertaken by the GSWG, to the leadership of the GSWG, and designated offices of the Govt. of Lao PDR, including the DIC of MPI
8. Initiate other activities, under the guidance of the GSWG Secretariat which may be required to achieve the objectives and terms of reference
9. Report and submit proposals or initiatives to the National Leading Committee on Governance for review and endorsement where required

II. Objectives and Terms of Reference of the Public Service Improvement Sub-Sector Working Group (PSI SSWG):

The main objective of the Public Service Improvement Sub Sector Working Group is to carry out the substantive and technical tasks, related to public service improvement, public and local administration, civil service strengthening, and people's representation, assigned to the GSWG. The Sub-Sector Working Groups will be able to devote required time and resources to address the technical issues, with regular meetings and studies, and support the higher level GSWG which will ensure convergence of development partner assistance and approaches across different areas of governance reform.

The Sub-Sector Working Group is intended to be a coordinating and supporting body, and is not intended to substitute for or duplicate the functions of ministries and offices of the government. The Sub-Sector Working Groups provide a mechanism and process that can assist ministries and agencies in bringing together their partners to reinforce and support these functions, and help elaborate options for consideration and implementation by government.

The Terms of Reference for the Public Service Improvement Sub Sector Working Group are:

1. Support implementation of governance reforms in relation to public service improvement, public and local administration, civil service strengthening, and people's participation as outlined in the Strategic Plan on Governance of the Government of Lao PDR 2011-2020
2. Facilitate regular dialogue, discussions and negotiations with development partners on key aspects of reform and capacity development in relation to public service improvement, public and local administration, civil service strengthening, and people's participation, which would include:
 - a. information sharing on and exchanges among members of the PSISSWG about on-going and planned initiatives in the governance area, through relevant documents and structured meeting and interactions

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- b. exchange of updated information on flow of local and external resources through government and non-government channels, governance reforms in relation to public service improvement, public and local administration civil service strengthening, and people's participation, and linked into the governance sector assistance database
 - c. take steps to identify and facilitate consensus and convergence of different reform initiatives in the sub sector as well those related to rule of law and people's participation, and improve alignment with the NSEDP and Governance Strategy
 - 3. Promote simplification and harmonization of procedures and practices in implementing development partner assisted initiatives in relation to public service improvement, public and local administration and civil service strengthening, and increase the use of government channels to implement long term activities
 - 4. Facilitate systematic capacity development and gender equity as an integral part of assistance provided by development partners to government agencies
 - 5. Facilitate systematic documentation and reporting on the work of members of the PSISSWG, as well as the steps undertaken by the PSISSWG, to the leadership of the GSWG, and designated offices of the Govt. of Lao PDR, including the DIC of MPI
 - 6. Initiate other activities, under the guidance of the GSWG Secretariat which may be required to achieve the objectives and terms of reference

III. Objectives and Terms of Reference of the Legal & Institutional Oversight Sub-Sector Working Group (LIO SSWG):

The main objective of the Legal & Institutional Oversight Sub Sector Working Group is to carry out the substantive and technical tasks, related to LSMP, assigned to the GSWG. The Sub-Sector Working Groups will be able to devote required time and resources to address the technical issues, with

regular meetings and studies, and support the higher level GWSG which will ensure convergence of development partner assistance and approaches across different areas of governance reform.

The Sub-Sector Working Group is intended to be a coordinating and supporting body, and is not intended to substitute for or duplicate the functions of ministries and offices of the government. The Sub-Sector Working Groups provide a mechanism and process that can assist ministries and agencies in bringing together their partners to reinforce and support these functions, and help elaborate options for consideration and implementation by government.

The Terms of Reference for the work of the Legal & Institutional Oversight Sub Sector Working Group are:

1. Coordinate the implementation of governance reforms in relation to rule of law, as outlined in the Governance Strategy of the Govt. of Lao PDR 2011-2020, particularly under LSMP 2020.
2. Facilitate regular dialogue, discussions and negotiations with development partners on key aspects of reform and capacity development relation to rule of law, which would include:
 - a. information sharing on and exchanges among members of the LIOSSWG about on-going and planned initiatives in the governance area, through relevant documents and structured meeting and interactions
 - b. exchange of updated information on flow of local and external resources through government and non-government channels, governance reforms in relation to rule of law, and linked into the governance sector assistance database
- c. take steps to identify and facilitate consensus and convergence of different reform initiatives in the sub sector as well those related to public service improvement, and improve alignment with the NSEDP and Governance Reform area

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3. Promote simplification and harmonization of procedures and practices in implementing development partner assisted initiatives in relation to rule of law, and increase the use of government channels to implement long term activities
4. Facilitate systematic capacity development and gender equity as an integral part of assistance provided by development partners to government agencies
5. Facilitate systematic documentation and reporting on the work of members of the LIOSSWG, as well as the steps undertaken by the LIOSSWG, to the leadership of the GSWG, and designated offices of the Govt. of Lao PDR, including the DIC of MPI
6. Initiate other activities, under the guidance of the GSWG Secretariat which may be required to achieve the objectives and terms of reference

IV. Objectives and Terms of Reference of the Secretariat of Governance Sector Working Group (GSWG Secretariat):

The main objective of the Secretariat of the Governance Sector Working Group is to coordinate the substantive and technical tasks to facilitate governance reform that were assigned to the GSWG under VDCAP, which will be carried out by the government agencies and development partners. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA) in coordination with the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) will establish a Secretariat for the GSWG. The Secretariat's primary members consist of members nominated from MOHA, MoJ, National Assembly (NA) and Ministry of Finance (MOF), and a representative each of UNDP, SDC and EU; the senior representative from MOHA or MoJ will be nominated as Chair of the Secretariat, in rotation, by the Co-Chairs of the GSWG. The Secretariat will also work to assist the SSWGs.

The Terms of Reference for the work of the Secretariat will consist of:

1. Prepare annual work plans for the GSWG, which will include tasks related to the VDCAP, with the inputs from the SSWGs
2. Compile information provided by the SSWGs and report to the GSWG on progress of the GSWG activity plans

3. Compile proposals from the SSWGs on emerging sector-wide priorities, harmonizing new activities, and improving the utilization and mobilization of resources
4. Integrate proposals from SSWGs on finding funding sources to address funding gaps in relation to the Governance Strategy
5. Assist the GSWG to provide guidance to the government and development partners to improve coordination and convergence of policies and activities, related to the sector
6. Assist the GSWG and SSWGs in their function as information sharing and networking mechanisms on governance related matters involving line ministries and other stakeholders
7. Provide managerial, and logistic support including organizing and preparing GSWG and SSWG meetings, providing translation services, preparing agendas for meetings, preparation and distribution of relevant documents including minutes of meetings
8. Establish links between the GSWG and other SWGs, TWGs and their secretariats, different development partners, and other bodies relevant to the GSWG mandate
9. Carry out other duties sought by the GSWG consistent with its overall objective

Operating modalities:

The Secretariat will be hosted by the Department of Planning and Cooperation of MOHA. It will primarily consist of representatives from MOHA, MoJ, NA, and MOF and others as appropriate, and supported by a representative each of UNDP, SDC and EU. The senior representative from MOHA or MoJ will be nominated as Chair of the Secretariat, in rotation, by the Co-Chairs of the GSWG. Where relevant, the Secretariat would be supported with long or short term technical advisors and consultants.

The Secretariat may consist of the following members and others as appropriate: Director General from MOHA, Director General from MoJ, Representative from NA, Representative from MOF, Etc.

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Meetings and reporting

The GSWG, PSI SSWG and LIO SSWG will normally hold thematic or technical meetings as required to deal with substantive tasks assigned, and one full sub sector working group meeting usually in preparation to the GSWG meeting.

The Secretariat will prepare periodic updates and reports for the Sub Sector Working Groups, and Sector Working Group. In addition, it will generate reports required by the International Cooperation Department of MPI. The Secretariat will also organize English - Lao interpretation support for effective conduct of meetings.

Appendix 2: Membership

Members of the GSWG include the following:

Group	Participants
Government:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Committee on Organization and Personnel (CCOP) • Government Inspection and Anti-Corruption Authority (GIA) • Lao Bar Association (LBA) • Lao Front for National Construction (LFNC) • Lao Women’s Union (LWU) • Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) • Ministry of Education (MOE) • Ministry of Finance (MoF) • Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) • Ministry of Health (MOH) • Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) • Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism (MICT) • Ministry of Justice (MoJ) • Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare (MoLS) • Ministry of National Resources and Environment (MONRE) • Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI) • Ministry of Public Security (MPS) • Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) • National Academy of Politics and Public Administration (NAPPA) • National Assembly (NA) • National Committee for the Advancement of Women (NCAW) • National University of Laos (NUOL) • Office of the Supreme People’s Prosecutor (OSPP) • People’s Supreme Court (PSC) • Etc.

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Development Partners

- Agence Française de Développement (AFD)
- Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- AusAID
- Australia
- China
- CORD
- Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
- European Commission (EC)
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- India
- INGO Network
- Japan
- Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
- Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)
- Lao NPA Network
- LuxDEV
- Luxembourg
- NZAID
- Oxfam Australia
- Oxfam Belgium
- Republic of Korea
- Save the Children
- Singapore
- SNV
- Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
- The Asia Foundation
- United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)• United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)• United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)• United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)• UNWomen• USA• USAID• Vietnam• World Bank (WB)• Etc. |
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Members of the PSI SSWG include the following:

Group	Participants
Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Government Inspection Authority (GIA)• Lao National Commission on the Advancement of Women (Lao NCAW)• Lao Women’s Union (LWU)• Ministry of Education (MoE)• Ministry of Finance (MoF)• Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA)• Ministry of Health (MoH)• Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA)• Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism (MICT)• Ministry of Justice (MoJ)• Ministry of National Resources and the Environment (MONRE)• Ministry of Planning and Investment, People’s Supreme Court (PSC)• Ministry of Public Security (MPS)• Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT)• National Assembly (NA)• Office of the Supreme People’s Prosecutor (OSPP)• Etc.

Development Partners

- Agence Française de Développement (AFD)
- Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- AusAID
- Australia
- Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
- European Commission (EC)
- France
- India
- INGO Network
- Japan
- Japan International Cooperation Agency
- Lao NPA Network
- NZAID
- Republic of Korea
- Singapore
- SNV – Netherlands Development Organisation
- Swiss Agency for Development and cooperation (SDC)
- United Nations Capital Development Fund
- United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- World Bank (WB)
- Etc.

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Members of the LIO SSWG include the following:

Group	Participants
Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank of Lao PDR (BOL) • Faculty of Law • Government Inspection and Anti-Corruption Authority (GIA) • Government’s Office • Lao Bar Association (LBA) • Lao Front for National Construction (LFNC) • Lao People’s Revolutionary Youth Union (LYU) • Lao Women’s Union (LWU) • Large Taxpayer Unit • Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) • Ministry of Education (MOE) • Ministry of Energy and Mines (MOEM) • Ministry of Finance (MOF) • Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) • Ministry of Health (MOH) • Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA) • Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MOIC) • Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism (MoICT) • Ministry of Justice (MOJ) • Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare (MLSW) • Ministry of National Defense (MOND) • Ministry of Planning and Investment, Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) • Ministry of Public Security (MPS) • MOJ Law School • NASS • Nat. Academy of Politics & Public Administration (NAPPA)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Assembly (NA)• Office of the Supreme People's Prosecutor (OSPP)• People's Supreme Court (PSC)• President's Office• Etc.
Development Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Australia• Cambodia• European Commission• France• Germany• Japan• Japan International Cooperation Agency• Malaysia• Myanmar• Philippines• Republic of Korea• Singapore• Thailand• UN Women• United Nations Children's Fund• United Nations Development Programme• United Nations Office on Drug and Crime• USA• USAID LUNA Project• Vietnam• Etc.



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