

Implementing ‘green growth’, climate change and disaster preparedness strategies at the national and provincial level

2016 Round Table Implementation Meeting (RTIM) Pre-consultation

3rd November 2016

Concept Note – First Draft

1. Introduction

- The Round Table Implementation Meeting (RTIM) on 24th and 25th November 2016 proposes to have a dedicated panel discussion and a plenary policy dialogue on **implementing ‘green growth’, climate change and disaster preparedness** given the centrality of these issues to Least Developed Country (LDC) graduation.
- SDG 13 adopted by the General Assembly calls for **“urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts”**. The major milestone for the UNFCCC is **Conference of Parties (COP) 21** held in December 2015 in Paris, where Lao PDR presented its Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) and also a Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Action (NAMA). The participating 195 countries agreed, by consensus, to the final global pact, **the Paris Agreement, to reduce emissions** as part of the method for reducing greenhouse gas. The Government of Lao PDR has a well-developed Climate Change Strategy and completed both the First and Second National Communications to the UNFCCC. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE) is in the lead with well-developed links with the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Mines & Energy.
- On green growth, the Government of Lao PDR has also been working with partners to build **awareness of the opportunities and importance on green growth**. There have been discussions led by Ministry of Planning and Investment to identify how Lao PDR can plan, implement and fund green growth at the national level and at the city level.
- Regarding disaster preparedness, **the national strategic plan on disaster risk management** is available and **national disaster management committees** exist at national, provincial and district levels.
- Whilst there has been discussion about green growth, climate change and disaster preparedness within the 8th NSEDP, **the implications of these issues have not yet been comprehensively considered within the major economic and social domains**. In particular, green growth and climate change implications and adaptation, among the Government and development partners still remains too closeted within a narrow environmental perspective. All three in fact demand **‘whole of Government’ approaches**, requiring institutional transformation and responses with multi-sectoral dimensions at all levels. This also entails reaching out through partnerships with the private sector, INGOs and NPAs.

2. Objectives

This RTIM pre-consultation will be a multi-sectoral forum led by Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and Ministry of Planning and Investment and accompanied closely by key Ministries and national agencies, plus representation from the private sector, INGOs and NPAs with the objectives of:

- Consulting practically on how implementation of green growth, climate change and disaster preparedness strategies are proceeding.
- Providing a platform to raise awareness and advocate for multi-sectoral and greater partnership responses to all three interlinked matters.
- In particular, participants will discuss:
 - Knowledge (what have we learned and what do we still need to know on green growth, climate change and disaster preparedness);
 - Action (what have we done so far and what do we still need to do around mainstreaming, financing, communicating knowledge and measurement); and
 - Next Steps (What would we practically like to do in 2017 to accelerate implementation in
 - Green growth
 - Disaster preparedness
 - Climate change

Technical support to ensure the success of this pre-consultation will be sought from some key development partners such as Germany and World Bank, as Co-chairs to the over-arching SWG (Environment and Climate Change), UNDP as co-chair of respective sub-SWG, ADB, private sector, INGOs and NPAs.

3. Proposed date and focused areas for discussions

- Date and Venue: 3rd November at place to be confirmed
- Focused areas for discussions:
 1. Knowledge (what have we learned and what do we still need to know on green growth, climate change and disaster preparedness).
 2. Action (what have we done so far and what do we still need to do around mainstreaming, financing, communicating knowledge and measurement).
 3. Identification of site to visit within the proximity of the RTIM venue where green growth, disaster preparedness and climate change projects are operating in order to obtain a better sense of practical implementation on the ground.
 4. Next Steps (What would we practically like to do in 2017 to accelerate implementation in
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2016 Round Table Implementation Meeting (RTIM) Pre-consultation 3rd November 2016 Provisional Agenda

- 08:30 – 09:00 **Registration**
- 09:00 – 09:15 **Opening remarks – Chair of the Meeting**
Minister of Natural Resource and Environment
- 09:15 – 09:30 **Opening remarks – Co-Chair of the Meeting**
TBC
- 09:30 – 10:00 **Main presentation -**
By: TBC
- 10:00 – 10:15 Coffee break
- 10:15 – 11:00 **Panel discussion –**
1. Panellist 1 – Representative from development partners (global perspective)
 2. Panellist 2 – Representative from ASEAN partners (regional and south-south perspective)
 3. Panellist 3 - Representative from Private Sector, INGOs and NPAs
 4. Panellist 4 – Representative from sectoral/line ministries
 5. Panellist 5 – Representative from provincial authorities
- Moderator – -----
- 11:00 – 11:50 **Open Discussion**
- 11:50 – 11:55 **Closing remarks – Co-Chair of the Meeting**
TBC
- 11:55 – 12:00 **Closing remarks – Chair of the Meeting**
Minister of Natural Resource and Environment