

Enhancing Partnerships for Effective Development Cooperation, and update on the Revision of the Prime Minister Decree No.75 on ODA Management

2016 Round Table Implementation Meeting (RTIM) Pre-consultation

**15th November 2016
Vientiane Plaza**

Concept Note

1. Introduction

- One of the major outcomes of the 12th HL RTM 2015 was unanimous endorsement by all participants of the Vientiane Declaration on Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation. This signalled **a shift from traditional ODA towards greater partnerships, more comprehensive and inclusive range of development financing and resourcing options.**
- 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 progress and activities to promote greater partnerships for effective development cooperation.
- To guide implementation of the eight principles of the Vientiane Declaration and for strategic monitoring and reporting, the Government and its partners have been developing **a Country Action Plan (CAP 2016-2025)**. This VDCAP (2016-2025) is an important document for stakeholders at all levels as it outlines key focused areas needed to achieve effective development cooperation, which in turn will help **accelerate the 8th NSEDP and SDG implementation**. The current draft of this VDCAP (2016-2025) is enclosed for information.
- The Government is also in **the process of revising the Prime Minister Decree No. 75 on ODA management**. A framework for this revision is on supply and demand sides of development finance (its classification and roles vs roles and responsibilities for effective management of different sources of development finance).

2. Objectives

- This RTIM pre-consultation will enable **a final round of discussions** between the Government and its development partners and other stakeholders **on the content of the emergent VDCAP (2016-2025)** prior to its proposed adoption at the RTIM in November 2016.
- The pre-consultation will also be a platform to **raise awareness among sectoral and provincial counterparts** on key actions, indicators and targets for enhancing greater partnership for effective development cooperation as per the VDCAP (2016-2025).
- It will enable **a high quality policy level consultation** between the Government and its development partners at the panel discussion and plenary policy dialogue during the 2016 RTIM.

- This RTIM pre-consultation will also enable all national and international stakeholders to hear **an update on the revision of the PM Decree 75** and provide **comments and feedback** for finalisation of the Decree in 2017.

3. Proposed date and focused areas for discussions

- Date and Venue: 15 November at place (to be confirmed)
- **Focused areas for discussions:**
 1. Update on the VDCAP (presentation, consultations and next steps)
 2. Update on the revision of the Prime Minister Decree 75 (presentation, consultations and next steps)
 3. Priority areas for accelerating implementation of the Vientiane Declaration in 2017 as per the Country Action Plan

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Provisional Agenda

- 08:30- 09:00 Registration
- 09:00 – 09:10 **Opening remarks**
By H.E. Dr. Kikeo Chanthaboury, Vice Minister of Planning and Investment
- 09:10 – 09:20 **Remarks**
By Ms. Kaarina Immonen, UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative
- 09:20 – 09:50 **Main Presentation – Partnerships for Effective Development Cooperation/Vientiane Declaration Country Action Plan, and update on the revision of the Prime Minister Decree No. 75 on ODA management**
By Dr. Arounyadeth Rasphone, Deputy Director General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Planning and Investment
- 09:50 – 10:00 Coffee break
- 10:00 – 11:00 **Panel discussion**
Theme for each panellist will be decided based on discussions with potential panellists.
- Panellist 1 – Development Partners and global perspective (TBC)
Panellist 2 – Regional and South-South perspective (TBC)
Panellist 3 – INGOs and NPA perspectives (TBC)
Panellist 4 – National perspective (TBC)
Panellist 5 – Private sector perspective (TBC)
- Moderators – DIC/MPI and the Office of the UN Resident Coordinator (TBC)
- 11:00 – 11:50 **Open discussion and panel responses**
- 11:50 – 11:55 **Remarks**
Ms. Kaarina Immonen, UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative
- 11:55 – 12:00 **Official closing**
H.E. Dr. Kikeo Chanthaboury, Vice Minister of Planning and Investment