

2017 Round Table Process Retreat

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I. Key lessons learnt

1. **Panel discussions** and **pre-consultations** strengthen substance; **interactive dialog** with Government contributes to a better understanding on priority issues
2. Selection of **a few priority topics** for RTIM ensures focused discussions
3. **Field visits** and organisation of RTIMs in the **provinces** help bring discussions closer to real issues and challenges on the ground.
4. Making the Round Table Process **more inclusive** increases its relevance
5. Sector Working Group TORs, work plans and reports: the more **results-oriented**, the better.

II. Round Table Follow-up Matrix

- To **ensure continuity**, the Round Table Follow-up matrix links key discussion points and recommendations of the 2016 RTIM to the 2015 HL RTM discussion points as per the updated matrix shared today.
- The draft matrix will be discussed during the group discussion, in view of updating it.
 - Make the follow-up matrix more results-oriented;
 - Focused on key actions;
 - With clear responsibilities; and
 - Linked to the M&E framework of the 8th NSEDP.

II. The Instruction of the Prime Minister’s Office on the implementation of the RTM/RTIM key discussion points (1)

Government Agencies	Key action areas
1. Ministry of Planning and Investment in consultation with Ministry of Foreign Affairs, line ministries, provinces and other related agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDG integration and implementation within the 8th NSEDP framework for actual results • Ensure greater participation of all stakeholders for all measures to ensure stable, sustainable, and quality growth and in accordance to green growth (all for poverty reduction) • Strengthen the national statistical capacity and system and improve the quality and disaggregation of data for 8th NSEDP monitoring and reporting including SDGs • Ensure the implementation and reporting on the RTM/RTIM follow up actions in close collaboration with all line ministries, provinces and other related agencies. • Ensure effective development cooperation (ODA and other development resources) through ”one door service” approach with clearer division of labour and enhanced M&E capacity.
2. Ministry of Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance revenue generation base, ensure effective monetary and fiscal management and ensure effective domestic resource mobilization (domestic and foreign investment) • Strengthen the linkage between financing and results, and accelerate progress - an Integrated National Financing Framework • Enhance effective operationalization of MTEF • Create measures to address domestic shocks and ensure sufficient buffer in the economic, human and environmental areas - Making Lao PDR more resilient is a common agenda for us all.

II. The Instruction of the Prime Minister’s Office on the implementation of the RTM/RTIM key discussion points (2)

Government Agencies	Key action areas
3. Ministry of Industry and Commerce and Ministry of Planning and Investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure greater and high quality domestic and foreign direct investment and create effective enabling environment for private sector development • Enhance M&E and the implementation of public private partnership through greater partnerships and involvement of all stakeholders
4. Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, and Ministry of Education and Sport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accelerate the implementation of the national strategies and actions and efforts need to be continued to build our understanding of key behaviours and practices that influence stunting and other forms of malnutrition and develop social and behaviour change communication messages, campaigns and support interpersonal communication skills of front line workers.
5. Ministry of Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put greater efforts to strengthen capacity for sub-national level coordination for inter-sectoral implementation and integrate nutrition in provincial and district planning using all available resources • Pay greater attention to budget allocation and human resource to address all related matters (food security, stunting, mother and child mortality, access to clean drinking water, ect...)on food and nutrition security

II. The Instruction of the Prime Minister’s Office on the implementation of the RTM/RTIM key discussion points (3)

Government Agencies	Key action areas
6. Ministry of Natural Resource and Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure an appropriate approach to suit Lao local circumstances on green growth and identify key requirements include building resilience across all sectors and reducing the impact of disasters, facilitating multi-stakeholder, cross-sectoral engagement and defined coordination mechanism, and finally maximizing efficiencies and access to financing.
7. Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that the agriculture and forestry sector in Lao PDR has commenced the clean agriculture initiative, which can potentially support the implementation approach in the country.
8. Ministry of Home Affairs in consultation with National Assembly and other related agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make important administrative and legislative progress towards Lao PDR becoming a rule of law state and measures to enhance greater transparency for sustainable development growth • Delivery of basic services in remote rural areas through various approaches ‘local delivery mechanisms’, and others and ensure possible measures to help sharpen implementation for impact where needs are greatest.
9. Ministry of Foreign Affairs in consultation with Ministry of Home Affairs and other related agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance enabling environment for the work of INGOs and NPAs under a programme based approach and ensure greater M&E for greater development results

III. 2017 RTIM initial roadmap (subject to change) (1)

Key activities	Time Frame
1. Preparation of the 2017 RTIM Road Map	January – March 2017
2. Dissemination of the Vientiane Declaration Country Action Plan	Jan – May 2017
3. Vientiane Declaration Country Action Plan – monitoring roll out	June – July 2017
4. Revision of Decree No.75 and development of national development cooperation strategy (including consultations with partners)	Jan – June 2017
5. Round Table Process Retreat	March 2017
6. SDG National Steering Committee meeting	March 2017
7. Meeting of National Steering Committee for the Round Table Process	April-May & Oct –Nov 2017
8. Guideline for the preparation of the 2017 RTIM to all Sector Working Groups	June – July 2017
9. Meeting of Chairs and Co-Chairs of Sector Working Groups	Quarterly
10. Sector Working Group meetings (technical and executive levels)	Throughout the year

III. 2017 RTIM initial roadmap (subject to change) (2)

Key activities	Timeframe
11. Annual report of the implementation of 8 th NSEDP (2016/2017) and formulation of the annual Plan (2017/2018)	Sep – Dec 2017
12. Meetings between the Round Table Process Secretariat and Sector Working Group Secretariats	Through out the year
13. Foreign Aid Reports (semi-annual and annual)	July 2017 and Jan 2018
14. 2017 RTIM invitation set out	Nov 2017
15. Sectoral progress reports by Sector Working Groups	Dec 2017
16. 2017 RTIM Background Document	Oct 2017 – Jan 2018
17. Meet the press	Quarterly
18. 2017 RTIM Pre-consultations	Nov & Dec 2017
19. 2017 RTIM and Debriefing with the Prime Minister	Jan/Feb 2018

III. 2017 Round Table Implementation Meeting

Overall Objective: Promote coherence and multi-stakeholder partnerships for implementation of the 8th NSEDP: monitoring progress achieved in 2017 and setting priorities for 2018.

- Possible Options for agenda items and priority themes? *(Special request to pay great attention on social and human development aspect as it is critical element of the LDC graduation)*
- Format? *(To ensure interactive dialogue as much as possible)*
- Location? *(To be organised in a province if possible as stated by the Prime Minister)*
- Timing? *(To synchronize with the new Lao financial year)*

IV. Group Discussion

- Each participation randomly picked their group number (1 to 4) during registration. Please do not hesitate to join your preferred group – even if you picked a different number
 - Group 1 and 2 are located at the main conference room
 - Group 3 and 4 are at rooms upstairs with 2017 RTP Retreat sign allocated.
- Each group will need to nominate **two facilitators** (one representing the Government and another representing development partners)
- **Note-taker** and **rapporteur** should be identified beforehand.
- **Template of presentation** of group discussion results is provided.
- **Three guiding questions** as per the agenda of the retreat.

DIC colleagues are available to answer any questions that come up.

Thank you