

The 11th High Level Round Table Meeting (HL RTM 2013)

19th – 20th November 2013

ROAD MAP

The Objective of the HL RTM 2013

The HL RTM 2013 is organized in conjunction with the mid-term review of the implementation of the 7th five-year National Socio-Economic Development Plan (NSEDP 2011-2015) and the 3rd national MDGs progress report launched in September 2013, the main objective of the High Level Round Table Meeting (HL RTM) 2013 is to highlight the key results of these 2 key assessments and discuss relevant policy issues, identify key priorities, practical and innovative solutions as well as identify resource requirement for supporting the Government of Lao PDR to achieve the goals of the 7th NSEDP and MDGs by 2015 as well as beyond.

This HL RTM 2013 also aims to bring a high quality policy dialogue that contributes to mutual understanding of the Government Priorities and Commitments from Development Partners to achieve the national development objectives and expected results more effectively.

Expected Output of the HL RTM 2013

With the objectives mentioned above, the Government of Lao PDR expects that the HL RTM 2013 will bring a high quality policy dialogue that contributes to setting a principle set of Action Plans that based on mutual understanding of the Government's priorities and commitments from Development Partners (DPs) to achieve the goals of the 7th NSEDP and MDGs by 2015 as well as to set fundamental path for the formulation of the next five years plan (8th NSEDP 2016-2020).

Agenda

The discussion agenda is based on the key findings and recommendations of the 7th NSEDP Mid Term Review and 3rd MDG progress report with further reference to relevant policy papers and work, such as a follow up from the 2012 Round Table Implementation Meeting (RTIM) , Reports and inputs from Sector Working Groups, and the revised Vientiane Declaration Country Action Plan (VDCAP). Therefore, the HL RTM 2013 has been classified into three sessions as follow:

[Session 1 – The Implementation of the 7th five year National Socio-Economic Development Plan \(7th NSEDP 2011-2015\) – Key Results of Mid Term Review and Progress towards the MDGs. Within this session, two presentations will be made which are:](#)

- The results of the Mid-Term Review of the 7th NSEDP 2011-2015 - key progress to date and recommendations for the coming years

- The results of the third National MDG Progress Report – challenges to MDG achievement and key recommendations for the Off-Track MDGs:
 - Nutrition and Food Security;
 - Maternal Mortality;
 - Child Mortality;
 - School Retention and;
 - UXO

Session 2 – Enabling Environment: Progress in Governance, Public Financial Management and Effective Development Cooperation. This session will cover presentations in three key areas as follow:

- Progress in improving Governance in Lao PDR and implications for the balance of the 7th NSEDP and the development of the 8th NSEDP
- Progress in enhancing Public Financial Management in Lao PDR and implications for the balance of the 7th NSEDP and the development of the 8th NSEDP
- From Aid Effectiveness to Effective Development Cooperation: Strengthening Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation

Session 3 – Delivering on Lao PDR’s Development Priorities: Achieving the 7th NSEDP goals, the MDGs and LDC Graduation – Action Plans and Recommendations. This session will be the key output of the HL RTM 2013 presenting the Action Plans for the Off Track MDGs and the balance of 7th NSEDP, and recommendations for key priorities areas for the 8th NSEDP

Key milestones

Throughout the preparation process of this year High Level Round Table Meeting, leading activities and consultations will be organized to inform the discussions at the RTM. Some suggested milestones include:

Key RTM leading up activities	Lead agency	Timing (tentative)	Expected outcomes	Participants
Preparation of RTM roadmap	DIC/MPI	27 th -28 th Feb 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proper consultation on the draft roadmap, especially with SWGs - Clear directions, approach on how to convene the RTM, and expected outcomes of the RTM 	All
VDCAP consultation	VDCAP Secretariat	March – April 2013	Agreed upon comments and suggestions for the revision of the VDCAP 2012-15	All

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National Steering Committee Meeting	NSC	3 rd May 2013	Endorse the roadmap and indicate timing of RTM	NSC member from line ministries
Chair and Co-Chair SWG Meeting	DIC/MPI	13 th June 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All stakeholders are informed on the RTM preparatory process - Draft agenda items that agreed upon 	SWG's and extended members
Round Table Provincial consultation on Food and Nutrition Security for the eight Northern Provinces	DIC and UNDP	27 th -28 th June 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improved understanding of national/regional/provincial mechanisms on tackling the issue, including strengths and weaknesses of operational structures and funding mechanisms - Strengthened coordination within central, regional and provincial stakeholders, as well as between provincial authorities, central government and development partners on the thematic issue 	All
Preparation of the HL RTM 2013 Background document	DIC/MPI	Aug – Oct 2013	Analytical paper to inform the key background information for the meeting	All SWGs
Instruction requesting SWGs for inputs on the RTM preparation and Background Document	DIC/MPI	2 nd Aug 2013	Common understanding on the RTM Preparation and Process for SWG involvement	All SWG Secretariats

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SWG Inception meeting on the HL RTM 2013 Background Document	DIC/MPI	6 th Aug 2013	Common understanding on what need to be done at sector level to help prepare the RTM Background Document	All SWGs
Development Partners Briefing on the RTM preparation and the follow up actions on the Round Table Provincial Consultation in Luang Namtha Province in June	DIC/MPI	12 th Aug 2013	Stakeholders informed on key progresses on the RTM preparation and the concept plan of developing a convergent programme on Food and Nutrition Security	All
Deadline for SWG submissions and inputs for the HL-RTM Background Document	DIC/MPI	29 th Aug 2013	A set of SWG inputs and proposed Action Plans from selected SWGs	SWGs
Establishment of the HL RTM 2013 Taskforce	DIC/MPI	September 2013	Functioning team to monitor the RTM leading up activities	MPI, Line Ministries and UNDP
Meeting with Non-Resident Development Partners on the HL RTM	MPI and UNDP	18 th Sep 2013, and 8 th Oct 2013	Non resident DPs are well briefed on the RTM preparation update and detailed plan	DPs based in Hanoi and Bangkok
HL RTM Invitation	DIC/MPI	18 th October 2013	All stakeholders are officially informed on the date and agenda of the HL RTM 2013	All
Finalization of the VDCAP	DIC/MPI and VDCAP Secretariat	Sep – Oct 2013	Agreed actions and clear monitoring mechanism for implementation	VDCAP Secretariats
Instruction to SWGs on Development Exhibition	DIC/MPI	Mid October 2013	All SWGs are informed of setting and detailed requirement for preparing the development booth	SWGs
Consultation on the Draft HL RTM Background Document	DIC/MPI	7 th – 16 th Oct 2013	Draft Background Document for SWG verification and further inputs	SWGs

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SWG Chairs and Co-Chairs Meeting	DIC/MPI	October 2013	Stakeholders informed on recent progresses and key positions for the HL RTM 2013 and endorse the revised VDCAP	All
Production of the ODA report based on AMP data and other associated publications	DIC/MPI	October 2013	Information on current ODA trend and relevant analysis	All DPs
Final HL RTM 2013 Background Document	DIC/MPI	23 rd Oct 2013	All stakeholders received the HL RTM Background Document for their information	All
Press conference	DIC/MPI	Nov 2013	Increase awareness of the RTM and its expected outcomes	Local and foreign media
High Level RTM 2013	Government and UNDP	19 th Nov 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - High quality dialogue that contribute to improved understanding of the Government priorities and challenges that require further supports and practical solutions - Strong commitments from development partners to support the Government of Lao PDR to achieve the national development objectives and expected results on a timely manner 	All
Debriefing to the President of Lao PDR	Govt and DP High Level delegations	20 th Nov 2013	The President of Lao PDR is informed on key Deliberations, Recommendations and the Way Forwards from the HL RTM discussion	Govt and DP High Level delegations

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HL RTM Field Visit to Savannakhet province	Government and UNDP	20 th – 21 st Nov 2013	Expose to a reality check of development challenges faced at the local level as well as current initiatives to tackling MDG off track areas, especially the Malnutrition and UXO	All
Preparation of the HL RTM 2013 report and roadmap for 2014 RTIM	DIC/MPI	December 2013	All stakeholders receive the HL RTM report and they are informed on the 2014 RTIM Roadmap	All