

List of proposed panelists and moderators for the 2018 RTM Panel Discussions

I. Panel Discussion 1 – 8th NSEDP Outcome 1

“Continued, firm and inclusive growth achieved, strong economic foundations consolidated, and economic vulnerability reduced”

8th NSEDP outputs

- Output 1 – Sustained and Inclusive Economic Growth
- Output 2 – Macroeconomic Stability
- Output 3 – Integrated Development Planning and Budgeting
- Output 4 – Balanced Regional and Local Development
- Output 5 – Improved Public/Private Labour Force Capacity
- Output 6 – Local Entrepreneurs are Competitive in Domestic and Global Markets
- Output 7 – Regional and International Cooperation and Integration

Key areas emerging from the MTR (around 7 outputs of the 8th NSEDP under outcome 1) and what relates to the previous year RTIM key recommendations.

1. **Inclusive economic growth, macroeconomic stability** - growth model, economic vulnerability, macroeconomic stability and linkage between budgeting and planning
2. **Quality investment** - private sector development, SMEs, trade, ease of doing business, competitiveness in regional and global markets...etc.
3. **Access to market, services, etc. by rural communities** - Infrastructure, regional connectivity, cooperation etc..
4. **Public financial management:** revenue and expenditure, public debts, taxation, linkage between planning and budgeting et.
5. **Agriculture production:** non-farm rural job creation, industrialization, etc..

Proposed key focused areas and questions for 2018 RTM Panel Discussion

Macroeconomic stability, Private Sector and Public Financial Management

- 1.1 How to ensure greater implementation of various measures to enhance macroeconomic stability?
- 1.2 How to ensure quality investment contributing to sustainable development and inclusive growth?
- 1.3 How can transportation and regional connectivity support economic growth and investment?
- 1.4 What will be needed to further enhance private sector development and partnerships particularly creating a better link with Lao Business Forum?
- 2.1 What are key elements for successfully public financial management?
- 2.2 What are key lessons learnt, challenges and opportunities to create a better link between planning and budgeting?

Potential and proposed panelists and moderators

(Intervention – maximum 5 minutes)

- 1.1. Ministry of Finance (Department of Fiscal Policy and Law)
- 1.2. Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (Department of Planning and Cooperation)
- 1.3. Ministry of Planning and Investment (Department of Investment Promotion)
- 1.4. Ministry of Industry and Commerce (Department of Planning and Cooperation)
- 1.5. World Bank
- 1.6. LNCCI

Moderator – Dr. Sitthiroth Rasphone, Director General, the Center of Development Policy Research Center (CDR/MPI)

Partners express to provide comments after discussion by panelists

1. Ministry of Public Work and Transportation
2. IMF
3. BOL
4. Japan
5. EU

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II. Panel Discussion 2 – 8th NSEDP Outcome 2

“Human resources developed, public/private workforce capacity upgraded, poverty in all ethnic groups reduced, equal access by all to quality education and health services, the unique Lao culture promoted, protected and developed, political stability maintained with social peace and order, justice and transparency”

8th NSEDP outputs

- Output 1 – Improved Living Standards through Poverty Reduction & 3-builds implementation
- Output 2 – Food Security Ensured and Incidence of Malnutrition Reduced
- Output 3 – Access to High Quality Education
- Output 4 – Access to High Quality Health Care and Preventative Medicine
- Output 5 – Enhanced Social Protection
- Output 6 – Protection of Traditions and Culture
- Output 7 – Political Stability, Order, Justice, and Transparency

Key areas emerging from the MTR (around 7 outputs of the 8th NSEDP under outcome 2) and what relates to the previous year RTIM key recommendations

1. **Poverty reduction vs Economic Growth:** Slow rate of poverty reduction compared to economic growth, UXO, etc.
2. **Accelerated efforts for food and nutrition security**
3. **More investment for health and education:** human asset, human development, health services,
4. **Social protection and inclusiveness:** social welfare, social inclusion, youth, justice, etc...

Proposed key focused areas and questions for 2018 RTM Panel Discussion

Service delivery and poverty reduction

- 1.1 What are key lessons learnt for better service delivery at local levels?
- 1.2 What improvements needed for better service delivery?
- 1.3 What is the link between multi-stakeholder engagement and sustainable development?
- 1.4 How to ensure greater participation of local communities to address social development issues at different levels?

Potential and proposed panelists and moderators

(Intervention – maximum 5 minutes)

- 2.1. Ministry of Education (Department of Planning)
- 2.2. Ministry of Health (Department of Planning and International Cooperation)
- 2.3. Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare (UXO)
- 2.4. Lao Statistic Bureau (LSB)
- 2.5. UN
- 2.6. Japan

Moderator – Mme. Sisomboun Ounavong, Director General, DIC/MPI

Partners express to provide comments after discussion by panelists

1. INGOs
2. WB

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III. Panel Discussion 3 – 8th NSEDP Outcome 3

“Natural resources and the environment protected and sustainably managed, green growth promoted, disaster preparedness enhanced, and climate resilience developed”

8th NSEDP

- Output 1 – Environmental Protection and Sustainable Natural Resources Management
- Output 2 – Preparedness for Natural Disasters and Risk Mitigation
- Output 3 – Reduced Instability of Agricultural Production

Key areas emerging from the MTR (around 3 outputs of the 8th NSEDP under outcome 3) and what relates to the previous year RTIM key recommendations

1. **Forest coverage**
2. **Environment social impact assessment**
3. **Climate change** (public-private partnership, capacities, etc..)
4. **Land management**
5. **Climate-resilient agricultural practices**, technological capacities to improve and maintain agricultural productivity, Increase private sector investment for agriculture
6. **Disaster preparedness, Reponses, Recovery, ... etc...**

Proposed key focused areas and questions for 2018 RTM Panel Discussion

Lessons learnt from PNDR, recovery framework and next steps

- 1.1 What are key measures for enhancing climate-resilient agricultural practices? And how to implement them?
- 2.1 What are key lessons learnt for better disaster management and preparedness?
- 2.2 What are the key focuses now and future and how to implement them?
- 2.3 How to ensure effective implementation and financing of the recovery framework?

Potential and proposed panelists and moderators (Intervention – maximum 5 minutes)

- 3.1. MONRE (Department of Planning and Cooperation)
- 3.2. MOLSW (Department of Social Welfare)
- 3.3. Representative from Chamber of Commerce/Private Sector (Australia)
- 3.4. Regional neighboring country (ASEAN country – Indonesia)
- 3.5. Germany

Moderator – Mr. Anouparb Vongnorkeo, Director General, DIO/MOFA

Partners express to provide comments after discussion by panelists

1. France (AFD)
2. WB
3. UN

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IV. Panel Discussion 4 – 8th NSEDP cross cutting

8th NSEDP outputs

Output 1 – Public governance and administration enhanced

Output 2 – Local innovation and use of science, technology and telecommunications promoted, Information and communication technologies (ICT) enhanced

Output 3 – Gender equality and empowerment of women and youth

Key areas emerging from the MTR (around 3 outputs of the 8th NSEDP cross cutting) and what relates to the previous year RTIM key recommendations

1. **Governance:** Public administration, rule of laws, transparency, sam sang roll out, civil society partnership etc...
2. **ICT, innovation, technology, etc...**
3. **Illicit activities, Gender/diversity, youth, etc**
4. **Statistical data,**

Proposed key focused areas and questions for 2018 RTM Panel Discussion

Rule of laws and Law Enforcement

- 1.1 Why rule of law and law enforcement matters for development?
- 1.2 What and how to strengthen the rule of law and law enforcement?
- 1.3 How to further enhance progresses of each pillars of good governance?
- 1.4 What are lessons learnt, challenges, and opportunities to implement E-Governance in Lao PDR?
- 1.5 Why is it essential to recognize the mutually reinforcing nature of SDG 5 on gender equality and women's empowerment and SDG 16 on the rule of law as the rule of law plays a critical part in the recognition and implementation of women's rights?

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- 4.1. National Assembly (Law Department)
- 4.2. Ministry of Justice (Department of Legal Inspection and Evaluation)
- 4.3. Lao Women Union/Lao NCAW
- 4.4. EU
- 4.5. Switzerland

Moderator – Mr. Nisith Keopanya, Director General, Department of Planning and Cooperation (MOHA)

Partners express to provide comments after discussion by panelists

1. INGOs/NPAs
2. UN/UNDP