



**2018 Round Table Meeting**  
**“Mid-Term Review of the Implementation of the 8<sup>th</sup> NSEDP – Progress in Sustainable Development and Effective Development Cooperation”**

**4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018**  
**National Convention Centre (NCC)**  
**Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR**

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**AGENDA**

**Day 1: 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Technical Forum and Field Visits**

**Morning session: – Parallel Panel Discussions (Meeting Room No. 2)**

07:45 – 08:15	Registration
08:15 – 08:25	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <i>By: H.E. Dr. Kikeo Chanthaboury, Deputy Minister of Planning and Investment</i>
08:25 – 08:35	<b>Remarks</b> <i>By: Mme. Kaarina Immonen, UN Resident Coordinator, UNDP Resident Representative</i>
08:35 – 08:55	<b>Presentation on the results of the Midterm-Review of the 8<sup>th</sup> NSEDP 2016-2020: Implementation Progress &amp; Challenges</b> <i>By: Mme. Phonevanh Outhavong, Director General, Department of Planning, MPI</i>
08:55 – 09:30	<b>Open Discussion</b>
09:30 – 09:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>
09:45 – 12:00	<b>Parallel Panel discussions</b>  <i>There will be four parallel panel discussions organised based on the 8<sup>th</sup> NSEDP outcomes and cross cutting.</i>

**Panel Discussion 1 (Meeting Room No. 2)**

**8<sup>th</sup> NSEDP – Outcome 1: “Continued, firm and inclusive growth achieved, strong economic foundations consolidated, and economic vulnerability reduced”**

*(Focus Areas: Macro-economic Stability, Public Finance Management and Private Sector Engagement)*

➤ **Panelists:**

- 1.1. **Dr. Bounleua Sinxayvoravong**, Director General, Department of Fiscal Policy and Legal Affairs, Ministry of Finance.
- 1.2. **Mr. Chit Thavisay**, Director of Poverty Reduction Fund, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.
- 1.3. **Ms. Thavichanh Theingthepvongsa**, Deputy Director General, Investment Promotion Department, Ministry of Planning and Investment.
- 1.4. **Mr. Sirisamphanh Vorachit**, Director General, Department of Planning and Cooperation, Ministry of Industry and Commerce.
- 1.5. **Ms. Fanny Weiner**, Senior Public Sector Management Specialist, World Bank.
- 1.6. **Mr. Oudet Souvannavong**, President of Lao National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LNCCI).

➤ **Moderator: Dr. Sitthiroth Rasphone**, Acting Director General, the Centre for Development Policy Research.

**Panel Discussion 2 (Meeting Room No. 3)**

**8<sup>th</sup> 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”**

*(Focus Areas: Service Delivery and Poverty Reduction)*

➤ **Panelists:**

- 2.1. **Mr. Sithong Sikhao**, Deputy Director General, Department of Planning, Ministry of Education and Sports.
- 2.2. **Dr. Founkham Rattavong**, Deputy Director General, Department of Planning and Cooperation, Ministry of Health.
- 2.3. **Mr. Bounpheng Sisawath**, Deputy Director of the National Regulatory Authority (NRA), Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare.
- 2.4. **Mr. Bounmy Vilaychith**, Director General, Administrative Department, Lao Statistic Bureau.
- 2.5. **H.E. Mr. Takeshi Hikihara**, Ambassador, the Embassy of Japan.
- 2.6. **Mr. Octavian Bivol**, UNICEF Representative.

➤ **Moderator: Mme. Sisomboun Ounavong**, Director General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Planning and Investment.

	<p><b>Panel Discussion 3 (Meeting Room No. 4)</b>  <b>8<sup>th</sup> NSEDP – Outcome 3: “Natural resources and the environment protected and sustainably managed, green growth promoted, disaster preparedness enhanced, and climate resilience developed”</b></p> <p><i>(Focus Areas: Lessons Learnt from the Post Disaster Needs Assessment, Recovery Framework and Next Steps)</i></p> <p>➤ <b>Panelists:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1. <b>Mr. Virana Sonnasinh</b>, Deputy Director General, Department of Planning and Cooperation, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment.</li> <li>3.2. <b>Mr. Vilayphong Sisomvang</b>, Acting Director General, Department of Social Welfare, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare.</li> <li>3.3. <b>Mrs. Bertylani Saulinggi</b>, Second Secretary, the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia.</li> <li>3.4. <b>Mr. Peter Fogde</b>, Burapha Agroforestry.</li> <li>3.5. <b>Mr. Christian Olk</b>, Head of Development Cooperation, the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany.</li> </ol> <p>➤ <b>Moderator: Mr. Anouparb Vongnorkeo</b>, Director General, Department of International Organisations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.</p>
	<p><b>Panel Discussion 4 (Meeting Room No. 14)</b>  <b>8<sup>th</sup> NSEDP – Cross-cutting outputs</b></p> <p><i>(Focus Areas: Rule of Law and Law Enforcement)</i></p> <p>➤ <b>Panelists:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.1. <b>Pol. LitVongphet Senvongsa</b>, Deputy Director General, Lao National Commission for Drug Control and Supervision, Ministry of Public Security.</li> <li>4.2. <b>Mr. Ketsana Phommachanh</b>, Director General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Justice.</li> <li>4.3. <b>Ms. Souphaphone Phanith</b>, Deputy Director General, Department of Planning and Cooperation, Lao Women’s Union.</li> <li>4.4. <b>Mrs. Francesca Arato</b>, Programme Manager, Delegation of the European Union to Lao PDR.</li> <li>4.5. <b>Mr. Tim Enderlin</b>, Regional Director, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).</li> </ol> <p>➤ <b>Moderator: Mr. Nisith Keopanya</b>, Director General, Department of Planning and Cooperation, Ministry of Home Affairs.</p>
<p><b>12:00 – 13:00</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch Break</b></p>

## **Afternoon Session – Field Visits**

<b>13:00 – 18:00</b>	<b>Visits to two development projects as follows:</b>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. A visit to the Lao-China Railway Construction Site</b></li><li><b>2. A visit to an Organic Farm</b></li></ol>
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## **Evening Session – Baci Ceremony and Dinner Reception**

<b>19:00 – 21:00</b>	<b>Baci Ceremony and Dinner Reception hosted by Ministry of Planning and Investment</b> <i>Venue: National Convention Center (Meeting Room No. 1)</i>
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**Day 2: 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018–High Level Dialogue (Meeting Room No. 2)****Morning Session**

08:30 – 09:00	<b>Registration</b>
09:00 – 09:10	<b>Official Opening Remarks</b> <i>By: H.E. Mr. Somdy Douangdy, Deputy Prime Minister of Lao PDR and Minister of Finance.</i>
09:10 – 09:20	<b>Remarks</b> <i>By: Mrs. Valerie Cliff, UNDP Deputy Regional Director of Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, and Director of Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific.</i>
09:20 – 09:30	<b>Remarks</b> <i>By: H.E. Dr. Souphanh Keomixay, Minister of Planning and Investment</i>
09:30 – 09:40	<b>Photo Session with Deputy Prime Minister of Lao PDR and Chairs of the meeting</b> 1. Ministers/Deputy Ministers and Governors/Deputy Governors 2. Head Delegations of Development Partners/Ambassadors and Heads/Deputy Heads of International Organisations, INGOs, NPAs and Private Sector
09:40 – 10:25	- <b>Official Tour of the 2018 RTM Development Exhibition</b> - <b>Coffee Break</b>

**Chair and Co-Chair of the 2018 RTM**

- H.E. Dr. Souphanh Keomixay, Minister of Planning and Investment
- Mme. Kaarina Immonen, UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative

10:25 – 10:40	<b>Presentation on “Executive Progress Summary of the Midterm Review of the 8<sup>th</sup> NSEDP 2016-2020”</b> <i>By: H.E. Dr. Kikeo Chanthaboury, Deputy Minister of Planning and Investment</i>
10:40 – 11:10	<b>Open Discussion</b>
11:10 – 11:25	<b>Results of the Panel Discussion 1 - 8<sup>th</sup> NSEDP – Outcome 1: “Continued, firm and inclusive growth achieved, strong economic foundations consolidated, and economic vulnerability reduced”</b> <i>By: H.E. Mrs. Thipphakone Chanthavongsa, Deputy Minister of Finance.</i>
11:25 – 11:55	<b>Open Discussion</b>

11:55 – 12:10	<p><b>Results of the Panel Discussion 2 - 8<sup>th</sup> 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”</b></p> <p><i>By: H.E. Assc.Prof.Dr. Phouthone Muongpak, Deputy Minister of Health.</i></p>
12:10 – 12:40	<b>Open Discussion</b>
12:40 – 13:30	<b>Lunch Break</b>

### Afternoon Session

13:30 – 13:45	<p><b>Results of the Panel Discussion 3 - 8<sup>th</sup> NSEDP – Outcome 3: “Natural resources and the environment protected and sustainably managed, green growth promoted, disaster preparedness enhanced, and climate resilience developed”</b></p> <p><i>By: H.E. Mrs. Baykham Khattiya, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Welfare.</i></p>
13:45 – 14:15	<b>Open Discussion</b>
14:15 – 14:30	<p><b>Results of the Panel Discussion 4 - 8<sup>th</sup> NSEDP – Cross-cutting outputs</b></p> <p><i>By: H.E. Dr. Khammoun Viphongxay, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs.</i></p>
14:30 – 15:00	<b>Open Discussion</b>
15:00 – 15:15	<p><b>Keynote - SDG localisation and preparation and transition for the LDC graduation - consideration and implications for preparation/formulation of a the 9<sup>th</sup> NSEDP</b></p> <p><i>By: H.E. Mme. Khamphao Ernthavanb, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs.</i></p>
15:15 – 15:45	<b>Open Discussion</b>
15:45 – 16:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16:15 – 16:25	<p><b>Final Remarks</b></p> <p><i>By: Mme. Kaarina Immonen, UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative</i></p>
16:25 – 16:40	<p><b>Official Summing Up and Closing Remarks</b></p> <p><i>By: H.E. Dr. Souphanh Keomixay, Minister of Planning and Investment</i></p>
16:40 – 17:00	<p><b>Press conference (Meeting Room No. 4)</b></p> <p>To brief media on the outcomes of the 2018 RTM by</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>H.E. Dr. Souphanh Keomixay, Minister of Planning and Investment</i></li> <li>2. <i>Mme. Kaarina Immonen, UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative</i></li> </ol>