

# **2019 Round Table Process Retreat**

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# I. Round Table Follow-up

- Key recommendations from the 2018 RTIM were reported to the Prime Minister
- The instruction from the Prime Minister's Office (**PM's Instruction No. 257**) was issued on 14 February 2019.
- The main purpose is to ensure clearer responsibilities of Ministries concerned to monitor and report on implementation of key recommendations

# I. The Instruction of the Prime Minister's Office on the implementation of the RTM/RTIM key discussion points

| Outcome 1 – Economic Development                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Ministry of Finance in collaboration with relevant agencies                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Macroeconomic Stability</li><li>• A link between planning and budget, greater integration between planning, financing, monitoring and evaluation, building on ongoing PFM reform initiatives</li><li>• Public Financial Management, debt management, budget allocation, fiscal consolidation</li><li>• Reviewing and updating regulatory frameworks</li><li>• Greater transparency of financial activities, capacity building</li></ul> |
| Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in collaboration with relevant agencies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transformation toward sustainable, long-term and green growth</li><li>• Non-resource based diversification</li><li>• Agriculture production/productivity and job creation/rural employment</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Ministry of Planning and Investment in collaboration with relevant agencies  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Economic transformation</li><li>• Enabling environment and ease of doing business – Implementation of the PM's instruction 02</li><li>• The role of private sector</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| Outcome 2 – Social development                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Ministry of Education and Sports in collaboration with relevant agencies                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human capital development</li> <li>• Investment in human capital and skills development</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Ministry of Education and Sports, Ministry of Health in collaboration with relevant agencies                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity development, teacher training, employment of teachers, health professionals to rural areas</li> <li>• Training, curriculum and teaching methods in line with the Government’s priorities and sam sang directives, effective service delivery</li> </ul>                       |
| Ministry of Labour and Social Welfares, Ministry of Education and Sports, Ministry of Health in collaboration with relevant agencies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater efforts to address UXO issues</li> <li>• Strengthening national capacity for coordination and efficiency</li> <li>• Assisting line ministries to incorporate UXO in their planning and budgeting</li> <li>• Involvement of various stakeholder in the UXO programme</li> </ul> |

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| Outcome 2 – Social development (continued)                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Ministry of Health in collaboration with relevant agencies                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Greater investment to improve health</li><li>• Maternal and child mortality</li><li>• Nutrition and food security</li><li>• Capacity development in health sector</li></ul>                                                                 |
| Ministry of Planning and Investment in collaboration with relevant agencies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Statistical disaggregation</li><li>• Enhance statistical capacity to improve the timeliness, reliability, access and analysis</li><li>• Statistical analysis for evidence based policy formulation, implementation and monitoring</li></ul> |

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| <b>Outcome 3 – Environmental development</b>                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Ministry of Labour and Social Welfares and Ministry of Natural Resource and Environment in collaboration with relevant agencies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Disaster preparedness, management, mitigation and prevention</li><li>• Environmental management</li><li>• Climate change, agriculture resilience,</li><li>• Building resilience and capacities through early warning systems especially with those communities at greatest risks</li></ul>                                     |
| Ministry of Planning and Investment, Ministry of Social Labour Welfares, MONRE, MAF in collaboration with relevant agencies     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finalisation of PDNA</li><li>• Recovery plans at national, sectoral and provincial level within the framework of NSEDP (remaining period of the 8<sup>th</sup> NSEDP and 9<sup>th</sup> NSEDP and beyond)</li><li>• Strengthening coordination capacities at all levels</li><li>• Clearer roles and responsibilities</li></ul> |

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| Cross-Cutting Areas                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Social Security, Lao Women Union | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The importance of rule of law</li><li>• Awareness and obligation under the law, capacity development for implementation and enforcement</li><li>• Service delivery and decentralization initiatives</li><li>• Strengthening participation of local communities and other stakeholders in poverty reduction</li><li>• Gender equality, advancement of women and other vulnerable groups</li></ul> |

## II. 2019 Round Table Implementation Meeting (Initial ideas)

### Overall Objective

- To further enhance effective development cooperation particularly the implementation of the Vientiane Declaration Country Action Plan (VDCAP) for better results relating to:
  - three outcomes and cross cutting areas of the 8<sup>th</sup> NSEDP synchronising with the implementation of the Prime Minister's Instruction on the 2018 RTIM;
  - disaster recovery action plan including indicative support at national, sectoral and provincial levels; and
  - follow up actions on the SDG localization and LDC graduation, particularly the SDG and LDC indicators which need to be monitored and reported against on an annual basis
- To review and consult on drafting of the 9<sup>th</sup> NSEDP and its linkage with the budgetary process.

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### Key discussion

- **Effective development cooperation for the 8<sup>th</sup> NSEDP implementation and consultation on potential actions for the 9<sup>th</sup> NSEDP:** dedicated sessions on: Achievements, Lessons Learned & Recommendations.

### Key areas for discussion leading up to the RTIM

- **Sectoral and cross cutting specific issues** will be discussed and consulted at Sector Working Group level and then outcomes will be reported at the 2019 RTIM.
- **SDG Localization at sectoral and provincial levels and a follow up from the 2018 LDC Review**
- **A review of the implementation of the Vientiane Declaration Country Action Plan (VDCAP)** in light of the third global survey on partnership for effective development cooperation.
- **Financing for Development and Public Financial Management:** A financial overview which would include both public (national and international), private investment (Lao and foreign), and others.

## II. 2019 Round Table Implementation Meeting (Initial ideas)

**Format?** *(To ensure interactive dialogue as much as possible)*

**Location?** *(in Vientiane Capital or in Province)*

**Timing?** *(November, December or Early next year)*

### **Field Visits?**

- Throughout the year, field visits will be organised in collaboration with provincial authorities. SWGs are encouraged to lead and design how the field visits could be organised prior toward the RTIM.
- A day prior to the actual RTIM, another field visit (in one of northern provinces in Laos) could be organised by nominated SWG in consultation with the RTP Secretariat for high level delegations.

## II. 2019 Round Table Implementation Meeting (Initial ideas)

### Pre-consultations

- Consultations on results and findings of the global survey on partnerships for effective development cooperation to inform the progress made against various actions of the VDCAP. Potential key RTIM pre-consultations, which will be organised throughout the year before the actual RTIM, could be:
- Technical and high level consultations – 9<sup>th</sup> NSEDP preparation
- Series of consultations for preparation of sectoral disaster recovery action plan
- SDG localization – national forum on monitoring and reporting on progress made against the SDG indicators, SDG roadmap, SDG communication strategy and other related matters
- Series of SWG meetings
- Follow up workshops on the LDC graduation
- Series of consultations on thematic areas that need further researches to help accelerate the implementation of the 8<sup>th</sup> NSEDP and the preparation of the 9<sup>th</sup> NSEDP
- Others as appropriate

## II. 2019 RTIM initial roadmap (subject to change) (1)

| Key activities                                                                                                  | 2019 Timeframe        | Key agencies in charge                 |
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| 1. Preparation of national responses for the global survey on partnership for effective development cooperation | January               | DIC/MPI                                |
| 2. Preparation of the 2019 RTIM Road Map and Guidance Note                                                      | January/February      | DIC/MPI                                |
| 3. Round Table Process Retreat                                                                                  | February              | DIC/MPI                                |
| 4. Dissemination of the Prime Minister Instruction on implementation of the 2018 RTM policy recommendations     | February – March      | DIC/MPI                                |
| 5. Follow up actions/workshop on LDC graduation                                                                 | March- May            | DOP/MPI, LSB/MPI, DIC/MPI and DIO/MOFA |
| 6. Meet the press                                                                                               | Quarterly if possible | DIC/MP                                 |

## II. 2019 RTIM initial roadmap (subject to change) (2)

| Key activities                                                                                                                                                                         | 2019 Timeframe                                                                                                          | Key agencies in charge |
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| 7. Revisions and finalization of the SDG roadmap, SDG indicators, SDG communication strategy/action plan, etc..                                                                        | Jan-July                                                                                                                | DIO/MOFA               |
| 8. Series of SWG meetings                                                                                                                                                              | Throughout the year                                                                                                     | SWG Secretariat        |
| 9. SWG outcome based Annual Work Plan (AWP), calendar of events and updated Terms of Reference                                                                                         | End February                                                                                                            | SWG Secretariats       |
| 10. Meeting of the National Steering Committee on Round Table Process                                                                                                                  | April and other times as needed                                                                                         | DIC/MPI                |
| 11. Finalization of the 2019 RTM Roadmap and Guidance Note (This includes decision made on a province to host the 2019 RTIM, format, key agenda items and other key important aspects) | March to June                                                                                                           | DIC/MPI                |
| 12. Dissemination of the 2019 RTM guidance note/roadmap to all SWGs and relevant stakeholders                                                                                          | End of March (Draft version) and then May-June (revised version based on guidance from the National Steering Committee) | DIC/MPI                |

## II. 2019 RTIM initial roadmap (subject to change) (3)

| Key activities                                                                                                                                                                                             | 2019 Timeframe                 | Key agencies in charge                       |
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| 13. RTIM preparatory meetings and discussions with SWGs who could potentially lead the 2019 RTIM field visits                                                                                              | As often as needed             | DIC/MPI and representatives from a provinces |
| 14. Finalization survey and attend senior meeting on the global partnership for effective development cooperation (Note: this will be done in line with the roll out of the first monitoring of the VDCAP) | April-July                     | DIC/MPI                                      |
| 15. Series of consultations at national, sectoral and provincial levels on preparation of the 9 <sup>th</sup> NSEDP                                                                                        | Feb – October                  | DIO/MOFA, DOP/MPI and LSB/MPI                |
| 16. High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development                                                                                                                                                  | July                           | DIO/MOFA                                     |
| 17. Meeting of Chairs and Co-Chairs of Sector Working Groups (Policy level)                                                                                                                                | Quarterly (as often as needed) | DIC/MPI                                      |

## II. 2019 RTIM initial roadmap (subject to change) (4)

| Key activities                                                                                                                                                                                      | 2019 Timeframe                                                           | Key agencies in charge                |
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| 18. Meetings of SWG Secretariats and RTP Secretariat (Technical level) before: the RTP retreat, meeting of chairs and co-chairs, pre-consultation and other key policy consultations as appropriate | Every two months                                                         | DIC/MPI and SWG Secretariats          |
| 19. Preparation of Foreign Aid Report and preparation of ODA review                                                                                                                                 | Jan-Oct                                                                  | DIC/MPI                               |
| 20. 2019 RTM invitation set out                                                                                                                                                                     | At least two months before the actual RTM                                | DIC/MPI                               |
| 21. 2019 RTM Background Document to be sent out to all RTM participants                                                                                                                             | At least two weeks before the actual RTM                                 | DIC/MPI                               |
| 22. RTM pre-consultations will be mainstreamed into SWG meetings and a proposal to have extra pre-consultation on MTR including SDGs and LDC                                                        | At least a month or two before the actual RTM (Sept – Oct)               | SWGs, DIC/MPI, DOP/MPI, LSB, DIO/MOFA |
| 23. 2019 RTM and Debriefing with the Prime Minister                                                                                                                                                 | End of November or Early December (exact timing will be confirmed later) | DIC/MPI                               |

# III. Group Discussion

- **Four groups** in accordance to the outcomes and cross-cutting of the 8<sup>th</sup> NSEDP
- Each group will need to nominate **two facilitators** (one representing the Government and another representing development partners)
- Time allocation: first half on the follow up actions and then another is for the preparation of the 2019 RTIM
- **Note-taker** and **rapporteur** should be identified beforehand.
- **Template of presentation** of group discussion results is provided.
- DIC colleagues are available to answer any questions that come up
- **Guidance for group discussion**, please refer to presentation templates provided

**Thank you**