



UNITED NATIONS
LAO PDR



2019 Round Table Implementation Meeting
Under the theme: “Enhanced Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation to accelerate the Implementation of the 8th NSEDP and Preparation of the 9th NSEDP”

25th – 26th November 2019
Conference Hall of the Provincial Governor’s Office
Luangprabang Province, Lao PDR

(Supported by Luxembourg Aid & Development, and UNDP)

AGENDA

Day 1: 25th November 2019 – Technical Forum and Field Visits

Morning session: – Parallel Panel Discussions

07:30 – 07:55	Registration
07:55 – 08:00	Introduction of the Meeting Objectives <i>By: Provincial Department of Planning and Investment, Luangprabang as a Master of Ceremony.</i>
08:00 – 08:10	Opening Remarks <i>By: H.E. Mrs. Khamchan Vongseneboun, Vice-Minister of Planning and Investment</i>
08:10 – 08:20	Welcome Remarks <i>By: H.E. Mr. Soukanh Bounnbong, Vice-Governor of Luangprabang Province</i>
08:20 – 08:30	Remarks <i>By: Ms. Ricarda Rieger, UNDP Resident Representative</i>
08:30 – 08:40	Briefing on Initial Concept of the 9th National Socio-Economic Development Plan (NSEDP 2021-2025) <i>By: Mme. Phonevanh Outhavong, Director General, Department of Planning, MPI.</i>
08:40 – 09:00	Presentation on the Achievement of the Implementation of Luangphabang Provincial Socio-Economic Development Plan (SEDP) for 2019, Priorities for 2020 and Preparation of the 9th Provincial SEDP. <i>By: Ms. Siriphone Souphanthong, Director of the Provincial Department of Planning and Investment, Luangprabang Province</i>

09:00 – 09:30	Open Discussion
09:30 – 09:45	Coffee Break
09:45 – 12:20	Parallel Panel discussions <i>There will be four parallel panel discussions organised.</i>
	<p><u>Panel Discussion 1 (Meeting Room No. 1)</u> LDC Graduation – Trade, ODA and Financing Opportunities in the Transition Period.</p> <p>➤ Panelists:</p> <p>1.1. Mme. Phonevanh Outhavong, Director General, Department of Planning, Ministry of Planning and Investment (<i>Key focus area: integration of LDC criteria into the national planning process</i>);</p> <p>1.2. Dr. Arounyadeth Rasphone, Deputy Director General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Planning and Investment (<i>Key focus area: effective development cooperation within the framework of the VDCAP, update on the ODA decree and related issues</i>);</p> <p>1.3. Mr. Khamphinh Philakone, Director of the United Nations Socio-Economic Division, Department of International Organisations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (<i>Key focus area: Istanbul plan of actions – update on key progress, smooth transition and way forwards, highlighting areas that require work by whole of Government – reference to UNDESA, UNCTAD studies and others as appropriate</i>);</p> <p>1.4. Mrs. Phengkhiam Xayakeo, Director of Multilateral Financial Cooperation Division, Department of External Finance and Debt Management, Ministry of Finance (<i>Key focus area: Financing opportunities, diversifying resource envelop</i>);</p> <p>1.5. Mr. Oudet Souvannavong, President of Lao National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (<i>Key focus area: Private sector engagement, quality investment, transparency and predictability as a mean to facilitate private investment and trade</i>);</p> <p>1.6. H.E. Mr. Damrong Kraikruan, Ambassador, the Embassy of Kingdom of Thailand ``on behalf of the bilateral partners`` (<i>Key focus area: graduation on the assistance programmes of partners and to engage with partners in order to make use of the remaining periods of LDC-specific support measures strategically and to develop alternative measures adequate for the post-graduation stage</i>).</p> <p>➤ Moderator: Dr. Sitthiroth Rasphone, Acting Director General, the Center for Research Policy Center, Ministry of Planning and Investment.</p>
	<p><u>Panel Discussion 2 (Meeting Room No. 2)</u> SDG Agenda 2030: Localisation, Implementation, Monitoring and Reporting.</p>

- **Panelists:**
 - 2.1. **Mme. Phetsamone Sone**, Deputy Head of Lao Statistics Bureau, Ministry of Planning and Investment (*Key focus area: timeliness, reliability and accuracy of data*);
 - 2.2. **Mr. Chomyaeng Phengthongsawat**, Director of National Regulatory Authority (NRA) for UXO/Mine Actions in Lao PDR (*Key focus area: better linking UXO/Mine Action with other SDGs, criticality of SDG 18 to achieving other SDGs*);
 - 2.3. **Ms. Souphaphone Phanith**, Deputy Director General, Lao Women's Union (*Key focus area: gender perspective including youth issues (in consultation with Lao Youth Union)*);
 - 2.4. **Mr. Octavian Bivol**, UNICEF Representative ``on behalf of the United Nations`` (*Key focus area: SDG Voluntary National Review (VNR) and mainstreaming SDG indicators into sectoral and provincial development plans*);
 - 2.5. **Mr. Bryan Fornari**, Head of Cooperation, the European Union Delegation to Lao PDR ``on behalf of the bilateral partners`` (*Key focus area: importance of SDG 17 (partnerships) and its link to other SDGs*).
- **Moderator: Mr. Anouparb Vongnorkeo**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Lao PDR to the United Nations.

Panel Discussion 3 (Meeting Room No. 3)

Disaster Risk Reduction and Recovery: Indicative Support and Next Steps in Integrating DRR into the 9th NSEDP.

- **Panelists:**
 - 3.1. **Mr. Sengdarith Kattignasack**, Director General, Department of Planning and Cooperation, Ministry of Public Works and Transport (*Key focus area: integration of DRR into the sectoral strategy – key drivers for the integration – lessons learnt for other sectors*);
 - 3.2. **H.E. Mr. Keizo Takewaka**, Ambassador, the Embassy of Japan to Lao PDR ``on behalf of bilateral cooperation`` (*Key focus area: other country experience on DRR/related matters and supports, sharing of lessons and experiences*);
 - 3.3. **Dr. Rattanatay Luanglatbandith**, Public Management Specialist, Asian Development Bank ``on behalf of the International Financial Institutions`` (*Key focus area: funding of DRR/recovery, resilience and risk management*);
 - 3.4. **Mrs. Amkha Sihalath**, Director of the Provincial Department of Labour and Social Welfare, Attapeu Province (*Key focus area: perspective of the affected communities with focus on marginalised groups including women, elderly and disable people*);
 - 3.5. **Mr. Muhammad Nasar Hayat**, FAO Representative (*Key focus area: resilient agriculture and food security*).
- **Moderators: Mr. Vongkham Phanthanouvong**, Deputy Director General, Department of Social Welfare, MoLSW; and **Mr. Balasubramaniam Murali**,

	UNDP Deputy Resident Representative.
	<p>Panel Discussion 4 (Meeting Room No. 4) Integration of Climate Change including Green Growth Strategy in Lao PDR's National Socio-Economic Development Plan (NSEDP).</p> <p>➤ Panelists</p> <p>4.1. Mr. Chantho Milattanapheng, Director General, the Institute of Renewable Energy Promotion (IREP), Ministry of Energy and Mines (<i>Key focus area: implications of the Climate Change and Green Growth Strategy on energy and mines</i>);</p> <p>4.2. Dr. Saykham Voladet, Acting Director General, Center for Socio-Economic Science and Policy Research, the National Institute for Economic Research (NIER) (<i>Key focus area: research, technology and innovation</i>);</p> <p>4.3. Mr. Savanh Hanephom, Deputy Director General, Department of Planning and Finance, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (<i>Key focus area: Climate Change within the context of the upcoming agriculture development strategy linking to rural development and forestry</i>);</p> <p>4.4. Mme. Sifong Oumavong, Deputy Director General, Department of Fiscal Policy and Legal Affairs, Ministry of Finance (<i>Key focus area: fiscal policy and legal affairs for addressing climate change and related initiatives</i>);</p> <p>4.5. Mr. Noukarn Chanthapanya, Deputy Director of the Provincial Department of Natural Resource and Environment, Savannakhet Province (<i>Key focus area: Initiative at provincial level to prove green growth and to address climate change</i>);</p> <p>➤ Moderators: Mr. Syamphone Sengchandala, Deputy Director General, Department of Climate Change, MoNRE; and Mr. Stephen Danyo, Senior Environmental Specialist, World Bank.</p>
12:20 – 13:20	Lunch Break

Afternoon Session – Field Visits

13:30 – 17:30	<p>Visits to development projects in Luangprabang province</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UXO related activities in Pak Ou District, Luangprabang province 2. Khan Riverbank Protection Project in Luangprabang District, Luangprabang province <p><i>(Detailed information about the selected projects will be provided)</i></p>
---------------	---

Evening Session – Courtesy Visit, Baci Ceremony and Dinner Reception

18:30 – 19:00	Courtesy visit to the Governor of Luangprabang province <i>By: Head of RTIM Delegations only</i> <i>Venue – Reception Room of the Governor’s Office</i>
19:00 – 21:00	Baci Ceremony and Dinner Reception hosted by the Governor of Luangprabang province <i>Venue – Area behind the main Conference Hall of the Provincial Governor’s Office.</i>

Day 2: 26th November 2019 – High Level Dialogue
(Venue: Main Conference Hall of the Provincial Governor’s Office)

Morning Session

08:00 – 08:15	Registration
08:15 – 08:20	Introduction of the Meeting Objectives <i>By: Mme. Sisomboun Ounavong, Director General, DIC/MPI as a Master of Ceremony.</i>
08:20 – 08:30	Official Opening Remarks <i>By: H.E. Dr. Sonexay Siphandone, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Planning and Investment.</i>
08:30 – 08:40	Welcome Remarks <i>By: H.E. Mr. Khamkhan Chanthavisouk, Governor of Luangprabang province</i>
08:40 – 08:50	Remarks <i>By: Ms. Sara Sekkenes, UN Resident Coordinator to Lao PDR</i>
08:50 – 09:00	Photo Session with Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Planning and Investment, and Co-Chairs of the meeting <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ministers/Deputy Ministers, President of National Assembly Committees, and Head of Government Agencies. 2. Head Delegations of Development Partners/Ambassadors and Heads/Deputy Heads of International Organisations, INGOs, NPAs and Private Sector
09:00 – 09:40	- Official Tour of the 2019 RTIM Development Exhibition - Coffee Break
09:40 – 10:00	Presentation on the achievement of the 2019 NSEDP, priorities for 2020 NSEDP and preparation of the 9th NSEDP (2021-2025) <i>By: H.E. Mrs. Khamchan Vongseneboun, Vice-Minister of Planning and Investment</i>
10:00 – 10:40	Open Discussion
10:40 – 10:50	Results of the Panel Discussion 1 – LDC Graduation – Trade, ODA and Financing Opportunities in the Transition Period. <i>By: H.E. Mr. Bounchom Ubonsaseth, Vice-Minister of Finance.</i>
10:50 – 11:00	Results of the Panel Discussion 2 – SDG Agenda 2030: Localisation, Implementation, Monitoring and Reporting. <i>By: H.E. Mr. Thongphane Savanphet, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs.</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Open Discussion

12:00 – 13:30	Lunch Break
---------------	-------------

Afternoon Session

13:30 – 13:40	Results of the Panel Discussion 3 – Disaster Risk Reduction and Recovery: Indicative Support and Next Steps in Integrating DRR into the 9th NSEDP <i>By: H.E. Mrs. Baykham Khattiya, Vice-Minister of Labour and Social Welfare.</i>
13:40 – 13:50	Results of the Panel Discussion 4 – Integration of Climate Change including Green Growth Strategy in Lao PDR's NSEDP. <i>By: H.E. Mrs. Bounkham Vorachit, Vice-Minister of Natural Resources and Environment.</i>
13:50 – 15:00	Open Discussion
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break
15:30 – 15:40	Remarks <i>By: Ms. Sara Sekkenes, UN Resident Coordinator to Lao PDR</i>
15:40 – 15:50	Remarks <i>By: H.E. Mr. Khamkhan Chanthavisouk, Governor of Luangprabang Province</i>
15:50 – 16:00	Official Summing Up and Closing Remarks <i>By: H.E. Dr. Sonexay Siphandone, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Planning and Investment</i>
16:00 – 16:30	Press conference (Meeting Room – TBC) To brief on the outcomes of the 2019 RTIM by <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>H.E. Dr. Sonexay Siphandone, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Planning and Investment</i> 2. <i>H.E. Mr. Khamkhan Chanthavisouk, Governor of Luangprabang Province</i> 3. <i>Ms. Sara Sekkenes, UN Resident Coordinator to Lao PDR</i>