

# CALENDAR

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
OCTOBER 2021	4	5	6	7	8 <b>HL-RTM RETREAT</b> 9:00-12:00
	11	12	13	14 <b>9<sup>TH</sup> NSEDP FINANCING STRATEGY STRUCTURED DIALOGUE 1</b> Financing Flows 09:00-16:00	15 <b>9<sup>TH</sup> NSEDP FINANCING STRATEGY STRUCTURED DIALOGUE 1</b> Costing 09:00-12:00
	18	19	20 <b>VNR DISSEMINATION &amp; LDC GRADUATION SMOOTH TRANSITION STRATEGY</b> 09:00-12:00	21	22 <b>RTM Invitation and Agenda circulated</b>
	25	26 <b>MEET THE PRESS</b> 13:30-15:30	27 <b>COVID-19 RECOVERY PLAN PRE-CONSULTATION</b> 09:00-17:00	28	29
NOVEMBER 2021	1 <b>VDCAP SECRETARIAT MEETING</b> 09:00-12:00	2	3	4 <b>MEETING OF CHAIRS AND CO-CHAIRS OF SWGS</b> 9:00-12:30	5 <b>Documents circulated</b>
	8	9 <b>PATHWAYS TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS</b> Launch Event 09:00-10.30	10 <b>9<sup>TH</sup> NSEDP FINANCING STRATEGY STRUCTURED DIALOGUE 2</b> Policy options 09:00-16:00	11 <b>LDC GRADUATION SMOOTH TRANSITION STRATEGY</b> 09:00-12:00	12 <b>VDCAP DISSEMINATION</b> 09:00-12:00
	15 <b>COVID-19 RECOVERY PLAN</b> 09:00-11:00	16	17 <b>HL- RTM</b> 09:00-17:00	18	19

**8 October | 09:00-12:00**

**HIGH – LEVEL ROUND TABLE MEETING (HL-RTM) RETREAT**

A virtual meeting organised by the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI) to inform development partners on the objectives of the 2021 HL-RTM.

**14-15 October**

**9<sup>TH</sup> NSEDP FINANCING STRATEGY STRUCTURED DIALOGUE 1 (Diagnostics)**

Following on the finalization of the 9<sup>th</sup> National Socio-Economic Development Plan (NSEDP), MPI has been working with relevant partners on formulating a financing strategy comprised of practical options to ensure resources are available and accessible to finance with national development priorities. A first structured dialogue, co-chaired by MPI and the UN, is organised to validate series of diagnostics on the financing landscape of Lao PDR

**20 October | 09:00-12:00**

**VNR DISSEMINATION AND LDC GRADUATION TRANSITION STRATEGY**

Following on the finalization of the 2021 Voluntary National Review (VNR), presented at the High-Level Political Forum last July, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) organises a dissemination of results on progress towards the 2030 Agenda including reflections on limitations, data challenges, and best practices. The event, chaired by MOFA, will also be an occasion to discuss and looking forward to practical steps towards the finalization of a plan to develop a Smooth Transition Strategy (STS) strategy next year.

**26 October | 13.30 – 15:30**

**MEET THE PRESS**

A virtual press conference will be organized to provide media with information on the 13th HL-RTM. The conference will include briefings by Deputy Minister of Planning and Investment Mme. Phonevanh Outhavong, and UN Resident Coordinator Ms. Sara Sekkenes.



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**27 October | 09:00-17:00**

**COVID-19 RECOVERY PLAN PRE-CONSULTATION**

With the COVID-19 pandemic, a Multi-stakeholder Taskforce was established in late 2020 to recalibrate the national plan. Five clusters of government counterparts and development partners met and wrote background analytics and recommendations. These groups are currently updating last year's background analytical papers documenting the impacts of COVID-19 and will, throughout a day, present and discuss initial results.

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**1 November | 09:00-12:00**

**VDCAP SECRETARIAT MEETING**

A virtual meeting of the Vientiane Declaration on Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation Country Action Plan Secretariat, to review the draft report on the implementation of the Declaration.

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**4 November | 09:00-12:30**

**MEETING OF SWG CHAIRS AND CO-CHAIRS**

A virtual meeting of the Chairs and co-Chairs of the 10 Sector Working Groups under the Roundtable Process, to review progress and reporting ahead of the Roundtable Meeting.

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**5 November**

**Background documents circulated**

A week and a half in advance of the HL-RTM, relevant documents are circulated in the form of a HL-RTM Guidebook. These should include all relevant concept notes, and relevant background documents, updated analytics on finance for development, COVID-19, a STS concept note, reflections on the VNR, and results from the VDCAP mid-term review report.

**9 November | 09:00-10.30**

**PATHWAYS TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS – LAUNCH EVENT**

A launch event will be organized to present the report Pathways to Sustainable Food Systems. This side-event aims at raising awareness on the importance of food systems for the Government and development partners.

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**10-17 November**

**HL-RTM WEEK**

As explained at the Retreat, the format is twofold, with a series of technical side-events in the lead-up to a main high-level event, in which debriefings will be organised.

**10 November – 09:00-16:00**

**9<sup>TH</sup> NSEDP FINANCING STRATEGY STRUCTURED DIALOGUE 2 (Financing options)**

A second structured dialogue, co-chaired by MPI and the UN, is organised with relevant stakeholders to discuss most relevant financing options, against the financing landscape discussed and validated at the first structure dialogue.

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**11 November – 09:00-12:00**

**LDC GRADUATION SMOOTH TRANSITION STRATEGY**

A technical side-event, co-chaired by MOFA and the UN, discusses the plans to formulate a credible and practical STS over the course of 2022.

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**12 November – 09:00-12:00**

**VIENTIANE DECLARATION ON PARTNERSHIP FOR EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION (VDCAP) DISSEMINATION**

A technical side-event, chaired by MPI, discusses the main findings from the VDCAP implementation mid-term review and recommendations for the improvement of development cooperation.

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**15 November – 09:00-11:00**

**COVID-19 RECOVERY PLAN**

This technical-side event, chaired by MPI, discusses the main findings from each cluster and a workplan for the formulation of a nationwide COVID-19 plan aligned with the 9<sup>th</sup> NSEDP.

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**17 November**

**13<sup>TH</sup> HL-RTM**

The HL-RTM brings together the government at central and provincial authorities, development partners, private sector, CSO and other stakeholders to discuss the national plan, COVID-19, LDC Graduation, sustainable financing for development, and development cooperation.

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