



13th High Level Round Table Meeting

Under the theme: “Greater Partnership for Effective Implementation of the 9th NSEDP to accelerate the achievement of SDGs and LDC graduation during the time of COVID19 recovery”

17th November 2021 between 08:00-16:15 hrs.
Fully Online Meeting



<https://undp.zoom.us/j/81120723302> or bit.ly/rtm1711

AGENDA

08:00-08:10 <i>(10 minutes)</i>	Master of Ceremony (MC) Introduction By Madam Sisomboun Ounavong, Director General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Planning and Investment.
Official Opening	
08:10-08:25 <i>(15 minutes)</i>	Official Opening Keynote Address By His Excellency Phankham Viphavanh The Prime Minister of the Lao PDR
08:25-08:40 <i>(15 minutes)</i>	Keynote Address (pre-recorded message) By Mr. Achim Steiner, Vice-Chair of the UN Sustainable Development Group, UNDP Administrator.
08:40-08:45 <i>(5 minutes)</i>	Official virtual photo session

Chair of the 13th High Level Round Table Meeting

His Excellency Sonexay Siphandone,
Deputy Prime Minister of Lao PDR
Minister of Planning and Investment

Co-Chair of the 13th High Level Round Table Meeting

Ms. Sara Sekkenes
UN Resident Coordinator to the Lao PDR

Session 1 – Taking stock: Update on Progress

<p>08:45-09:00 (15 minutes)</p>	<p>2021 SDG Voluntary National Review (VNR) <i>By H.E Mr. Phoxay Khaykhamphithoune, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs</i></p> <p><i>This presentation will outline progress toward the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and challenges identified during Lao PDR's second VNR, presented to the High-Level Political Forum in July 2021.</i></p>
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Session 2 – Looking Forward: National Planning

<p>09:00-09:30 (30 minutes)</p>	<p>The 9th National Socio-Economic Development Plan (NSEDP) and its Implementation Arrangements: the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework and the Financing Strategy <i>By H.E. Mrs. Phonevanh Outhavong, Deputy Minister of Planning and Investment</i></p> <p><i>This presentation will provide a brief overview of the 9th NSEDP as the main development plan to which all stakeholders' efforts are expected to align. It will also outline progress in the development of the set of implementation arrangements for the 9th NSEDP agreed during the High-Level Consultation on the draft plan in December 2020 (M&E, costing, and financing strategy), as well as the planned process to complete the financing strategy in Q1 2022.</i></p>
<p>09:30-10:15 (45 minutes)</p>	<p>Plenary Discussion on 9th NSEDP and Implementation Arrangements</p> <p><i>This discussion will provide an opportunity for participants to make concise high-level statements relating to the work on the 9th NSEDP implementation arrangements, and in particular the forthcoming finalization of the financing strategy. Intervention length will be strictly limited to 2 minutes for individual</i></p>

	<i>representatives, or 3 minutes for joint statements reflecting the position of two or more representatives.</i>
10:15-10:30 (15 minutes)	<i>Coffee break (Short Video on the Round Table Process)</i>
10:30-11:00 (30 minutes)	<p>Outcomes of the Multi-Stakeholder Consultations for the development of COVID-19 Recovery Plan <i>By H.E. Mr. Manothong Vongsay, PhD, Deputy Minister of Planning and Investment</i></p> <p><i>This presentation will summarize the work and key recommendations arising from the multi-stakeholder task force for consideration in the development of a COVID-19 Recovery Plan for Lao PDR. This will be structured according to the five themes of the taskforce, and draw on the background papers prepared for each, as well as feedback received during the side-event on the COVID-19 Recovery Plan.</i></p>
11:00-11:45 (45 minutes)	<p>Plenary Discussion on outcomes of the Multi-Stakeholder Consultations for the development of COVID-19 Recovery Plan</p> <p><i>This discussion will provide an opportunity for participants to make concise high-level statements relating to the work on the COVID-19 Recovery Plan, including indicating any anticipated support to the implementation of identified recommendations. Intervention length will be strictly limited to 2 minutes for individual representatives, or 3 minutes for joint statements reflecting the position of two or more representatives.</i></p>
11:45-13:00 (60 minutes)	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:00-13:30 (30 minutes)	<p>LDC Graduation Smooth Transition Strategy (STS) <i>By H.E Mr. Phoxay Khaykhamphithoune, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs</i></p> <p><i>This presentation will set out the approach that will be taken for the development of the STS, including making use of Lao PDR's participation in the global LDC V Conference in January 2022. It will draw on the STS Concept Note included as background paper to the RTM, as well as feedback received during the RTM side-event on LDC graduation.</i></p>
13:30-14:15 (45 minutes)	<p>Plenary Discussion on LDC Graduation STS</p> <p><i>This discussion will provide an opportunity for participants to make concise high-level statements relating to plans for the development of an STS, including indications of potential support to its development and implementation.</i></p>

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14:15-14:30 (15 minutes)	<i>Coffee break (Short Video on UXO related activities)</i>
Session 3 – Thinking About How: Development Cooperation	
14:30-15:00 (30 minutes)	<p>Assessment of Development Cooperation Effectiveness and Efficiency through the Vientiane Declaration Country Action Plan (VDCAP) Mid-Term Review and progress under Sector Working Groups</p> <p><i>By: H.E. Mr. Manothong Vongsay, PhD, Deputy Minister of Planning and Investment</i></p> <p><i>This presentation will reflect both the work done on the review of VDCAP implementation, and feedback received during the VDCAP dissemination side meeting. Also, the presentation will reflect inputs from all Sector Working Groups, drawing on the work presented during the meeting of the Sector Working Group Chairs and Co-Chairs.</i></p>
15:00-15:45 (45 minutes)	<p>Plenary Discussion on Development Cooperation Effectiveness and Efficiency, including High-Level Statements on Development Partners Support to the 9th NSEDP</p> <p><i>This discussion will provide an opportunity for participants to make concise high-level statements relating to the VDCAP review. Development partners with new strategic partnership frameworks are also invited to make high-level statements on how they plan to contribute to the realisation of the 9th NSEDP. Intervention length will be strictly limited to 2 minutes for individual representatives, or 3 minutes for joint statements reflecting the position of two or more representatives.</i></p>
Official Closing	
15:45-16:00 (15 minutes)	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p><i>By Ms Sara. Sekkenes, UN Resident Coordinator to Lao PDR</i></p>
16:00-16:15 (15 minutes)	<p>Closing Remarks and Official Closing of the HL-RTM</p> <p><i>By: H.E. Sonexay Siphandone, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Planning and Investment</i></p>