

# Natural Resources and Environment Sector Plan 2021-2025

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# 1. Background

- Prime Minister's Order on the Development of 9<sup>th</sup> National Socio-Economic Development Plan 2021-2025;
- The vision towards 2030 and Strategy (2016-2025) and the Action Plan for 2016-2020 for Sector was adopted in 2015 which developed under the framework of National Socio-Economic Development Vision towards 2030 and Strategy (2016-2025);
- The 5 years Action plan of Natural Resources and Environment was adopted in March 2021 with the participation from MoNRE line departments and PoNREs.

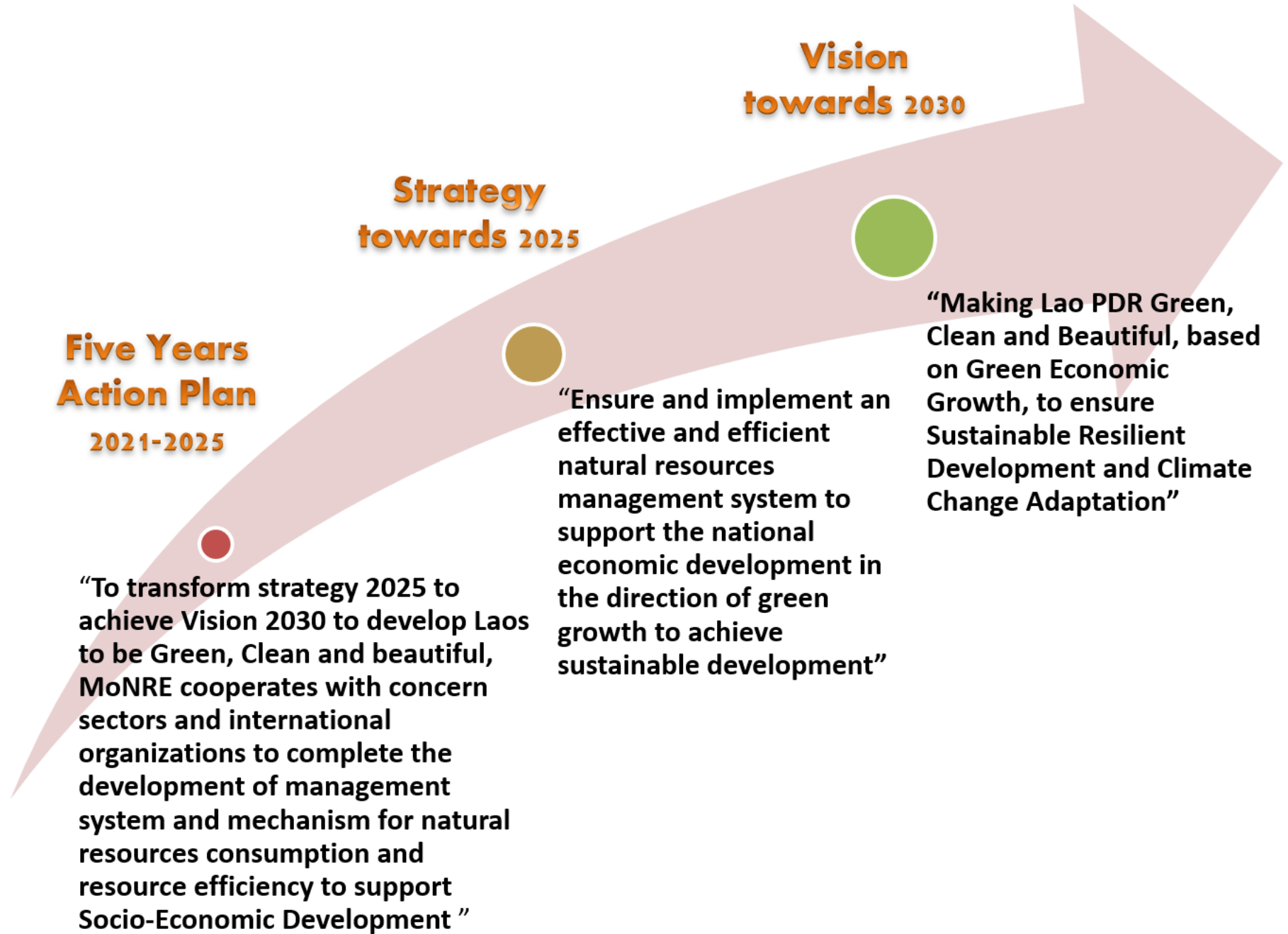
## Overall Goal 2016-2020

- *In order to achieve Vision 2030 build Lao PDR Green, Clean and Beautiful, MONRE will, in cooperation with line sectors and international organizations, ensure and implement an effective and efficient natural resources management and development system to support the national economic development in the direction of green growth and achieve sustainable development”*

## 2. The Achievement of 5 year 2016 – 2020

- Legislations have been developed to support the management and use of natural resources as well as environmental protection especially the resolution on land management, amended land law, the law on water and water resources, the law on meteorology and hydrology, decree on environmental and social impact assessment, guidelines for strategic environmental assessment, and many other technical guidelines.
- The guidelines on integrated spatial planning, guidelines on the green, clean and beautiful, and guidelines on 3Rs were developed, and support was provided for the implementation throughout the country.
- Decree on climate change has been successfully developed and endorsed. Readiness and preparedness support have been provided to enhance access to an international climate fund with some investment projects prepared in areas related to agriculture and nutrition, ecosystems, forestry, urban development, and health.
- The monitoring and evaluation system with identified indicators was developed to track implementation. In addition, action plans and programs were alignment with an implementation of regional and international integration frameworks as well as international conventions related to natural resources and environment.
- Human resource development strategy was developed for MONRE, financial mechanism has been improved to ensure more effectiveness, efficiency, and smoothness especially the Environment Protection Fund.

# Overall Goal



### 3. Overall Strategic for the Natural Resources and Environment Sector Five Plan 2021-2025

The Natural Resources and Environment Strategic has set the overall directions as follows :

- Implementing sustainable planning and management of natural resources and environment in accordance with legal and technical framework to ensure maximum social benefit and stability;
- Prioritizing the protection of natural resources degradation and support for the environmental quality restoration;
- Sustainable management on natural resources and environment in relation to the social economic development through the direction of green growth and sustainability moving to a developing country with average income to ensure people livelihood and safety from disaster and pollution.

## 4. MoNRE's Direction and 5 year action plan 2021- 2025

- “Enhancing the management of natural resources and environment, implementing mechanisms and legislations effectively, and contributing to support green and sustainable development”
  - *Objective 1: Utilize, protect, conserve, and manage sustainable natural resources;*
  - *Objective 2: Promote environmental quality to ensure good quality of life for people and green growth development;*
  - *Objective 3: Enhance adaptation to and coping with the impacts of climate change and natural disasters;*
  - *Objective 4: Enhance regional and international cooperation and integration;*
  - *Objective 5: Enhance institutional capacity.*



## 5. Priority Project Areas

### 1) Sustainable use and management of natural resources:

- Improving comprehensive land information management system;
- Integrated water resources management;
- Strengthening macro natural resources management capacity.

### 2) Sustainable environmental quality management program:

- Integrated spatial planning capacity building;
- Pollution prevention and control;
- Environmental and social impact monitoring.

## 5. Priority Project Areas (con)

- 3) **Climate change and natural disaster impact reduction program**
  - Adaptation and mitigation to climate change and greenhouse gas minimization .
- 4) **Regional and international integration program**
  - Regional and international integration;
  - Implementation of international conventions.
- 5) **Institutional capacity development program**
  - Human resource development and management;
  - Information management system of the Natural Resources and Environment sector;
  - Improved management, monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the Natural Resources and Environment sector;
  - Improved legislations and regulations related to the Natural Resources and Environment sector;
  - Improved financial mechanisms of the Natural Resources and Environment sector;
  - Gender mainstreaming;
  - Infrastructure development for the Natural Resources and Environment sector project.

## 6. Challenges

- Public investment budget will likely decrease due to economic slowdowns regionally and internationally because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the years, budget support was on an average cost basis that does not reflect the real needs, making the investment ineffective.
- Budget support for technical work was not received in a timely manner for many projects; project management is not effective does not lead to clear and concrete results.
- Investment in some projects is not commensurate with value for money due to unsatisfactory results, low effectiveness, and low efficiency.
- Limit of human resources both quantity and expertise for specific areas.

## 7. Funding mobilization

- **Bilateral cooperation**
- **Development partners**
- **International Organization**
- **International Fund**

## 8. Next steps

- To continuous the implementation of all priorities project 2021-2025;
- Monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the Natural Resources and Environment sector plan;
- Support infrastructure development for the Natural Resources and Environment sector in provincial and districts level;
- Cooperation with development partners, international organization and relevant agencies to mobilize funding particularly GEF, GCF and EPF;
- Mainstreaming the tools and innovation technologies to support the Natural Resources and Environment sector.

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