



Annual Natural Resources and Environment Sector Working Group Meeting 2021



Background



- The Ministry of Planning and Investment leads the round table process, which brings governments and national development agencies, United Nations bodies, civil society organizations, and the private sector together to ensure funds, time and knowledge bring a maximum impact in development across the country;
- The Round Table Process is guided by globally agreed principles on practical development cooperation. These include host government ownership of development priorities and plans, a focus on results, inclusive development partnerships, and transparency and accountability to one another;
 - To ensure the implementation of the Vientiane Declaration;



NRESWG



- To support the implementation of the 9th NSEDP 2021-2025;
- Providing a forum for dialogue, strategic policy discussion, and coordination between the Natural resources and Environment Sector and other sectors, development partners, and other stakeholders on sector matters and cross-cutting issues;
- Promoting the development of NRESWG including, domestic and external resources mobilization, result-oriented management, and monitoring of progress and achievements;
- To facilitate the implementation of the NRE Sector-related actions and targets embodied in the Vientiane Declaration and Country Action Plan (VDCAP);
- To form an umbrella for its three Sub-Sector Working Groups (SSWGs): (1) Land, (2) Water Resources Management, and (3) Climate Change and Environment.



Our Roles



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- To contribute actively to the formulation of NRE Sector and Sub-Sector Strategies and associated financial plans and programs through inclusive participation of all the stakeholders of the sector and its sub-sectors to achieve alignment between GoL policies, plans and programs, and development partners' support;
- To promote the mobilization of resources, both domestic and external in order to implement sector priorities and targets
- To monitor progress and achievements towards critical national development goals and results especially the SDGs as reflected in the NRE sector and sub-sector plans and programs, as well as contribute to annual NSEDP reviews;
- Developing and using core sector indicators in consultation and agreement with Sub-Sector Working Groups and relevant ministries to monitor the progress and achievements of the sector activities' implementation. Report on progress in the Round Table Meetings and promote mutual accountability;
- To facilitate cross-sectoral coordination and integration of cross-cutting issues and mainstreaming them in NRE sector programs.



Our Achievements



- **The NRESWG report highlights significant achievements in 2021 despite the current outbreak of the COVID-19;**
- **The achievements would not be possible without the generous support from our development partners and their flexibility in accommodating our needs.**



Land Subsector Working Group

Chair: Department of Land

Co-Chair: GIZ

Co-Chair: Helvetas

- 1. FG on sub-legislation: DoL & FAO**
- 2. FG on the recognition of customary tenure in three forest types: DoL&MRLG**
- 3. FG on the coordination of land information systems and information sharing: DoL&GIZ**



Report on the achievements and progress in the implementation of the year 2021 of Each Focal Group Under LSSWG .



1. FG on sub-legislation.

- Identification of 13 sub-legislations some of which need to be revised and some of which will need to be developed;
- Completion of the revision and approval of a regulation on the use of printed forms of land registration and land titles, No. 3153/MONRE;
 - Amendment of the draft Guidelines on Survey-Measurement, No. 6035/MONRE and the Land Registration and Titling Procedure, No. 6036/MONRE, which is currently in the final stages of review, will bring in comments from the land sector across the country and related parties soon.
- Guidelines on changes in land use rights, No. 500/PMO.LMA and guidelines on the land valuation system No. 035/MONRE are in the process of review and examination to ensure compliance with the revised Land Law.
- In addition, other sub-legislations have been continued to be developed and improved, but there are still challenges in many areas, such as the spread of Covid 19 and operating budgets.



2. FG on the recognition of customary tenure in three forest types

- Report on the implementation of a pilot project to recognize customary tenure in 3 forest types in 7 target villages of 3 districts, Khammouane province.
- A meeting to brief on the achievements and lessons learned from the work of recognizing customary tenure in three forest types on 28 January 2021,
- For the recognition of customary tenure in three forest types, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry have organized a meeting to discuss and make a memorandum of understanding as a basis for the implementation of such work.



3. FG on the coordination of land information systems and information sharing.

- The group's activities were initiated by sharing information between sectors and the action plan for the relevant sectors was developed to create a data collection model for all land-related information management systems, harmonization of land use coding between land sector, agriculture and forestry sector, and geographic information.
- There is a need to integrate the forest management system from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry with land use planning and land use recognition in the three forest types, and information on forest area should be updated to suit the actual situation.
- Clear legislation is needed as a basis for the exchange and access to information of the relevant sectors.
- LUIS as a database program should contain a large amount of data from the relevant sectors in order for the sectors to be involved in the administration of the LUIS database.



Continuation plan



1. FG on sub-legislation.

- Organize FG meetings to discuss and update the Guidelines on Surveying and Measurement, No. 6035/MONRE and the Guidelines on Land Title Registration Procedure, No. 6036/MONRE.
- Continue to revise the Guidelines on Land Use Change, No. 500/NCDD and the Guidelines on the Land Valuation System, No. 035/MONRE.
 - Organize consultative meetings and open meetings with the relevant authorities on the Guidelines on Land Use Change, No. 500/NPC and the Land Valuation System, No. 035/MONRE.
- Continue to support the development and improvement of other legislations related to land affairs as appropriate.



2. FG on the recognition of customary tenure in three forest types

- Continue to implement the work of recognizing land tenure in 3 forest types in 4 target villages in Nakai District, Khammouane Province.
- Continue to carry out additional investigations in the two target villages of Hinboun district (activities that were not included in the initial plan of the project).
 - Continue to create a budget plan for all activities of the remaining projects in order to implement the activities successfully in a timely manner.
- Continue to compile all field information to create a report on the implementation of the project;
- Continue to create and improve legislation and manuals related to the recognition of land tenure in three forest types to propose and create a model to be used throughout the country.
- Summarize the results of the implementation of the work of recognizing land tenure in three forest types to report to the provincial leadership, the relevant ministries and the National Assembly.



3. FG on the coordination of land information systems and information sharing.

- Organize seminars to promote the exchange of information, the consistency of the system and the clarification of the rules and regulations to access different database management systems and set data.
- Continue to monitor the annual action plan (2021)
 - standards for geographic information.
 - Land leaflet information management system standards.
 - Consistency of land use codes between the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.
 - Introduction to metadata



Climate Change and Environment Sub-Sector Working Group

Chair: Department of Climate Change Management;

Co-Chair: UNDP.



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CCESSWG Achievements

1. Department of Climate Change:

- Nationally Determined Contributions, NDC (2021-2025) has been approved by the Office of the Prime Minister, No. 317/PMO, dated 02 April 2021 and submitted to UNFCCC on 11 May 2021, as well as completed the publication and submission of the NDC and Climate Change Decree to 18 provinces across the country;
- National Strategy on Climate Change has been revised and preparation for the open meeting at the central level and submitted to the Government for approval, expected in 2022;
- Completed the initial draft assessment on the implementation of the action plan for zero greenhouse gas emissions and absorption by 2050 (Net Zero Emissions by 2050);
- Completed the initial climate change vulnerability assessments in 18 provinces, 148 districts across the country and was approved by the Ministry on March 26, 2021;



1. Department of Climate Change:

- Completed a project proposal for US \$ 3 million to contribute to the development of the National Plan for Climate Change Adaptation (NAP) and to integrate climate change adaptation into the plans of central and local authorities;
- Complete the identification of indicators to build urban resilience to adapt to climate change with ecosystem-based solution and diversity of biodiversity to help cope and adapt to the variability of climate in 6 cities targeted the capital Vientiane, Phongsaly, Phongsaly, Saitama, Oudomxay-, Paksan province Bolikhamxay city far Phomvihanh province of Savannakhet city Pakse, Champasak province;
- Completed the drafting of a low-carbon action plan at the city level in Kaysone Phomvihane, Savannakhet Province, and the monitoring and inspection of a pilot project for the installation of a solar power system at Suan Sam Daeng, Pakse, Champassak Province;



1. Department of Climate Change:

- Completed the initial design of a framework for the greenhouse gas emission activities of the relevant authorities under the strengthening of the institutions of the Lao PDR in the implementation of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change (CBIT);
- Complete the integration of natural disaster risk reduction activities into land allocation plans, natural resource and environmental management throughout the country;
 - Completed the creation of a technical glossary on climate change and distributed to the relevant parties for official use;
- Completed the production of a short video on climate change management;
- Completed based design on the logo of the Department of Climate Change Management and is seeking approval from higher authorities. TH



1. Department of Pollution Control and Monitoring:

- Completed the Technical Guideline on Air Pollution Control No. 2013/MoNRE, date 20 January 2021;
- Completed Ministerial Decision on Pollution Control No. 1678/MoNRE and the Substance Management under the Montreal Protocol No. 1686/MoNRE, date 7 April 2021
- Completed Ministerial Decision on Technical Environment Monitoring No. 2319/MoNRE, date 26 May 2021;
- Completed Decision on The Management and Monitoring of Treatment and Disposal of Toxic and Hazardous Chemical Waste No. 3649/MoNRE, dated 3 August 2021;
- The Pollution Control Vision 2040, Pollution Control Strategy 2030 and Five-year Action plan (2021-2025) will be submitted for Minister's endorsement this year.



CCESSWG Next Steps

- Continue to update the draft National Climate Change Strategy (2020-2030) for approval and preparation for publication, as well as prepare for the complete dissemination of climate change decree to the central and local governments for implementation;
- Continue to develop the National Plan for Climate Change Adaptation (NAP), as well as to update the assessment and mapping of climate change vulnerability in 18 provinces, 148 districts across the country;
- Continue to build urban resilience to adapt to climate change with ecosystem-based solution and diversity of biodiversity to help cope and adapt to the variability of climate in 6 cities targeted;



- Prepare to develop a Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategy (LT-LED Strategy) expected to be completed by 2022. This strategy is part of the National Strategy on Climate Change;
- Continue to integrate the prevention, preparedness and mitigation of natural disasters into the Natural Resources and Environment Department's program, especially continue to analyze data on areas prone to natural disasters such as droughts, heat waves that have completed initial data collection in Khammouane and Khammouane districts in Khammouane province;
- Continue to improve the draft preparedness plan for response to natural disasters in 2020-2021 of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment and prepare a meeting to pass the draft plan;
 - Continue to Disseminate and raise awareness on climate change.



CCESSWG Challenges

- Specific technical competencies are limited;
- Coordination and data collection from central and local authorities are not as good as they should be;
- The budget for the implementation of projects/ activities is not enough to meet the needs or impacts of climate change.



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Water Resources Sub-Sector Working Group



**Chair: Department of Water Resources Management;
Co-Chair: DFAT.**



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WRSSWG Achievements

- The National Water and Water Resources Management Strategy is ongoing in the process of revision.
 - Developed River Basins Management and Planning.
- Developed the Sustainable Ground Water Management Planning of Savannakhet and Salavan Provinces.
- Determines Water Resources Assessment of Nam Sam River Basin.
- Developed legislation such as: Water Quality Management, Water Conservation Zones and Wetland Management Agreements.
 - Drafted Technical Guideline of Water Resources Assessment



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WRSSWG Next Step

1. ສືບຕໍ່ປັບປຸງ ກົດໝາຍວ່າດ້ວຍນໍ້າ ແລະ ຊັບພະຍາກອນນໍ້າ ສະບັບປັບປຸງ ເລກ ທີ 23/ສພຊ, ລົງວັນທີ11 ພຶດສະພາ 2017;
2. ສ້າງຮ່າງແຜນຄຸ້ມຄອງນໍ້າໃຕ້ດິນແບບຍືນຍົງ ຢູ່ແຂວງສະຫວັນນະເຂດ ແລະ ແຂວງສາລະວັນ;
3. ສ້າງແຜນຄຸ້ມຄອງອ່າງຮັບນໍ້າ ນໍ້າຊໍາ;
4. ປະເມີນຊັບພະຍາກອນນໍ້າ ອ່າງຮັບນໍ້າ ນໍ້າຊໍາ;
5. ສ້າງບັນດານິຕິກຳລຸ່ມກົດໝາຍນໍ້າເຊັ່ນ: ຂໍ້ຕົກລົງວ່າດ້ວຍການຄຸ້ມຄອງຄຸນ ນະພາບນໍ້າ ແລະ ຂໍ້ຕົກລົງການຄຸ້ມຄອງ ເຂດສະຫງວນນໍ້າ ແລະ ຊັບພະຍາກອນ ນໍ້າ.



Sustainable Consumption and Production (GPP and Eco-Labels)

GPP Roadmap and Action Plan planned to be accomplished by the end of 2021



GPP Roadmap and Action Plan

GPP and Eco Labeling Awareness



- GPP training - 17 June 2021
- Eco labeling – 1-2 July 2021
- Online Meeting Training – 2-4 Nov 2021

GPP Regional Advisor is ready



Reginal Advisor

Personnel



Complete PIU formation all representatives are in place