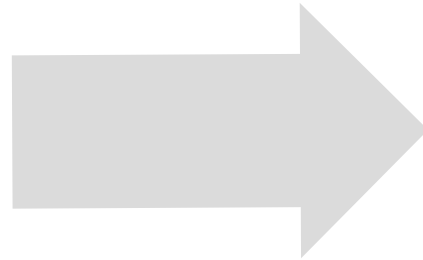


The Progress Update on the Dissemination of the Round Table Implementation Meeting Results 2023

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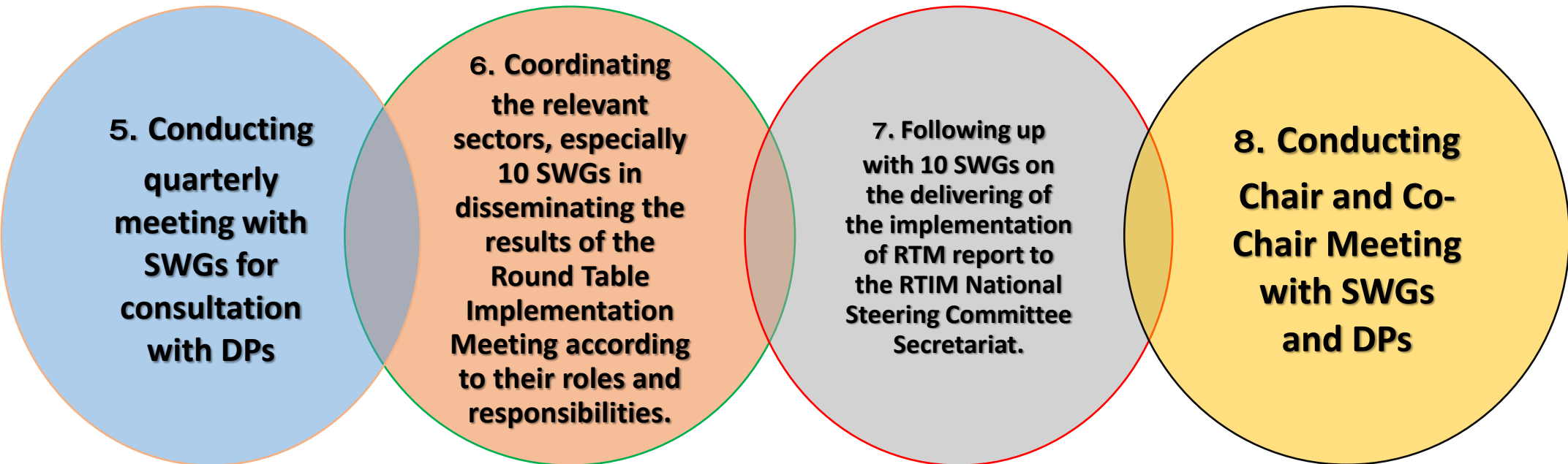
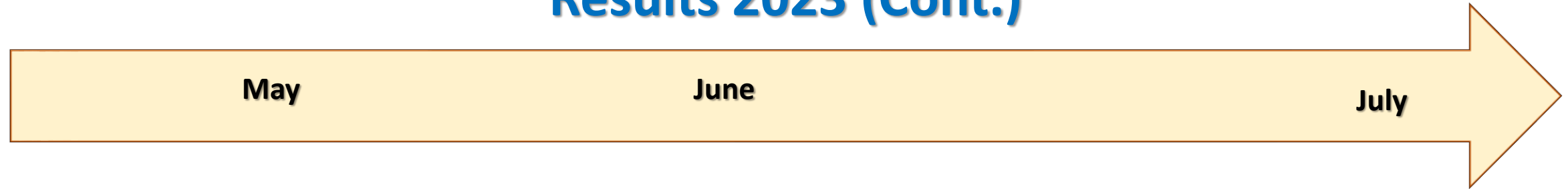
1. Reporting the results of the Round Table Implementation Meeting 2023 to the Prime Minister Office, No. 571/MPI, dated 6 March 2024.

2. Leading development partners for courtesy visit the Prime Minister to briefly report the results of the Round Table Implementation Meeting 2023 on 26 April 2024.

3. Conducting a wrap-up meeting on the Round Table Implementation Process 2023 and preparing for the work plan 2024, dated 13 May 2024

4. Disseminating the Notification Letter, No. 868/PMO, dated 06 May 2024 nationwide.

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The Implementation of the National Socio-Economic Development Plan (NSEDP) 2024

- Conducting high-level consultation meeting of Macroeconomic Working Group
- Improved the efficient monetary policy for stabilizing macroeconomy, sustainable and green growth.
- Developing the prioritised and sustainable macroeconomic plans for proper growth in the implementation of the 9th five-year NSEDP and as a foundation for the formulation of the upcoming 10th five-year NSEDP.
- Managing loans from both domestic and international investment firms.
- Improving the assessment and consideration mechanisms for the proposed change in business objectives, shareholders, registered capital, and so forth of the control account investors.

The Implementation of the Monetary Strategy

- Strictly implement monetary policy.
- Improve monetary policy to align with economic circumstances periodically.
- Manage and prevent black markets, as well as strictly limit demand for foreign currencies from black markets.
- Formulate and revise legislation, such as legislation related to the management of individuals, legal entities, and Lao citizens living abroad deposit accounts, as well as support and monitor the implementation of Decision No. 333/BOL.



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The Economic Recovery of the Lao PDR

- Conducting 22nd Trade and Private Sector Working Group.
- Improving the Law on Investment and Control Lists.
- Implementing priorities under the economic community pillar for the ASEAN chairmanship of the Lao PDR.
- Improving assessment and consideration mechanisms for investment approval.
- Increasing strict criteria and conditions related to land ownership and transfer.
- Improving criteria for selecting investors in concession business operations to make them more competitive.
- Providing incentives through a profit tax policy for Special Economic Zone developers.
- Working collaboratively with relevant sectors to integrate priority tasks into actions for addressing the economic-finance crisis stated in the National Agenda.
- Integrating and implementing financial strategy to support the National Socio-Economic Development Plan, the Least Developed Country (LDC) graduation Smooth Transition Strategy (STS) of Lao PDR.
- Formulating action plans for each sector (the details have been defined in the economic recovery framework).

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The LDC Graduation Status

- Transforming economic architecture towards quality direction and enhancing resilient domestic production.
- Enhancing the effectiveness of agricultural production.
- Developing SMEs to be stronger and be able to integrate with regional and international production networks.
- Improving tourism and high-value-added services.
- Firmly managing macroeconomics.
- Accelerating the expansion of the domestic revenue base and enhancing human capital investment.
- Accelerating the improvement of a favourable environment for business operations and reducing investment obstacles.
- Expanding infrastructure where necessary for development.
- Improving capacity, mechanisms, and measures to reduce disasters and environmental impacts.

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3rd Voluntary National Review

- Continuing to implement activities under VNR Twinning Programme.
- Presenting the Voluntary National Review on the same agenda as Azerbaijan.
- Submitting the final review on 14 June 2024.
- Presenting the review to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development 2024 in July 2024, in New York.
- Disseminating the review to all sectors for acknowledgement and implementation.

Effective Development Cooperation

- Monitoring and summarising the responses of relevant sectors related to the M&E form of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) in the Lao PDR.
- Endorsed the response of the public focal points' questionnaire related to monitoring the effectiveness of development cooperation in the Lao PDR. Currently, we are completing the response to the favourable environment assessment for CSO implementation.
- Continue to follow up on the update on the response of the Kampala principles assessment to be completed in early July and conduct a meeting to endorse the assessment results.

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UXO Clearance in Lao PDR

- Ensure the reduction of the injury number and death from the UXO.
- Expand and conduct survey to locate UXO areas.
- Enhancing the UXO clearance in the agricultural areas, communities, and business operation areas.
- Encouraging the implementation of policies and rescuing victim from the UXO, as well as improving the livelihood and well being.
- Gender equality: established the gender equality focal point in organisations; integrated gender elements in all technical consultation meetings; developed gender policy for the office of the National Regulatory Authority for UXO/Mine Action Sector in the Lao PDR and NRA; as well as conducted gender training.
- Victim rescue: completed the implementation of the UXO victim rescue project in Xiengkhouang and Houaphanh, assisted in the treatment of UXO victims, and monitored and supported UXO victim assistance four times.
- UXO survey and clearance: Completing the destruction of large bombs twice in Sonmixay Village, Sepon district, Savannakhet province, and Paksong district, Champasak province, prioritising the survey-clearance task for local government authorities in Phongsali province, and there were emergency destructions twice.
- Awareness campaign related to the UXO risks and dangers: conducted a wrap-up meeting on the implementation of the awareness campaign related to the UXO risks and dangers through radio in 10 provinces. Broadcast advertising through radio stations in 10 provinces, produced advertising spots, wrote news, advertised through online media, advertised through radio programmes, and finished advertising spots in local languages.

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Educational Human Resource Development

- Implementing policies and measures to address the problem of teacher shortages, school dropouts, and promoting vocational training.
- Implementing the Decree on the Public Instructors to ensure the implementation of human resource development and teacher development, No. 202/GOV, dated 12 May 2023 and the Decree on the Vocational Education Development Fund, No. 194/GOV, dated 19 April 2023.
- Encouraging the Planning and Budgeting Committee (PBC) and Teacher Allocation Committee (TAC) to have regular consultation and reporting to the Educational Working Group.
- Applying the new Directorate of Technical Education (DTE) as well as conducting teacher training at both central and local levels.

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Health Sector

- Implementing the Human Resources for Health (HRH) Development Strategy 2030.
- Expanding health networks to remote areas and allocating health professionals and resources where necessary.
- Improving health insurance service provision with a health insurance fund and social security.
- Focusing on achieving 11 targeted indicators that have been approved by the National Assembly, including SDG 2030, through collaboration with relevant sectors at both the central and local levels, countries, development partners, and international organisations for financial mobilisation and technical support in the implementation of health sector priorities.
- Formulated the new Law on Public Health and revised the Law on Health Insurance.
- Consulting on the health tax with the committee in order to utilise revenue from the tobacco control fund into the health sector budget.

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Agriculture

- Define measures for agricultural promotion, food security, and market-oriented production towards quantity and quality in responding to domestic and international market requirements.
- Focusing on enhancing capacity building for government officials in the agricultural sector by leading technical support for agricultural cultivation, livestock, and farmers, and promoting access to public infrastructure and natural resources to ensure the livelihood of the people.

Illicit Drugs Control and Inspection

- Focusing on the implementation of a national agenda for illicit drugs, laws, and regulation enforcement in socio-economic management in parallel with the efforts to address and reduce negative phenomena that occur in society.

Good Governance

- Promoting the use of basic service procedures about violence against women.
- Formulating a manual for media communication and guidelines for violence against women.
- Improving the access environment for people, such as reducing the average time for registration.
- Endorsing the improvement of CSO management as one of the priorities of the governance sector.

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Natural Resource and Environment

- Implement the environmental certificate issuance mechanism to reduce the process and duration of considering the environmental impact assessment of the investment project.
- Encourage project developers to comply with environmental and social obligations in accordance with the criteria set forth in the environmental certificate and the environmental management and monitoring plan by issuing notification letters, notices, and organising meetings.
- Formulate and revise the legislation under the laws as a reference for implementing land management and carrying out the law on land by creating and revising the legislation under the laws.

Skill development and Employment

- Mobilise vocational scholarship in order to enhance human resource capacity.
- Create a favourable environment to facilitate access to job opportunities by expanding district and provincial employment recruitment service centres.
- Support public and private businesses, state-owned enterprises, special economic zones, and other investment projects in providing job opportunities both in domestic and international labour markets in accordance with the national agenda.
- Develop labour skills according to the national agenda for the unemployed, those who would like to change their careers, and workers who will enter a new position, as well as conduct skill tests based on the national skill standards and encourage the labour workforce to take the tests in various occupational branches.

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