

## Draft Agenda

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Trade and Private Sector Working Group Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at Souphattra Hotel, Vientiane, Lao PDR

- 08:30 - 08:45 Opening remarks by:
- H.E. Dr. Manothong Vongsay, Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce
  - H.E. Ms. Heather Variava, US Ambassador to Lao PDR
- 08:45 - 09:20
- Lao PDR's Smooth LDC Transition: Roadmap for Priority Actions in Trade and Trade-Related Areas 2024 to 2030 and Key Results of the 56<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Economic Ministers' (AEM) Meeting by Mr. Itthilith Ngangnouvong, Deputy Director General, Department of Trade Negotiation and Economic Cooperation, MOIC
- 9:20 – 9:40 Lao Business Forum Update – Progress Update on Resolving Priority Issues by Mr. Vanthong Sitthikoun, Vice President of LNCCI
- 09:40 - 10:30 Questions & Answers
- 10:30 - 10:45 Coffee break
- 10:45 – 11:00 Overview of MOIC Sector 5-Year Plan by Mr. Sengphnomchone Inthasan, Deputy Permanent Secretary, PSO, MOIC
- 11:00 – 11:15 Overview of new generation of Trade Related Technical Assistance (TRTA) by Development Partners:
- Mr. Konesawang Nghardsaysone, Economist, World Bank, Lao PDR
  - Mr. Soulinthong Leuangkhamsing, Senior Economic Officer, ADB, Lao PDR
  - Ms. Veerle SMET, Head of Cooperation, European Union, Lao PDR
- 11:15 - 11:50 Questions & Answers
- 11:50 – 12:00 Closing remarks by:
- H.E. Mr Mark Gallagher, Ambassador, European Union, Enhanced Integrated Framework Donor Facilitator for Lao PDR
  - H.E. Dr. Manothong Vongsay, Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce
- 12:00 Lunch