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National Regulatory Authority
for UXO/Mine Action Sector

No: 1396 /NRA

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, on behalf of the National Regulatory Authority for UXO/Mine Action Sector presents its compliments to the Diplomatic Mission and International Organizations accredited to the Lao PDR, and has the honor to invite Head of the Mission to attend the UXO Sector Working Group Meeting, which will take place on Friday, November 1st, 2024, (13:30 pm to 16:00 pm) at the Suphatra Hotel in Vientiane, Lao PDR.

On this occasion, **His Excellency Mr. Phoxay Khaykhamphithoune**, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Vice-Chair of the National Regulatory Authority for UXO/Mine Action Sector in Lao PDR (NRA), will preside the meeting.

Unexploded ordnance (UXO) continues to pose a serious threat to Lao PDR. The UXO Sector Working Group Meeting offers a critical platform to address this challenge collaboratively. By working together, we can review progress, develop innovative solutions, and pave the way for a safer future free from the dangers of UXO.

Your expertise and commitment are crucial to achieving this goal. In this regard, the NRA extends the invitation to donors, development partners, UXO operators, and UXO commercial entities to participate in this vital meeting.

To confirm your attendance, please contact the Office of the National Regulatory Authority for UXO/Mine Action Sector (NRA) by October 28, 2024. Via email: neung.ppjommachanh@gmail.com or 020 55919888.

The National Regulatory Authority avails itself this opportunity to renew to the member of the Diplomatic Mission and International Organizations accredited to the Lao PDR the assurance of its highest consideration.

Vientiane, 24 October 2024



Attire: *National or Business (without tie)*

Agenda
UXO Sector Working Group Meeting
1st November 2024 at 13 :30 pm to 16 :00 pm at Souphattra
hotel, Vientiane Capital.
and via ZOOM:

13:00-13:30	Register	
13:30 - 13:35	MC welcomes participants	Mr. Phisith Phommachanh, Program officer, NRA.
13:35 - 13:50	Welcome and Opening Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Phoxay KHAYKHAMPHITHO UNE, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs • H.E. Heather Variava, ambassador of the United States to Lao PDR.
Session 1: Chaired by H.E. Heather Variava, ambassador of the United States to Lao PDR.		
13:50 - 14:10	Sectoral achievement in 2024, Opportunities and Challenges on the implementation UXO works in Lao PDR and workplan in 2025.	Mr. Bounpheng SISAWATH, Acting Director of the NRA.
14:10 - 14:30	Comments and Discussion	All participants
14:30 - 14:50	Group photo and coffee break	All participants
Session 2: Chaired by: Mrs. Martine Th��rer, Resident Representative, UNDP to Lao PDR		
14:50 - 15:10	Update the processes – CCM, NRA structure, Decree 210, fifth TWG. Highlight from TWG meetings Pilot projects – Innovation/methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MOFA/ Mr. Rupert - Program Unit (NRA) - Simon Rea (Tetra-Tech)
15:10 - 15:45	Comments and Discussion	All participants
15:45 - 16:00	Wrap up and Closing Remark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Martine Th��rer, Resident Representative, UNDP • H.E. Phoxay KHAYKHAMPHITHO UNE, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs