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**United Nations**  
**Office on Drugs and Crime**

**Invitation to the High-Level Meeting of the Illicit Drug Sector Working Group  
and the Mini-Dublin Group 2024**

08:30 am – 12:30 pm, Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Dear all,

On behalf of the Lao National Commission of Drugs Control and Supervision (LCDC), the Embassy of Japan, and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), we would like to invite you to attend this year's High-Level Meeting for the Illicit Drug Sector Working Group and the Mini-Dublin Group. The meeting will take place on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Double Tree by Hilton Vientiane.

The Lao people's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR) continues to face significant challenges combatting illicit drugs due to its strategic location and porous border. The persistence of illicit drug production, trafficking and usage pose substantial threats to public health, social stability, and economic development of the nation. In response, the Government of Lao PDR has intensified its efforts through the implementation of the National Drug Control Master Plan 2021-2025. This comprehensive five-year plan aims to address the pressing illicit drug issues in Lao PDR through a balanced and integrated approach. It focuses on strengthening law enforcement capabilities, improving prevention efforts, and international cooperation to disrupt drug trafficking networks.

As part of the Round Table Mechanism, the Illicit Drug Sector Working Group and the Mini-Dublin Working Group are intended to support coordination and responses to these developments. The Technical Meeting of the Illicit Drug Sector Working Group and the Mini-Dublin Working Group was held on October 25<sup>th</sup>. It opened the floor for the LCDC, UNODC, and development partners to share information on the current situation, work progress, and discuss key challenges. This upcoming high-level meeting aims to highlight the implementation progress of the National Drug Control Master Plan, identify emerging and existing challenges, and review the drafts of Illicit Drug Sector Working Group Report, and the Mini-Dublin report. The outcomes of this meeting will contribute to strategic priorities for the coming year and the conceptualization of the 10<sup>th</sup> National Social-Economic Development Plan, inform policy decisions, guide resource allocation in the fight against illicit drugs in Lao PDR.

**Meeting details:**

- Location: Double Tree by Hilton Vientiane
- Date and time: 08:30 am – 12:30 pm, Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Participants: High level representatives
- Co-chairs:
  - o MPS: H.E. Pol. Maj. Gen. Khamking Phouilamanivong, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Public Security
  - o The Embassy of Japan: H.E. Mr. Tsutomu KOIZUMI, Ambassador of Japan to the Lao PDR
  - o UNODC: H.E. Mr. Masood Karimipour, UNODC Regional Representative for Southeast Asia and the Pacific
- RSVP: Please confirm your attendance by completing the online form by Wednesday, **November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**



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### Meeting agenda

Time	Item
08:30 – 09:00	Arrival and registration
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome and opening remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Lao PDR Ministry of Public Security</li> <li>- The Embassy of Japan</li> <li>- UNODC</li> </ul>
09:15 – 09:25	Group Photo
09:25 – 10:00	Presentation from LCDC regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Updates (achievements and challenges) on the illicit drug sector in Lao PDR and the National Agenda on Drugs and Precursor Chemical Control</li> <li>- Future direction of the National Agenda on Drug Control in 2025</li> <li>- Priority areas for cooperation</li> <li>- Question and answers</li> </ul>
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee & Refreshment Break
10:15 – 10:30	Presentations from UNODC on topics related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overview of the Drug Situation in LAO PDR &amp; Mekong Region</li> <li>- UNODC Interventions &amp; Coordination</li> </ul>
10:30 – 10:45	Sector Working Group Report (facilitated by UNODC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lessons learned from the SWG</li> <li>- Illicit Drug Sector Working Group key priorities for 2025</li> <li>- SWG’s Key priorities for the conceptualization of the 10<sup>th</sup> National Social Economic Development Plan (2026 - 2030)</li> </ul>
10:45 – 11:15	- Open discussion: interventions from development partners
11:15 – 11:30	Summary and closing remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UNODC</li> <li>- The Embassy of Japan</li> <li>- Ministry of Public Security</li> </ul>
11:30 to 12:30	Lunch