

Talking Points
For H.E Phonevanh Outhavong, Vice-Minister of Planning and Investment
for the official visiting and bilateral meeting with United Nation Resident
Coordinator (UNRC)

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Dear

- **Ms. Pauline Tamesis, UN Resident Coordinator to Vietnam**
- **Mr. Bukhodir Burkhanov, UN Resident Coordinator to Lao PDR**
- **Distinguished guess,**
- **Ladies and gentlemen,**
- **Very Good Afternoon,**

First of all, I would like to sincere thanks and gratitude to the United Nation Resident Coordinator Office for your warmly and hospitality welcome our delegation to the well-known of the charming city of the Hanoi as the capital city of Vietnam. It is my great pleasure to be here and representative for the Ministry of Planning and Investment to having a great collaboration and constructive bilateral discussion with you.

Lao PDR-United Nation Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2022-2026

The Lao PDR - United Nation Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2022-2026 (UNSDCF) translates into action the development priorities UN shares with Laos. Throughout the international development policy presents as its long-term vision policy to ensure the program meet national critical needs of sustainability development and assistance to lift the people of the poverty reduction

The United Nation has been playing an importance and significant role in exploring generosity support to the government of Lao PDR to implement the National Socio-Economic Development in periodical. Throughout support on the 4 Strategic Priorities of the Cooperation Framework, with the vast majority of indicators measuring delivery of programming in the 21 output areas showing progress and two already reaching their targets.

There were several instances at the policy level where UN agencies came together to support initiatives and events to further advocate for and support the

Cooperation Framework objectives. Laying much of the groundwork the year before, two key milestones in 2023 were the endorsement of the Financing Strategy for the 9th NSEDP and the Smooth Transition Strategy for LDC Graduation following commitments made under the Doha Programme of Action. The Financing Strategy brings a stronger linkage with environmental concerns in the country, and its 54 recommendations address critical development needs and gaps in the country.

We acknowledge that the UN Agencies provide grants support to Lao PDR on Global meetings such as: The Food Systems Transformation Summit and COP29, brought UN agencies together to support the Government to prepare and position itself. A roadmap for food systems transformation in Lao PDR is under preparation. UN agencies supported the preparation of the Lao delegation to COP29 as well as organized a debriefing on Lao PDR's status and direction on its NDC commitments. The UN Country Team supported the development of the SDG Status Analysis report for the Lao delegation to present at the SDG Summit and also the High Level Political Forum.

At Lao PDR's first Human Capital Summit, a joint initiative with the World Bank, the National Statement of Commitment to Accelerating Learning Recovery was established, ensuring high-level commitment and actionable directives. As a result, policies and measures have been included in the recently issued Decree No.9 to address teacher shortages, school dropouts, and equitable education finances.

In early 2023, Lao PDR was selected as one of 30 pilot countries under the UN Secretary General's Early Warning for All (EW4ALL) initiative. The initiative brought together Government, UN agencies, international NGOs and CSOs working on disaster preparedness, awareness and communication in a stakeholder mapping exercise and to develop a roadmap for EW4ALL.

In 2024, Lao PDR had submitted its third Voluntary National Review (VNR) of SDG progress. Under the Government's leadership in the lead up to the High-Level Political Forum in July.

As the 9th NSEDP entered its mid-point in 2023, support was provided to the Mid-Term Review of the NSEDP. Early discussions on the 10th NSEDP were also initiated. Several preparatory meetings and consultations were held to organize the 2024 Round Table Implementation Meeting, the most inclusive high-level forum bringing together the Government, UN agencies, diplomatic corps, private sector and civil society, held annually to take stock of progress and challenges, and make commitments to strengthen partnerships

In the above mentioned, that was the progress of the government of Lao PDR implement the 9th NSEDP and the upcoming of 10th NSEDP. We also in the process of continue to lead the country smooth transition in LDC category. With those direction, the government of Lao PDR will not reach an accomplishment without bilateral and multi-lateral cooperation and international development policy support from the friendship cooperation and development partners. We also seek out the importance of capacities building on human capital investment and development resource will be potential key message to bring our country successful and achievement on the national development goals.

Closing:

Before closing, I would like to highlight the remarkable and significant assistance from the UN Agencies and the longest standing of multi-lateral cooperation and also played a crucial role to encourage Lao's National Socio-Economic Development Plan. We would appreciate for your continuously and generosity support sharing the commitment in the long-term inclusive and sustainable economic development.

Finally, I would like to sincere thanks and gratitude the commonwealth for your dedication, value contribution and generosity support and assistance to Government of Lao PDR. I also would like to deeply extreme sincere thanks for your invitation us to have a significant ex-chance point of view which we have gain a lot knowledge and experience that would bring back to our home country and applied to our proficiency works.

I Thank you!