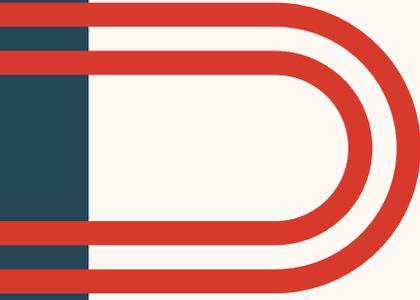




Readiness for the 14th High-Level Round Table Meeting 2025

**Presented by: PhD. Mr. Vongkhamheng Vongthachak,
Director General of the International Cooperation and Finance Department, Ministry of Finance**



Presentation outline:

*I. Concept Note of the 14th
High-Level Round Table
Meeting 2025*

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*III. Concept Note for Panel
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I. Concept Note of the 14th High-Level Round Table Meeting 2025

Theme of the 14th High-Level Round Table Meeting 2025:

“Enhanced Partnerships for Effective Development Cooperation in Implementing the Tenth National Socio-Economic Development Plan (2026-2030) to Support the Country’s Smooth and Resilient Graduation from Least Development Country Status and Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals”

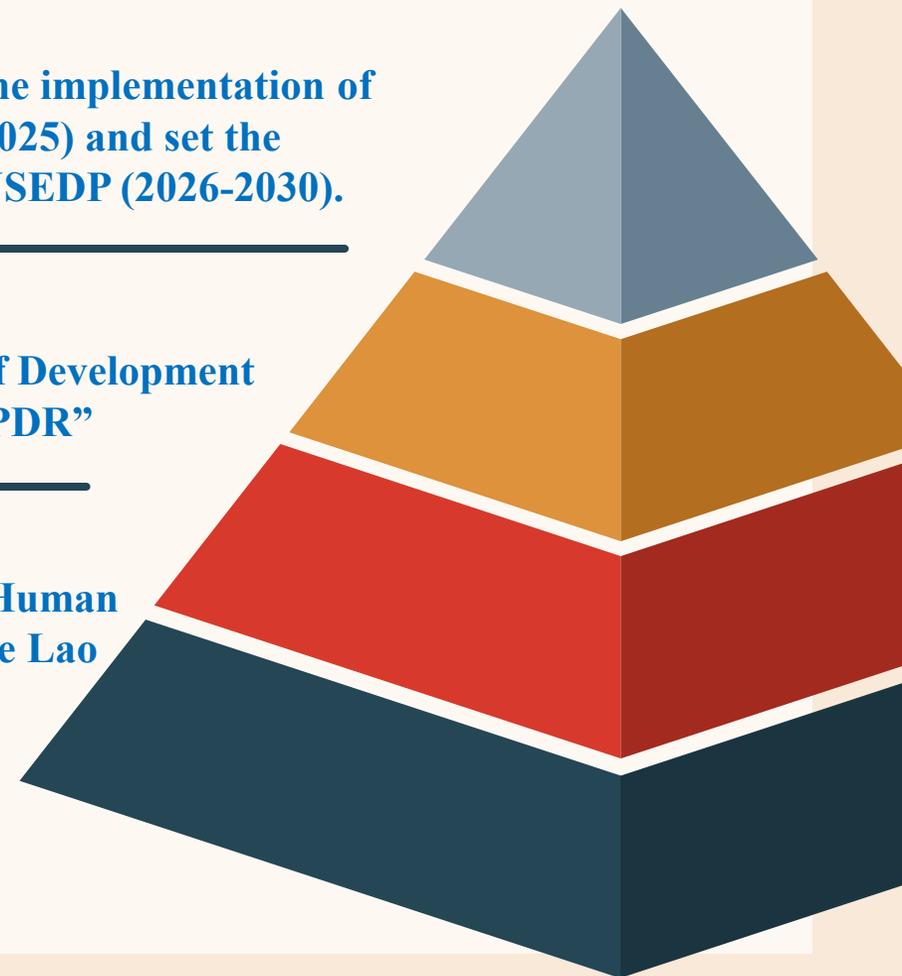
Objectives

To mobilize resources for the implementation of the 10th National Socio-Economic Development Plan

To assess and review the implementation of the 9th NSEDP (2021-2025) and set the direction for the 10th NSEDP (2026-2030).

To discuss the “Future of Development Cooperation in the Lao PDR”

To discuss the “Future of Human Capital Development in the Lao PDR”.



Meeting Content



Signing Ceremony of the Vientiane Declaration III (2026 – 2035)



Results of the implementation of 9th NSEDP and presentation of the 10th NSEDP .



Progress on the preparations for LDC graduation.



Monitoring the GPEDC IV, and the Vientiane Declaration Action Plan (VD III).



Courtesy Call on His Excellency the President of the Lao PDR.



Discussion Forum on “Future of Human Capital Development in the Lao PDR” (to be held on October 23, 2025).



Location: Vientiane Capital.

Date: November 18-20, 2025.



Panel Discussion on “Future of Development Cooperation” (October 23, 2025)



Chair - Co-Chairs:

- ✓ **Opening remarks by: His Excellency the Prime Minister of the Lao PDR.**
- ✓ **His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister of the Lao PDR.**
- ✓ **The Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations (UN).**

- ❑ **Panel Discussion to support the High-Level Round Table Meeting (1 or 2 weeks prior)**
- ❑ **Field visits to projects: Can be conducted by Sector Working Groups throughout the year**
- ❑ **Exhibition of Sector Working Group Achievements.**

Tentative Agenda

Day 1: 18 November 2025 – Baci Ceremony **(Venue: National Convention Centre, Vientiane Capital Lao PDR)**

15:30 – 16:00 **Arrival of Delegations**

Official Opening Ceremony

16:00 – 16:30

Master of Ceremony and Welcome to the Baci Ceremony

By: Mr. Vongkhamheng VONGTHACHACK, Director General, International Finance and Cooperation Department, Ministry of Finance

Venue: National Convention Centre, Vientiane Capital Lao PDR (TBC)

16:30 – 16:40

Baci Ceremony

Led By: H.E. Mr. Saleumxay Kommasith, Deputy Prime Minister of the Lao PDR (Baci Ceremony master) and Spouse

17:00 – 20:00

Cocktails reception

Welcome Speech

By: H.E. Mr. Santiphap Phomvihane, Minister of Finance and Spouse

Venue: National Convention Centre, Vientiane Capital Lao PDR (TBC)

Day 2: 19 November 2025 – High Level Meeting

Venue: Room No#1.....

Morning Session

08:00 – 08:25

Registration

Official Opening Ceremony

08:25 – 08:30
(05 mn)

Master of Ceremony

(Welcome to the meeting)

By: Mr. Vongkhamheng VONGTHACHACK, Director General, International Finance and Cooperation Department, Ministry of Finance

08:30 – 08:40
(10 mn)

Official Opening Keynote Address

By: H.E Mr. Sonexay Siphandone, The Prime Minister of the Lao PDR

08:40 – 08:50
(10 mn)

Keynote Address

By: Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development.

Formal Signing and Launching Ceremony of the Vientiane Declaration on Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (VD III 2026-2035)

08:50 – 09:05
(15 mn)

Brief introduction to the Vientiane Declaration on Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (VD III)

By: H.E. Mr. Soulivath SOUVANNACHOUMKHAM, Deputy Minister of Finance

09:05 – 09:20
(15 mn)

Signing Ceremony of the Vientiane Declaration on Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation

For the Government of Lao PDR

H.E Mr. Thongsavanh Phomvihane,

Minister of Foreign Affairs

For Development Partners

Mr. Bakhodir Burkhanov

UN Resident Coordinator

Honorably witnessed by: The Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister of the Lao PDR, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group, Ministers, Ambassadors and Representatives/Heads of international organizations

Tentative Agenda (Cont.)

- 09:20 – 09:35**
(15 mn)
- Photo Session with the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development**
- 1. Ministers/Vice-Ministers and Governors/Vice Governors;**
 - 2. Head Delegations of Development Partners/Ambassadors and Heads/Deputy Heads of International Organisations**
- 09:35 – 10:00**
(25 mn)
- **Official Tour of the 14th HL-RTM Development Cooperation Exhibition**
 - **Coffee & Tea Break**
- Presentations and Discussion**
- 10:00 – 10:20**
(20 mn)
- Presentation on achievement of the 9th five-year National Socio-Economic Development Plan (2021 – 2025) and Draft of the 10th five-year National Socio-Economic Development Plan (2026-2030).**
- By: H.E. Mr. Santiphab Phomvihane, Minister of Finance*
- 10:20 – 10:40**
(20 mn)
- Presentation on the Lao PDR's Progress toward LDC Graduation and Doha Programme of Action**
- By: H.E. Mr. Thongsavanh Phomvihane, Minister of Foreign Affairs.*
- 10:40 – 11:00**
(20 mn)
- Presentation on Development Cooperation: The 4th Round of Global Survey on Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation and The Vientiane Declaration on Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (VD III 2026-2035) Country Programme Action Plan.**
- By: H.E. H.E. Mr. Soulivath SOUVANNACHOUMKHAM, Deputy Minister of Finance*
- 11:00 – 12:00**
(60 mn)
- Plenary Discussion**
- 12:00 – 13:30**
(90 mn)
- Lunch Break**

Tentative Agenda (Cont.)

Afternoon Session:

Presentations and Discussion

13:30 – 13:50
(20 mn)

Report result of panel discussion 1: “Post LDC Graduation, Unlocking New Development Ambitions – Growth, jobs and Technology”

14:10 – 15:10
(60 mn)

Plenary Discussion

15:10 – 15:25
(15 mn)

Coffee & Tea Break

15:25 – 15:45
(15 mn)

Remarks

By: Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development.

15:50 – 16:00
(15 mn)

Official Wrap-up and Closing

By: H.E Mr. Saleumxay Kommasith, Deputy Prime Minister of Lao PDR

The Hight-Level Round Table Meeting in 2025 is officially closed

Press Conference

16:00 – 16:30

The High-Level Round Table Meeting's Press Conference

To brief on outcomes of the HI-RTM in 2025 by:

- 1. H.E Mr. Saleumxay Kommasith, Deputy Prime Minister of Lao PDR;**
- 2. Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development.**

10 Sector Working Groups Secretariats from line ministries are encouraged to attend the Press Conference.

Day 3: 20 November 2025 – Courtesy Call on the President of Lao PDR

Venue: President’s Office, Vientiane Capital

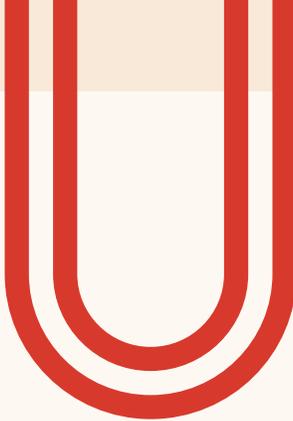
08:30 – 09:00
(30 mn) **Gathering Head of Delegation**

09:00 – 09:30
(30 mn) **Opening Remarks**
By: H.E. Mr. Mr. Saleumxay Kommasith, Deputy Prime Minister of Lao PDR

09:30 – 10:00 **Report on the Outcomes of the 14th High-Level Round Table Meeting 2025**
By: The Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

10:00 – 10:30 **Guidance on the Implementation and Follow-up of the Outcomes of the 14th High-Level Round Table Meeting 2025**
By: His Excellency Thongloun Sisoulith, President of the Lao PDR

10:30 – 11:00 **Group Photo with His Excellency Thongloun Sisoulith, President of the Lao PDR**



II. Calendar of Events the 14th High-Level Round Table Meeting 2025

**Chair and Co-Chairs
SWG's Meeting
(18/7/2025)**

**Panel Discussion “Future of
Development Cooperation
and Human Capital
Development”
(23/10/2025)**

**National Steering
Committee Meeting for the
Round Table Process
(05/11/2025)**

**High-Level Round
Table Meeting and
Press Conference
(19/11/2025)**

**Chair and Co-Chairs
SWG's Meeting
(09/10/2025)**

**Press Encounter
(28/10/2025)**

**Baci Ceremony
(18/11/2025)**

**Lead Development
Partners to Pay a
Courtesy Call on His
Excellency the
President of the Lao
PDR(20/11/2025)**

III. Concept Note for Panel Discussion to Support the 14th High-Level Round Table Meeting 2025



1. Background

- ❑ To elaborate on the outcomes of the 2024 Annual Round Table Meeting, based on the direction of His Excellency the Prime Minister of the Lao PDR.
- ❑ To implement the Government's strategy and address urgent economic and financial challenges of public interest in the short and long term.
- ❑ To continue emphasizing 2 national priorities: Sustainable Economic and Financial Development and Human Capital Development.
- ❑ To ensure continuity, diversify, and deepen cooperation relationships.



Panel Discussion "Post LDC Graduation, Unlocking New Development Ambitions – Growth, jobs and Technology";

Date: October 22, 2025, Vientiane Capital

Led by: Vice Minister of Finance and the United Nations Resident Coordinator to the Lao PDR;

Objective: To present at the High-Level Roundtable and contribute to the implementation of the 10th National Socio-Economic Development Plan (NSEDP), prepare for graduation from the Least Developed Country (LDC) status in 2026, and implement the Vientiane Declaration (VD III)

Structure: High-Level Panel Discussion

- Vice Minister of Finance to present an overview of macroeconomic progress and human capital development;
- Presentations and exchange lessons learned from countries that have graduated from LDC status: Bhutan and the Maldives;
- Open the panel discussion under the topic: **"Post LDC Graduation, Unlocking New Development Ambitions – Growth, jobs and Technology";**

Moderator: Dr. Sithiroth Rasphone, Director General of the Department of Economic and Financial Policy, Ministry of Finance;

Panelists:

- (1) Representative from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (Director General),
- (2) Director General of the Department of Planning, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare,
- (3) Country Director, World Bank, Lao PDR,
- (4) Head of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), Lao PDR,
- (5) Assoc. Prof. Dr. Phouphet Kyophilavong, Vice President of the National University of Laos (NUOL),
- (6) Executive, LOCA Company,
- (7) Country Director, Luxembourg Development Cooperation Agency (LuxDev), Lao PDR.

Thanks



Health



Education



Governance



Macro Economics



Trade & Private
Sector Development



Infrastructure



Mine Action



Illicit Drug Control



Agriculture &
Rural Development



Natural Resource &
Environment

