

Progress Update TPSWG Priorities for 2025

Annual Technical-Level Meeting

Trade and Private Sector Working Group

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Progress Update: 2025 Priorities

No.	Issues	Responsible agencies	Expected Results by end of 2025	Progress
1	Sufficient public consultation before enacting laws and regulations – Enforcement of law on law making	MOJ/ All relevant government agencies	Issue instructions to enforce provisions on public consultation and advance notification of the Law on Law Making by MoJ	Ongoing discussions under NTFC as part of enforcement of requirement on conducting regulatory impact assessment under the Law on Law Making
2	Continue to improve business licensing procedures (LBF reform priority)	Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Line agencies	Successfully improve at least 05 business licenses	Work-in-progress: Department of enterprise management is working with line agencies to review and select at least 05 business licenses (agro-processing, construction services and education) – manual and guidelines have been disseminated
3	Removal of restriction on foreign trucks to operate within Laos/liberalization of trucking services in Laos (LBF reform priority)	Ministry of Public Works and Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue instruction that reflects private sector proposals aimed at reducing transport costs; Disseminate the instruction to the private sector. 	LBF and NTFC are currently working with MOPWT on this issue

Progress update – 2025 Priorities (Cont'd)

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4	Establishment and effective operations of the Lao Tourism Marketing Promotion Board (LBF reform priority)	Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism, Ministry of Public Security, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decree on the Tourism Promotion Board approved and promulgated; The operational plan of the Tourism Promotion Board approved (within 3 months following its establishment); The operational plan prioritized private sector proposals as key activities 	The draft decree containing the tourism promotion board has been approved by PMO pending PM decision
5	Access to a skilled workforce through strengthening collaboration between MOES, MOLSW, and LNCCI in development and delivery of demand oriented vocational training curricula	Ministry of Education and Sports, Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare, LNCCI	Adoption of a medium-term skill development plan by the National Training Council through closed consultation with business community	Ongoing dialogue under the LBF