



Climate Change Policy of Lao PDR

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Objective of this Presentation

- **Background**
- **Policies and Programs related to Climate Change**
- **Initiatives of Lao PDR to Mitigate and Adapt to Climate Changes**
- **Next Steps**

Background

- **Laos's economy is agrarian and dependent on Natural Resources**
- **Lao PDR ratified the UNFCCC 1995 and the Kyoto Protocol 2003.**
- **The Water Resources and Environment Administration , (WREA) is the UNFCCC National Focal Point and CDM-DNA.**
- **National Steering Committee on Climate Change (NSCCC) and the Technical Working Groups (TWG) established in 2008**
- **National Climate Change Office in October 2008**

**NSCCC Chair
Deputy Prime Minister**

**Minister of MAF
Vice Chair**

**Minister of WREA
Standing Vice Chair**

**Minister of MPI
Vice Chair**

- 7 TWGs**
- 1. Agriculture, Forestry and Land Use**
 - 2. Energy**
 - 3. Water Resources**
 - 4. Urban Infrastructures**
 - 5. Public Health**
 - 6. Economic Development**
 - 7. Financial Instruments**

**NSCCC
18 members/line M**

**NSCCC Secretariat: 7
(DOE/Line Ministries)
(DG & DDG Level)**

Climate Change Office

**Universities
Private sectors
International Organizations**

Lao PDR's Initiatives that Complements to Climate Change Initiatives

- ❖ **Environment Law 1999**
- ❖ **Water Law 1996**
- ❖ **Agriculture Law 1998**
- ❖ **Forest Law 1996**
- ❖ **Land Use Law 1996**
- ❖ **Electricity Law 1997**
- ❖ **Mining Law 1997**
- ❖ **Road Transportation Law 1997**
- ❖ **Urban Planning Law 1999.**
- ❖ **Decree on Social and Environment Impact Assessment, June 2010**
- ❖ **Policy on Sustainable Hydro-power Development**
- ❖ **Clean Development Mechanism Regulation**

National Strategy on Climate Change (NSCC) :

- **NSCC was approved by the Government of Lao PDR in March 2010.**
- **Strategy a Framework Document that has identified seven priorities areas for Adaptation and Mitigation:**
 - 1. Agriculture and Food Security**
 - 2. Forestry and Land Use Change**
 - 3. Water Resources**
 - 4. Energy and Transport**
 - 5. Industry**
 - 6. Urban Development**
 - 7. Public Health**

National Strategy on Climate Change (NSCC) :

Built on the following existing strategies :

- ❖ **Environmental Strategy**
- ❖ **Biodiversity Strategy**
- ❖ **Forestry Strategy**
- ❖ **Environmental Education and Awareness strategy**
- ❖ **Renewable Energy**

Lao PDR's Initiatives on Climate Change

- **The Government of Lao PDR aims to be out of LDC status by 2020 and is embarking on a path of Green Growth**
- **Climate Change has been streamlined in the National Development Socio Economic Development Plan (NSEDP 2010-15)**

Initiatives and Programs to Mitigate and Adapt to Climate Change :

- **Initial National Communication (INC) in collaboration with UNDP/GEF, 2000**
- **National Capacity Needs Self Assessment (NCSA) for Global Environment Management under the three Rio Conventions: UNFCCC, UNCCD and UNCBD in collaboration with UNDP/GEF May 2009**
- **National Adaptation Plan of Action (NAPA) in collaboration with UNDP/GEF May 2009**
- **Second National Communication under preparation**
- **Reduction of Emission from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD) Readiness Preparation Planning (R-PP) and Framework-Dept of Forestry under implementation**

Next Steps:

- **National Appropriate Mitigation Action (NAMA) to be prepared**
- **Action Plans for NSCC to be Prepared**
- **Climate Change Office Capacity to be Strengthened**
- **National Capacity to be Built**
- **More Resources Generated and Mobilized**

Thank you for your attention

