

Sub-regional Advocacy Workshop on MDGs for South-East Asia

24-26 June 2014

Grand Ball Room, Lao Plaza Hotel
Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

(as of 25 June 2014)

Day 1: Tuesday, 24 June 2014

08:30 – 09:00

Registration

09:00 – 09:45

Opening session

Welcome remarks by:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Lao People's Democratic Republic

Inaugural Statement by:

- H.E. Mr. Somchith Inthamith, Vice Minister of Planning and Investment, Government of Lao People's Democratic Republic

Statements by:

- Ms. Kaarina Immonen, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative, Lao People's Democratic Republic
- Mr. Anisuzzaman Chowdhury, Director, Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division, ESCAP
- Ms. Anuradha Rajivan, Advisor, Strategy and Policy Department, ADB

Group photo after opening statements

09:45 – 10:00

Coffee Break

PART 1 - The objective of the first part of the workshop is to disseminate the key findings and messages of the ESCAP/ADB/UNDP Regional MDGs Report 2012/2013 - Asia-Pacific Aspirations: Perspectives for a Post-2015 Development Agenda, with a particular focus on the progress achieved by the countries in South-East Asia.

10:00 – 12:00

Session 1: Where We Stand: 2012/13 MDGs Report and the post 2015 development agenda

Chair: Mr. Anoupharb Vongnorkeo, Deputy Director General, International Organizations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Presentation by: Mr. Yanhong Zhang, Officer-in-Charge, Population and Social Statistic Section, Statistics Division, ESCAP

Discussants:

- **Mr. Ahmad Basyiruddin Usman**, Section Head, Forestry Resource and Monitoring at Management Level, Ministry of Forestry, Indonesia
- **Ms. Kobkarn Mahuttano**, Plan and Policy Analyst - Senior Professional Level, Bureau of Health Promotion, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand
- **Ms. Janneke van der Graaff – Kukler**, Strategic Planning and Coordination Specialist, UN Women

Rapporteur: ESCAP

The main objective of this session is to review the progress towards the achievement of the MDGs in the Asia-Pacific region and in the South-East Asia sub-region in particular, highlighting the key messages contained in the 2012/13 MDGs Report. The session will also discuss the challenges that have contributed to the slow progress in the sub-region on health indicators particularly under-5 mortality, infant mortality, maternal mortality, antenatal care and skilled birth attendance, and forest cover. The session will also discuss country customization / localization of the MDGs and bring out good practices on accelerating progress towards the MDGs, including through promoting partnership for development under MDG 8.

- **Open discussion**
- **Summary by the Chair**

12:00 – 13:30

Lunch break

13:30 – 15:00

Session 2: The MDG experience in designing a new post-2015 development framework

Chair: Mr. Arsenio Pereira Da Silva, Director of NGO Forum, NGO Forum, Timor-Leste

Presentation by: Mr. Taimur Khilji, Policy Specialist, UNDP

Discussants:

- **Ms. Phonevanh Outhavong**, Deputy Director General, Department of Planning, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Lao People's Democratic Republic
- **Ms. Myrna Clara B. Asuncion**, Director III of Social Development Staff, National Economic and Development Authority, Philippines
- **Mr. Dinh Anh Tuan**, Expert, Department of Mother and Child's Health, Ministry of Health, Viet Nam

Rapporteur: UNDP

The objective of this session is to highlight the contribution of MDGs in framing a post 2015 development agenda. This session will discuss how MDGs served as a platform in the region in consensus building in achieving a set of internationally agreed development goals and countries responded by increased policy focus and resource mobilization efforts. It will also highlight some of the gaps that MDGs as a development framework suffered from and what lessons could be deduced in framing the next post-2015 development agenda including issues related to country

customization / localization of the MDGs and new challenges emerging since the MDGs were formulated – demographic change including ageing, GBV, rapid/unplanned urbanization, NCDs, climate change etc.

- **Open discussion**
- **Summary by the Chair**

15:00 – 15:15

Coffee Break

15:15 – 16:45

Session 3: Going Forward: Aspirations from Asia and the Pacific region

Chair: Mr. Faridah binti Abu Bakar, Deputy Director, Family Health Development Division, Ministry of Health, Malaysia

Presentation by: Ms. Vivian Francisco, Strategy and Policy Officer, ADB

Discussants:

- **Ms. Mariko Tomiyama**, Senior Regional Policy and Liaison Officer, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, International Organization for Migration
- **Mr. Stephen Rudgard**, FAO Representative, FAO Representation in Lao People's Democratic Republic

Rapporteur: ADB

This session will present the Asia-Pacific perspectives on the post-2015 development agenda and sustainable development issues. In light of the wide ranging consultations conducted by the partnership, this session will also discuss the goals areas and how they relate to the results of the consultations done by the Open Working Group and the focus areas summarized by the Co-Chairs. This session will also highlight the key priorities of South-East Asian countries that need to be reflected in the post-2015 development agenda and sustainable development goals.

- **Open discussion**
- **Summary by the Chair**

Day 2: Wednesday, 25 June 2014

Part 2 - *The objective of the second part of the workshop is to discuss some of the critical implementation issues in realizing the post-2015 development agenda and sustainable development goals and how regional and global cooperation could support the implementation of a post 2015 Development Agenda in Asia-Pacific. Implementation issues to be addressed in this workshop include financing the post-2015 development agenda, technology, innovations and trade facilitation, and data and information in realizing the vision of a transformative agenda.*

08:30 – 10:30

Session 4: The need for a renewed partnership for development: the next Asia-Pacific Regional MDGs Report (2014/15)

Chair: Ms. Sisomboun Ounavong, Director General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Lao People's Democratic Republic

Presentation by: Mr. Clovis Freire, Economic Affairs Officer, Countries with Special Needs Section, Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division, ESCAP

Discussants:

- **Mr. Chang Yii-Tan**, Managing Director, PE Research Sdn. Bdh., Malaysia

- **Ms. Myrna Clara B. Asuncion**, Director III of Social Development Staff, National Economic and Development Authority, Philippines
- **Mr. Syviengxay Oraboune**, Deputy Director General, National Economic Research Institute, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Lao People's Democratic Republic
- **Mr. Nguyen Huong Thuy Phan**, Programme Coordinator for Climate Change Adaptation Initiative (CCAI), Mekong River Commission Secretariat

Rapporteur: ESCAP

This session will present the current global thinking on the international governance issues in light of emerging challenges. As the demand for public goods outstrips their supply, the current national, regional and international cooperation arrangements are being found increasingly wanting in closing that gap. Taking this as the underlying theme of the next 2014/15 MDGs Report, this session will seek the view of the different stakeholders on the theme itself as well as on the key issues that should be highlighted in the Report. The session will briefly discuss the contours of three inter-related and highly pertinent implementation issues, namely financing the post-2015 development agenda; technology, innovations and trade facilitation; and data and information.

- **Open discussion**
- **Summary by the Chair**

10:30 – 10:45

Coffee break

10:45 – 12:00

Session 5: Implementation Issues: Technology access and trade facilitation

Chair: **Ms. Dinh Thi Bich Xuan**, Deputy Manager, Office for Business Sustainable Development (SDforB) under Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI)

Presentation: **Ms. Alessandra Casazza**, Policy Advisor, UNDP

Discussants:

- **Ms. Sudhiani Pratiwi**, Directorate for Environmental Affairs, National Development Planning Agency, Indonesia
- **Mr. Phouthanouthong Xaysombath**, Head Division of Local and Domestic Cooperation, Department of Planning and Cooperation, Ministry of Science and Technology, Lao People's Democratic Republic
- **Mr. Raksmei Phen**, Acting Manager of Development Issues Program and Development Issues Forum (DIF) coordinator, NGO Forum on Cambodia
- **Mr. Khalilur Rahman**, Liaison Office with ESCAP and Inter-Agency Coordination, WHO

Rapporteur: UNDP

This session will discuss the increasingly important role that cooperation in the areas of trade and technology play in supporting development progress in the region. International and regional cooperation on trade, especially in areas that have a direct bearing on the lives of the poor, in particular and livelihoods and employment more generally—(i.e. employment intensive sectors as well as health, food/nutrition,

communications, environment, etc.)—will need to be promoted as part of any new goal on development partnership. The session will review the role that institutions such as WTO, WIPO, UNFCCC play in this respect and examples from across the region will be shared in lowering the cost of technology transfer, easing access to and supporting technology development and innovation.

- **Open discussion**
- **Summary by the Chair**

12:00 – 13:30

Lunch break

13:30 – 15:00

Session 6: Implementation issues: Strengthening the evidence base for development effectiveness (shaping policies and monitoring results)

Chair: Mr. Ano Herwana, Head, Environment Statistic Division, BPS (Badan Pusat Statistik), Indonesia

Presentation: Ms. Rikke Munk Hansen, Chief, Economic and Environment Statistics Section, Statistics Division, ESCAP

Discussants:

- **Ms. Budsara Sangaroon**, Statistician, National Statistical Office of Thailand
- **Ms. Tran Thi Thu Trang**, Statistician, Integrated Statistics Department, General Statistics Office of Viet Nam
- **Mr. Quaggiotto Giulio**, Pulse Lab Manager, United Nations Global Pulse

Rapporteur: ESCAP

This session will discuss the role of statistics as a key enabler of successfully implementing a post-2015 agenda. Emphasis will be put on the urgent need for strengthening national statistical systems, particularly in view of need to address issues such as equity and environmental responsibility. Open access to high quality statistics from administrative records and surveys is essential for ensuring strong national institutions and good governance. Furthermore, technology has helped in some cases to provide real-time data (i.e., in the aftermath of a disaster and prior to the onset of a flu outbreak). The session will high-light the current gaps and opportunities in this area of development cooperation, both from the perspective of producers of data as well as data users and present concrete recommendations for going forward.

- **Open discussion**
- **Summary by the Chair**

15:00 – 15:15

Coffee Break

15:15 – 17:15

Session 7: Financing for a Post-2015 Development Agenda

Chair: Ms. Anuradha Rajivan, Advisor, Strategy and Policy Department, ADB

Panellists:

- **Mr. Anisuzzaman Chowdhury**, Director, Macroeconomic Policy and

Development Division, ESCAP: **Asia-Pacific Outreach meeting on Sustainable Development Financing: Highlights**

- **Ms. Anuradha Rajivan**, Advisor, Strategy and Policy Department, ADB: **Towards a financing framework for a post-2015 development agenda in Asia and the Pacific**
- **Mr. Chalapurath Puthenveetil Chandrasekhar**, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India: **Private sector and private financing in a new development agenda**
- **Mr. Vivek Rao**, Principal Financial Sector Specialist, South Asia Department, ADB: **Catalyzing financial markets for sustainable investments**

Rapporteur: ADB

This session will explore options to expand financing opportunities for post 2015. The premise is that it is not a shortage of funds, but lack of appropriate motivation and instruments for funds to be better directed for development. The session will examine potential sources of funds, domestically and internationally, from public and private sources, and identify constraints to expanding development finance beyond ODA, including inefficiencies in raising and using funds, design and regulatory issues that impede the use of new financial instruments for durable development results.

- **Open discussion**
- **Summary by the Chair**

Day 3: Thursday, 26 June 2014

08:30 – 10:00

Session 8: Monitoring and Accountability

Chair: Mr. Khieu Vicheanon, Deputy Secretary General, Accreditation Committee of Cambodia

Presentation by: Mr. Clovis Freire, Economic Affairs Officer, Countries with Special Needs Section, Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division, ESCAP

Discussants:

- **Mr. Ananda Dias**, Regional Coordinator, Environment Under Review, UNEP
- **Mr. Mohammed Ali Bhuiyan**, Regional Programme Advisor, UNAIDS Regional Support Team for Asia and the Pacific

Rapporteur: ESCAP

One of the central criticisms of the MDGs is the lack of accountability for progress. Accountability has been undermined by a lack of clarity about who should be responsible to whom and for what. A particular challenge has been holding wealthier States to account for the commitments made under Goal 8, framed in less precise and measurable terms than other Goals. To help with this challenge, people-led monitoring and accountability should be a central feature of a new Development Agenda. It can provide a means both of empowerment for people in the development process to articulate their priorities while taking greater decision-making control over

their lives, and for them to hold duty bearers, such as providers of basic services in local government and the private sector, more greatly to account for delivery and performance. This session will aim at mapping experiences in South-East Asia of effective monitoring and review mechanisms, reviewing lessons learned from monitoring the MDGs, and discussing how examples of regional accountability frameworks could be considered for monitoring implementation of the new development agenda post-2015.

- **Open discussion**
- **Summary by the Chair**

10:00 – 10:15

Coffee break

10:15 – 12:00

Session 9: Evaluation and Survey

Presentation: ADB Manila

Rapporteur: ADB

12:00 – 13:30

Lunch

13:30 – 15:00

Closing Session

Chair: Senior Official from the Government of Lao People's Democratic Republic

Presentation of key recommendations by ESCAP, ADB and UNDP

Closing Remarks:

- **Ms. Kaarina Immonen**, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative, Lao People's Democratic Republic
- **Ms. Alessandra Casazza**, Policy Advisor, UNDP
- **Ms. Sandra Nicoll**, Country Director, Lao PDR Resident Mission, ADB
- **Mr. Aniszuzzaman Chowdhury**, Director, MPDD, UN ESCAP
- **Chair of the Session**
