New Urban Agenda

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Preparation

• Leading agency: Department of Housing and Urban Planning, Ministry of Public Works and Transport

• Assistance and supports:
  ○ UN Habitat Lao Country Office
  ○ Guidelines for Reporting on the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda
  ○ Reports, official documents and publications available from the government, international organisation and donor countries’ web sites
• Executive summary

• **Transformative Commitments for Sustainable Urban Development**
  ▪ Sustainable urban development for social inclusion and ending poverty
  ▪ Sustainable sustainable and inclusive urban prosperity and opportunity for all;
  ▪ Environmentally sustainable and resilient urban development
  ▪ Sustainable management and use of the natural resources

• Effective implementation
  ▪ Building the urban government structure and the establishment of a supportive framework;
  ▪ Planning and managing urban spatial development;
  ▪ Means of implementation.

• Follow-up and reviews

• Conclusion
Key achievements and challenges

• The transformative commitments for sustainable urban development is embedded in the progress of National Socio-Economic Development Plans
  - Poverty reduced by half in 25 years
  - Striving for a shift to a more diversified economy and providing friendly and conducive business environment
  - Adoption of Strategies on climate Change in seven key economic sectors
  - Solid waste management in urban areas with a large effort in 3R along with the plan for smart urban planning information system.

• Effective implementation
  - Introduction of decentralisation policies known as “Samsang” and four breakthrough strategies
  - The Spatial development and territorial planning needs are backed up in the law and resolution of the National Assembly in addition to the continual process of capacity building in required areas.
  - Application of Information technology, tax incentive and accounting transparency in resource mobilisation from both internal and external sources.

• Challenges
  - Poverty improvement amid the rising of social disparity
  - Urban sprawl and environmental deterioration
  - Need for further support in urban governance
Follow-up and reviews

• Publication and dissemination in local language
• Set up inter-ministerial or local government platform for the follow up and reviews
• Continual support for the integration of NUA, SDG and National Socio-Economic Development Plans and sub-sector plans
Thank you for listening