

GEF Country Dialogue Workshop / National Consultation

6-8 April 2004, Vientiane, Lao PDR

Venue: Lao Plaza Hotel, Vientiane

Workshop Objectives

- Strengthen country coordination and ownership in GEF operation and share lessons learned from project implementing.
- Promote in depth understanding of GEF's Strategic Donations policies and procedures
- Strengthen the capacity of the GEF National Focal Point.
- Sharing and discussing Lao PDR's environmental and development strategies, and identifying national priorities for GEF assistance.

1 st day (6. April 2004) – GEF in the Lao PDR			
Time	ITEMS	SPEAKER	CHAIRPERSON(S)
08:00	Registration		
08:30	Session I: Welcome and Opening remarks	STEA, UNDP, WB, GEF	Co-chairs: STEA, UNDP, UNEP, WB, GEF
	Overview of the Workshop	Xayaveth Vixay	
09:30	Coffee Break		
09:45	Session II: SUMMARY OF THE GEF Objective: To inform participants and engage in a dialogues about GEF-its mission, strategy, policies, procedures and strategic priorities		STEA & IA/GEF
	Presentation and discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global 	Robin Broadfield, World Bank/GEF	
12:00	Lunch		
13:30	Session III: Lao PDR's experiences with GEF Objective: To share and discuss the Lao PDR's experience with the GEF		STEA & IA/GEF
13:30	Overview on Country co-ordination General roles of OFP/PFP and other stakeholders Process and procedure of GEF Nat. Focal Point	Stephen Gold, GEF Dialogue Initiative Nat. Focal Point	
14:00	Short presentations (15 min): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Change Project • Ozone Depleting Subsistence Project • Wildlife and Protected Areas Conservation • Off-grid Electrification Pilot Demonstration, A component of the Laos Southern Provinces Rural Electrification • BioSafety Framework Project • Enabling activities to facilitate early 	STEA (DOE) STEA (Cabinet) MAF (Dept of Planning) MIH (Dept. of Electricity) STEA (SRI) STEA (ERI)	

	action on the implementation of the Stockholm convention on Persistent organic Pollutants (POP)		
15:30–15:45	Coffee Break		
15:45–17:00	Plenary Discussion and Conclusion: Success and Constraints of the GEF Lessons learned	All participants	STEa & IA/GEF
2nd Day (7. April 2004) – National Priorities and GEF			
08:30	Session IV: National Priority on Environment Objective: Sharing and discussing Lao PDR's environmental and development strategies		STEa & IA/GEF
	Development Strategy 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Poverty Eradication Programme • National Environment Strategy • Energy strategy • NBSAP • Relation between MEAs • NAPA • NCSA • Potential for further Cooperation 	STEa (DoE)	
10:30	Coffee Break		
10:45	Discussion on Nat. Environmental Priorities and GEF, links and future cooperation	All participants	
12:00	Lunch		
13:30	Session V: GEF Small Grants Programme		STEa & IA/GEF
	GEF small Grants Programme	Tim Clairs, UNDP/GEF	
15:00	Discussion and conclusion		
16:15	Coffee break		
16:30	Closing Remarks	STEa, UNDP, GEF, WB,	STEa, UNDP, GEF, WB,
18.30-21.30	Dinner		
3rd Day (8. April 2004) – Field trip			
	Session VI: Field trip to Renewable Energy for Rural Area Project site at Nam Ngum Basin Area.	All participants	
07:00	Departure from Vientiane Municipality to Nam Ngum reservoir site by Bus		
09:00	Departure from Nam Ngum reservoir site to visiting area by boat		
11:00	Site visit		
15:00	Return to Vientiane Municipality		
Lunch provided on Boat			