

Forum on National Plans as Poverty Reduction Strategies in East Asia,

April 4-6,
Vientiane, Lao PDR

AGENDA

April 4, Keynote Address and Cocktail Reception

18:30-18:40 *Welcoming remarks*

- H.E. Mr. Liane Thykeo, Vice President of the Committee for Planning and Investment (CPI), Lao PDR
- Mr. Indermit S. Gill, Manager, Poverty Eradication and Economic Management, East Asia, World Bank

18:40-19:30 *Developing a national plan with a poverty focus: China's experience*

- Xu Lin, Deputy Director General, Development Planning Department, National Development and Reforming Commission (NDRC), People's Republic of China

19:30-21:00 Cocktail reception

April 5, Exchanging Experiences from Implementation

8:30-9:00 *Opening – Welcoming Remarks and Forum Objectives*

- H.E. Mr. Liane Thykeo, Vice President of the Committee for Planning and Investment (CPI), Lao PDR
- Ian Porter, Lao PDR Country Director, World Bank
- Finn Reske-Nielsen, Resident Representative to Lao PDR, UNDP
- James Nugent, Lao PDR Country Director, ADB
- Jeremy Carter, Advisor, Asia and Pacific Department, IMF

9:00-9:20 *Lessons from PRSP implementation*

- Linda Van Gelder, Lead Economist, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Network, World Bank

9:30-11:00 Session 1—Participation & transparency—parallel sessions

Session 1A: Transparency and information-sharing

Chaired by Sandro Cerrato, Chargé d'Affaires,
EC Delegation to Lao PDR

Session coordinator: Helle Buchhave, Consultant, East Asia, World
Bank

- 9:30-9:45 1. *Communications strategy for PRSP/plan elaboration, dissemination and reporting back (Cambodia)*
- 9:45-10:00 2. *Improving transparency and accountability in public financial management*
- Mr. Pham Quy Tien, Dep. Division Chief, State Budget Dept.,
Ministry of Finance, Vietnam.
- 10:00-10:15 3. *Key elements in fiscal transparency and good international practices*
- Thomas Dorsey, Deputy Division Chief, Poverty Reduction and
Growth Facility Operations Division, Policy Development Review,
IMF
- 10:15-11:00 4. Discussion

Session 1B: Mainstreaming participation

Chaired by Tamar Manuelyan Atinc, Sector Director, East Asia,
World Bank

Session coordinator: Carolyn Turk, Senior Poverty Specialist, East
Asia, World Bank

- 9:30-9:45 1. *Stakeholder engagement in the elaboration of plans*
- Kikeo Chanthabouly, Deputy Director, Department of Planning,
Committee for Planning and Investment (CPI), Lao PDR
- 9:45-10:00 2. *The role of participation in the development of regional PRSs in Indonesia*
- Putu Agung Wahyuda, Section Head for P3HM, Animal Husbandry
Office of Kabupaten Bulukumba, Sulawesi Selatan, Indonesia
- 10:00-10:10 3. *The role of civil society in monitoring and evaluating PRSP/plan Results*
- Bill Tod, Regional MDG/PRS Adviser, SNV
- 10:10-10:20 4. *The role of civil society and Parliaments in monitoring and evaluating PRSP/plan results in Cambodia*
- NGO Forum, Cambodia
- 10:20-11:00 5. Discussion

11:00-11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30-13:00 Session 2-- Poverty focus—parallel sessions

Session 2A: Identifying pro-poor policies and expenditures

Chaired by Paul Walters, Senior Economic Adviser, DfID
Session coordinator: Kathy Macpherson, Consultant, East Asia,
World Bank and Mr. Jehan Arulpragasam, Senior Economist, World
Bank

- 11:30-11:45 1. *Policy choices for growth and poverty reduction – a long-term
Perspective: The Chinese experience*
- Xu Lin, Deputy Director General, Development Planning
Department, National Development and Reforming Commission
(NDRC), People’s Republic of China
- 11:45-12:00 2. *Identification of pro-poor policies in national plans/PRSPs—the role
of diagnostics and participation*
- Widjajanti Isdijoso, Senior Researcher, SMERU Research Institute,
Indonesia
- 12:00-12:15 3. *Analyzing policy alternatives – from priorities to policies: The Child
Transfer Program in Mongolia*
- Chilkhaajav Dagvadorj, Director General, Social Security Policy and
Coordination Department, Ministry of Social Welfare and Labor,
Mongolia
- 12:15-13:00 4. Discussion

Session 2B: Poverty focus in plans, sector strategies and budgets

Chaired by Elliott Harris, Advisor, Policy Development and Review
Department, IMF

Session coordinator: Elliott Harris, Advisor, Policy Development
and Review Department, IMF

- 11:30-11:45 1. *Elaborating a poverty-focused national plan*
- Phonsaly Souksavat, Deputy Director, National Statistics Center,
Committee for Planning and Investment (CPI), Lao PDR
- 11:45-12:00 2. *Elaboration and implementation of a poverty-focused sector strategy
(Education in Cambodia)*
- H.E. Dr. Pok Than, Secretary of State, Ministry of Education, Youth
and Sports, Cambodia
- 12:00-12:15 3. *Ensuring consistency between plans, sector strategies and budgets*
- Mme. Tran Thi Thanh Tran, Division Head, General Economic
Issues Dept., Ministry of Planning and Investment, Vietnam
- 12:15-13:00 4. Discussion

- 13:00-14:30** *Lunchtime Talk—Monitoring and reporting results: Thailand’s experience*
Somchai Jitsuchon, Research Director, Thailand Development
Research Institute, Thailand

14:30-16:00 Session 3— Results orientation—parallel sessions

Session 3A: Establishing targets and indicators—customizing the MDGs
Chaired by Finn Reske-Nielsen, UNDP Resident Representative,
Lao PDR
Session coordinator: Linda Van Gelder, Lead Economist, Poverty
Reduction and Economic Management Network, World Bank

- 14:30-14:45 1. *Framing development goals, choosing indicators and setting targets in the PRS/Plan: Customizing the MDGs in Mongolia*
- Jamba Jargalsaikhan, Deputy Director General, General Economic Policy Department, Ministry of Finance, Mongolia
- 14:45-15:00 2. *Localizing the MDGs: using the MDGs in sub-national planning*
- Omar Noman, Chief, Policy and Programmes and Director of the MDG Programme, Colombo Regional Centre, UNDP
- 15:00-15:15 3. *Linking objectives and targets to public policies in Timor-Leste*
- H.E. Francisco de Sa Benevides, Vice Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Timor-Leste
- 15:15-16:00 4. Discussion

Session 3B: Monitoring and evaluation systems, Chaired by Nisha Agrawal,
Cambodia Country Manager, World Bank
Session coordinator: Tim Conway, Poverty Specialist, East Asia,
World Bank

- 14:30-14:40 1. *Principles of good monitoring and evaluation*
- Sharad Bhandari, Senior Economist, ADB
- 14:40-14:50 2. *The role of statistical master plans in Cambodia*
- 14:50-15:05 3. *Collecting and using administrative data to monitor program Implementation – The Health Sector in Timor-Leste*
- H.E. Francisco de Sa Benevides, Vice Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Timor-Leste
- 15:05-15:20 4. *How evaluation can strengthen program design and improved results*
- *Unconditional Cash Transfer program in Indonesia*
- Vivi Yulaswati, Head of Directorate for Program Development for Poverty Reduction, National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS), Indonesia
- 15:20-16:00 5. Discussion

16:00-16:30 *Coffee break*

16:30-18:00 Session 4—Alignment of aid, aid cycles and reporting—parallel sessions

Session 4A: Aligning assistance strategies to country priorities

Chaired by Kazi Mahbub-Al Matin, Lead Economist, East Asia, World Bank

Session coordinator: Vera Wilhelm, Senior Economist, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, World Bank

- 16:30-16:40 1. *Donor alignment around PRSPs in Lao PDR*
Dr. Bountheuane Mounlasy, Director General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lao PDR
- 16:40-16:50 2. *Donor alignment around national plans in Vietnam*
- H.E. Cao Viet Sinh, Vice Minister, Ministry of Planning and Investment
- 16:50-17:05 3. *Collaborative Country Assistance Strategies (Cambodia)*
- 17:05-17:20 4. *Aligning donor assistance behind country sector priorities (Education Sector SWAP in Vietnam)*. Mr. Truong Thanh Hai, Ministry of Education and Training
- 17:20-18:00 5. Discussion

Session 4B: Aligning aid cycles and reporting to country timetables

Chaired by Laurie Dunn, Counsellor, AusAid

Session coordinator: Jan Walliser, Senior Economist, Operations Policy and Country Services, World Bank

- 16:30-16:45 1. *Aligning PRS reporting with domestic reporting processes*
- H.E. Francisco de Sa Benevides, Vice Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Timor-Leste
- 16:45-17:00 2. *Aligning external reviews and disbursements with the budget cycle (Cambodia CG framework)*
- 17:00-17:15 3. *Challenges for the predictability of budget support arising from weak performance and donor conditionality*
- Jan Walliser, Senior Economist, Operations Policy and Country Services, World Bank
- 17:15-18:00 4. Discussion

April 6, Establishing Principles for Moving Forward

- 8:30-9:00** *Summary of first day discussions and objectives for the day*
- Elements of an effective Poverty-Reduction Strategy*
- Rosa Alonso, Regional Advisor for Poverty Reduction Strategies, East Asia, World Bank
- 9:00-10:30** *Session 1 – Participation & transparency*
 Chaired by Tamar Manuelyan Atinc, Sector Director, East Asia, World Bank
- 9:00-9:10 *Presentation* by Khamlien Pholsena, Director General, Department of Planning Committee for Planning and Investment (CPI), Lao PDR
- 9:10-9:20 *Presentation* by Batkhurel Galsandorj, Senior Specialist, Macro Policy Department, Ministry of Finance, Mongolia
- 9:20-9:25 *Comments* by Jeremy Carter, Advisor, Asia and Pacific Department, IMF
- 9:25-9:30 *Comments* by Richard Ondrik, Senior Project Implementation Specialist, ADB
- 9:30-10:30 Discussion
- 10:30-11:00** *Coffee break*
- 11:00-12:30** *Session 2 – Poverty focus*
 Chaired by Shiladitya Chatterjee, Head of the Poverty Unit, Regional and Sustainable Development Department, ADB
- 11:00-11:10 *Presentation* by Dinh Thi Chinh, Division Head, General Economic Issues Department, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Vietnam (to be confirmed)
- 11:10-11:20 *Presentation* by Bambang Widiyanto, Deputy Minister for Poverty, Labour and SMEs, National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS), Indonesia
- 11:20-11:25 *Comments* by Omar Noman, Chief, Policy and Programmes and Director of the MDG Programme, Colombo Regional Centre, UNDP
- 11:25-11:30 *Comments* by Mr. Yasuhisa Ojima, Representative, Hanoi Representative Office, JBIC
- 11:30-12:30 Discussion
- 12:30-14:00** *Lunch break*
- 14:00-15:30** *Session 3 – Results orientation*
 Chaired by Omar Noman, Chief, Policy and Programmes and Director of the MDG Programme, Colombo Regional Centre, UNDP
- 14:00-14:10 *Presentation* by Cambodia
- 14:10-14:20 *Presentation* by H.E. Francisco de Sa Benevides, Vice Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Timor-Leste
- 14:20-14:25 *Comments* by Laurie Dunn, Counsellor, AusAid, Vietnam
- 14:25-15:30 Discussion
- 15:30-16:00** *Coffee break*

16:00-17:30 *Session 4 – Alignment of aid, aid cycles and reporting*
 Chaired by Homi Kharas, Chief Economist and Sector Director, East
 Asia, World Bank

16:00-16:10 *Presentation* by Andrew Jacobs, Counsellor and Head of Operations, EC

16:10-16:20 *Presentation* by Paul Walters, Senior Economic Adviser, DFID

16:20-16:50 *Comments* by country delegations

16:50-17:30 Discussion

17:30-17:50 *Closing – Moving Forward*

- Omar Noman, Chief, Policy and Programmes and Director of the MDG Programme, Colombo Regional Centre, UNDP
- Shiladitya Chatterjee, Head of the Poverty Unit, Regional and Sustainable Development Department, ADB
- Elliott Harris, Advisor, Policy Development and Review Department, IMF
- Homi Kharas, Chief Economist and Sector Director, East Asia, World Bank

17:50-18:00 *Closing Remarks*

- H.E. Mr. Liane Thykeo, Vice President of the Committee for Planning and Investment (CPI), Lao PDR