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
- 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

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

Climate Change Office

Universities
Private sectors
International Organizations

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
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
- 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