

**Third Voluntary National Review
of SDGs Implementation of the Lao PDR
At Sustainable Development Transformation
Forum**

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1. Benefits of VNR process



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ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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Why VNRs?

- Monitoring and Review;
- Sharing Experiences;
- Strengthening Policies and Institutions;
- Mobilizing Multi-Stakeholder Support;
- Improving Evidence and Data.

| 1 st VNR (2018) | 2 nd VNR (2021) |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Localization process - Descriptive report - No formal agreement on indicators | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trend Analysis - In-depth Analysis of selected Nine priorities goals <div data-bbox="1166 411 2328 529" style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">          </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Formal agreement on SDG indicators and integration - Available baseline and updated data for majority of indicators - National Strategy priorities for SDG achievements |

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 Through Stakeholder Engagement and Consultation



2. Development Process of the 3rd VNR of the Lao PDR



National Steering Committee Meeting



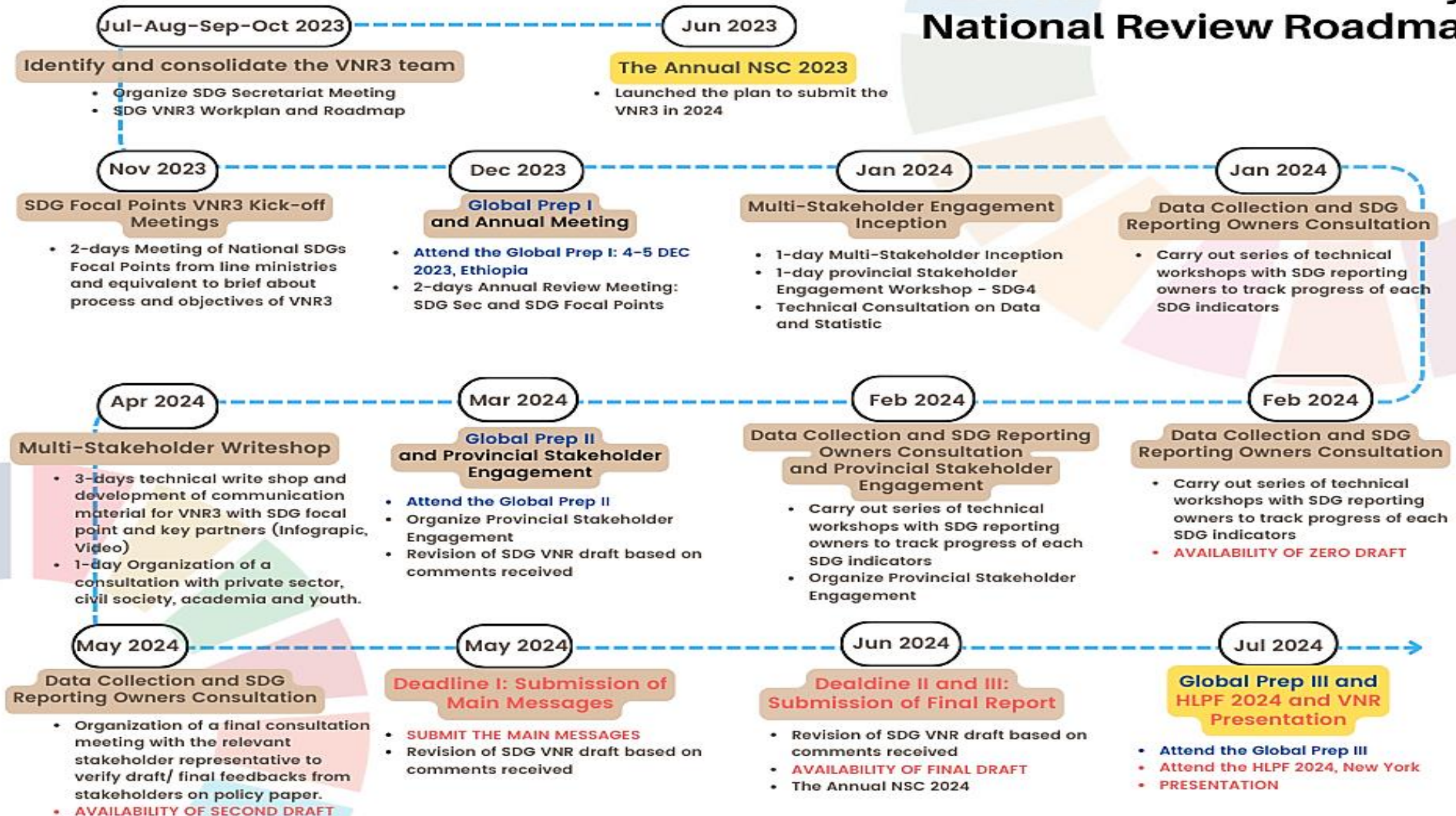
Third VNR Kick-Off Meeting



SDG Focal Point Annual Meeting



Lao PDR's 3rd Voluntary National Review Roadmap



Multi-stakeholder Engagement, Consultation and Peer-to-Peer Exchange



National SDG Focal Points



Local government Relevant Sectors



UN Agencies and Development Partners



Civil Society Organizations and Non-Governmental Organizations



Private Sectors



Youth and Volunteer



Regional Conference and Global Workshops



ESCAP VNR Twining Program

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| No | 2. Key selected SDGs for VNR 3 | From VNR 2 | New addition for VNR 3 |
|----|---|------------|------------------------|
| 1 | SDG 1 – No Poverty | ✓ | |
| 2 | SDG 2 – Zero Hunger | ✓ | |
| 3 | SDG 3 – Good Health and Well-Being | ✓ | |
| 4 | SDG 4 – Quality Education | ✓ | |
| 5 | SDG 5 – Gender Equality | ✓ | |
| 6 | SDG 7 – Affordable and Clean Energy | | ✓ |
| 7 | SDG 8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth | ✓ | |
| 8 | SDG 9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure | | ✓ |
| 9 | SDG 13 – Climate Actions | ✓ | |
| 10 | SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals | ✓ | |
| 11 | SDG 18 – UXO and Mine Actions | ✓ | |

The 2024 High Level Political Forum (HLPF) will be held under the theme:

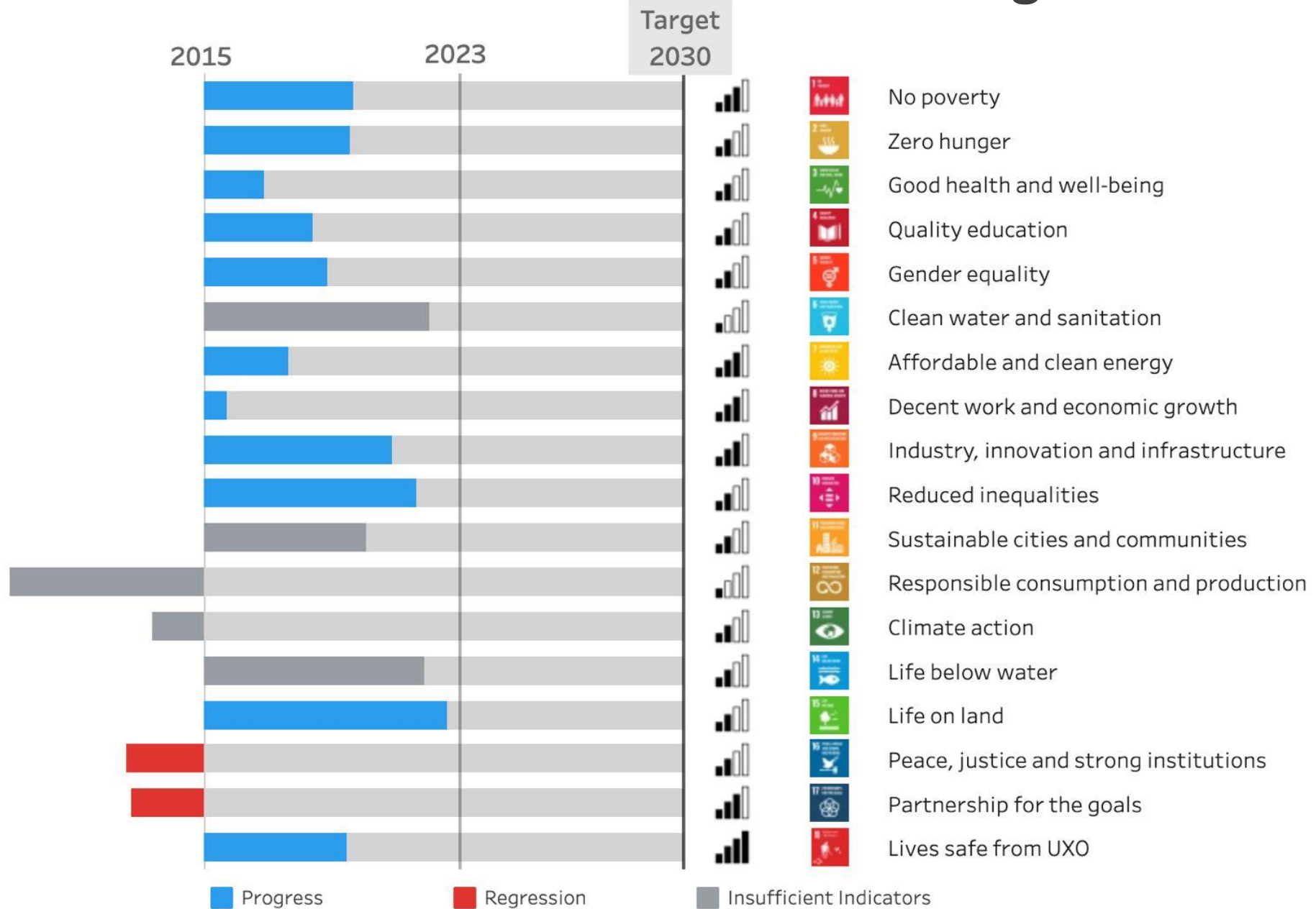
"Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions".

- It will carry out an in-dept review of:
- **SDG 1** (*no poverty*)
 - **SDG 2** (*zero hunger*)
 - **SDG 13** (*climate action*)
 - **SDG 16** (*peace, justice, and strong Institutions*)
 - **SDG 17** (*partnership for the goals*)

Cluster of 11 SDGs around six key transitions for accelerating the achievement of the SDGs by the UN Secretary General

| Six key transitions | Relevant selected key SDGs | Key SDG Reporting Owners working with the nation SDG secretariat to organise relevant consultations |
|---|--|---|
| 1. Energy | 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy) | Ministry of Energy and Mine |
| 2. Biodiversity and Nature | 13 (Climate Actions) | Ministry of Natural Resource and Environment |
| 3. Education | 4 (Quality Education) | Ministry of Education and Sports |
| 4. Social Protection and Jobs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 (No Poverty) • 2 (Zero Hunger) • 3 (Good Health and Well-Being) • 5 (Gender Equality) • 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth) • 18 (UXO and Mine Actions) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry • Ministry of Health • Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare • Ministry of Foreign Affairs • Lao Women's Union |
| 5. Food Systems | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 (No Poverty) • 2 (Zero Hunger) • 3 (Good health and Well-Being) • 13 (Climate Actions) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry • Ministry of Health • Ministry of Natural Resource and Environment |
| 6. Digital Public Infrastructure | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure) • 17 (Partnerships for the Goals) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Industry and Commerce • Ministry of Planning and Investment |

The Lao PDR's VNR3: SDG Progress



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Overall, none of the 18 SDGs have met the mid-points (2023) of the SDG national targets, indicating that there is a need for greater work to be done across all areas of sustainable development.

| Progressing Goals | Regressing Goals | Insufficient Indicators |
|---|---|---|
| <p>Eleventh SDGs SDG 1, SDG 2, SDG 3, SDG 4, SDG 5, SDG 7, SDG 8, SDG 9, SDG 10, SDG 15 and SDG 18</p> <p>Good Performers</p> <div data-bbox="257 1158 448 1342"> </div> <div data-bbox="461 1158 652 1342"> </div> | <p>Two SDGs SDG 16, and SDG 17</p> | <p>Five SDGs SDG 6, SDG 11, SDG 12, SDG 13, SDG 14</p> |

18 LIVES SAFE FROM UXO

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INFORMATION AND SURVEYS

Risk education



UXO awareness
4,229 villages

UXO Survey



Non-Technical
2,867 villages
(2011-2023)

Technical
1,877 villages
(2010-2023)

Land affected by cluster bombs



199,583
hectares

CLEARANCE RELATED ACTIVITIES



UXO cleared
1.9 million
device



Safe Agriculture Land
68,284 hectares

VICTIM ASSISTANCE



% **unable to earn** sufficient income with access to basic security, **Decreased**

95.84% 2015 → **Decreased** → **93.72%** 2023

% **mainstreamed** into health, education and employment services

11.93% 2015 → **Increased** → **21.26%** 2023

WAYS FORWARD

THE GOVERNMENT OF LAO PDR IS PRIORITIZING THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS AND STRATEGIES:

- **Strengthening national capacity for coordination and efficiency.**
- **Ensuring the quality of operational data in the national database** - to enable proper data analysis and a more robust evidence-based reporting.
- **Developing management policy and procedures** - to "main-stream" UXO survivors into health, education, and employment services.
- **Assisting line Ministries to take into account the impact of UXO in their planning and budgeting.**
- **Developing a comprehensive resource mobilization and fund-raising strategy** - expanding beyond traditional donors.
- **Continuing to strengthen the capacity of the Lao Army in humanitarian mine action.**
- **Identifying and promoting emerging technologies** - to improve the performance and efficiency of operations.



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The Lao PDR's 3rd VNR: Keys Implication



Data Quality



**Challenges in Progress –
Bridge the Gap**



**Monitoring and
Evaluation**

The Lao PDR's 3rd VNR: Main Message

- **Strong commitment and national's ownership**
- **The Lao PDR has made some progress in SDG**, but many are lacked behind and face numerous challenges and obstacles
- **Enhance effort and focus to accelerate action and address those regressing SDGs** - targeted interventions and investments will be crucial to get the country back on track to achieve the SDGs by 2030
- **Greater prioritization and more comprehensive localization are needed** - align with the national planning, LDC graduation and coherence with the current development trajectory of the country

The Lao PDR's 3rd VNR: Main Message

- **Strengthen capacity building and resilience** in addressing challenges and overcome obstacles that hinder national development path
- **Putting people and community at the center** of sustainable development
- **Partnership for the Goals** – Whole of Government and Whole of Society
- **Financing for Development** - Financial resources, technical expertise, knowledge sharing and capacity building

3. Role of inclusive and solid data in VNR Process

- Periodic Data, VNR 3 coincided with Lao Social Indicator Survey III-2023 and released in March 2024 (LSB)
- Data from Line Ministries
- Regional Cooperation with UNESCAP
- SDGs Data Collections and Technical Cooperation on Statistic
- SDG Tracker:
<https://dashboards.sdgindex.org/profiles/lao-pdr>
- Other cooperation: twinning programme with Azerbaijan

4. Trends observed in 2024 VNR

- . G77 and China:
- . ASEAN:
- . LDCs:
- . Development Partners:

. Way forwards of VNR:

. Summit of the Future:



Thank You