### Climate Change Policy of Lao PDR

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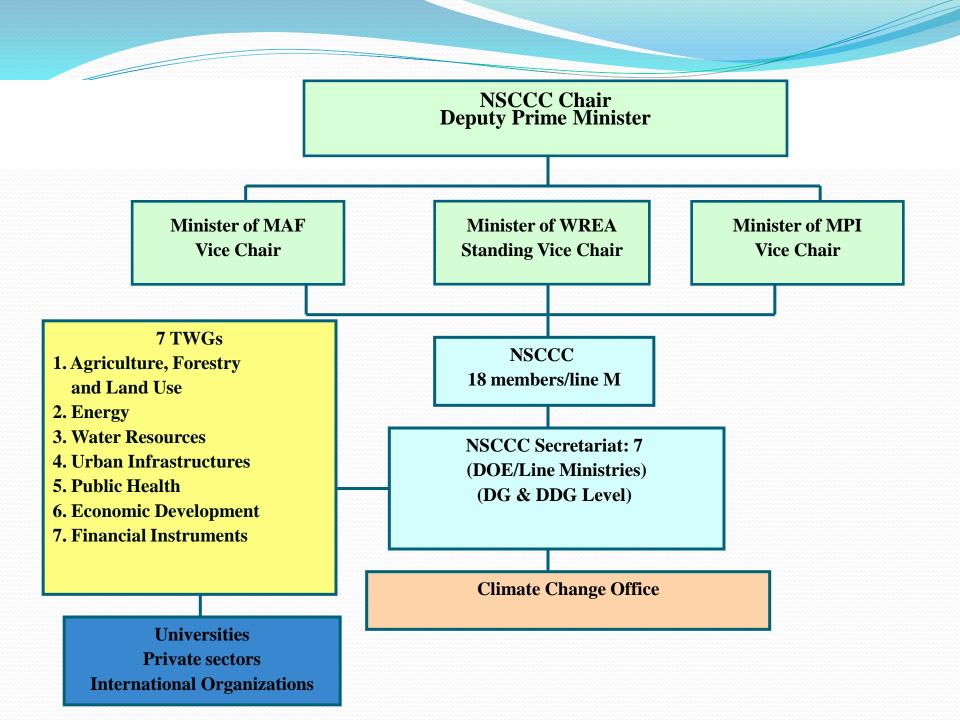
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### Objective of this Presentation

- 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
- Lao PDR ratified the UNFCCC 1995 and the Kyoto Protocol 2003.
- 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



# 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
- Urban Planning Law 1999.
- 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

