



EU-UNDP-MoFA HUMAN RIGHTS SEMINAR

Follow up to the Universal Periodic Review of Lao PDR

Don Chan Palace, 16 February 2011

Vientiane, Lao PDR

The workshop on the implementation of UPR recommendations in Laos was organised jointly by the EU, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lao PDR, UNDP and the International Law Project on 16 February 2011 in Vientiane. It gathered over 100 participants representing various line ministries, international organisations, development partners and civil society.

AGENDA

- 8.30 Arrival and registration
- 9.00-9.30 ***Opening remarks by Co-Chairs***
- **H.E. Mr. Alounkeo Kittikhoun**, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs
 - **Mr Rolf Timans**, Head of Unit, European External Action Service, Unit Human Rights
 - **Ms Kyoko Yokosuka**, Resident Representative a.i., UNDP Laos
- 9.30-10.15 ***The UPR Recommendations to the Lao PDR: Main issues***
- **H.E Mr. Yong Chanthalansy**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Lao PDR to the United Nations Offices in Geneva
 - **Questions and answers/discussion**
- 10.15-10.30 ***Coffee break***
- 10.30-11.15 ***Next steps towards the national Implementation of the UPR Recommendations***
- **Mme Viengvone Kittavong**, Acting Director General, Dept of Treaties and Law, MoFA; Executive, International Law Project
 - **Questions and answers/discussion**

- 11.15-12.00 ***European Lessons on the implementation of UPR***
- **Mr Rolf Timans**, Head of Unit, European External Action Service, Unit Human Rights
 - **Questions and answers/discussion**
- 12.00-13.00 ***Lunch***
- 13.00-13.45 ***Regional Trends in the Implementation of the UPR Recommendations: Perspectives of the Office of the Commission on Human Rights (OHCHR)***
- **Mr. Homayoun Alizadeh**, Regional Representative, OHCHR Bangkok
 - **Questions and answers/discussion**
- 13.45-14.30 ***International Best Practice for UPR Recommendations Implementation***
- **Prof. Sam Blay**, Senior Technical Advisor, International law Project
 - **Questions and answers/discussion**
- 14.30-15.15 ***Resource implications for the Lao PDR of the Implementation of the UPR Recommendations***
- **Mr. Vongvilai Thiphalangsy**, Acting Director, Human Rights Division, Department of treaties and Law, MoFA
 - **Questions and answers/discussion**
- 15.15-15.30 ***Coffee break***
- 15.30-16.15 ***Human Rights, Governance and the 7th NSDP: Implications of the UPR Implementation Process***
- **Mr. Dirk Wagener**, Assistant Resident Representative, Chief of Governance Unit, UNDP Lao PDR
 - **Questions and answers/discussion**
- 16.15 ***Concluding remarks by Co-Chairs***
- 16.30 ***Close of seminar***
- 17.00-18:30 ***Seminar Reception*** (Don Chan Palace Ground Floor)

Coordinators:

- Mr Stefan Lock, Head of Cooperation Section, EU Delegation in Lao PDR
- Ms Ulla Olsson, Desk Officer for Laos, External Action Service of the European Union
- Dr Gosia Gorska, Desk Officer for Human Rights in South-East Asia, External Action Service of the European Union