



EU-UNDP-MoFA HUMAN RIGHTS SEMINAR

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

PROGRAMME

8.30 Arrival and registration

9.00 ***Opening remarks by Co-Chairs***

- **H.E. Mr Alounkeo Kittikhoun**, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs of Laos
- **Mr Rolf Timans**, Head of Human Rights Unit, External Action Service of the European Union
- **Ms Kyoko Yokosuka**, Resident Representative a.i., UNDP Laos

9.30 ***The UPR Recommendations to the Lao PDR: Main issues***

- **H.E. Yong Chanthalsy**, Lao PDR Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Geneva
- Questions and answers

10.15 ***Coffee break***

10.30 ***Next steps towards the national implementation of the UPR Recommendations***

- **Ms Viengvone Kittavon**, Acting Director General, Dept of Treaties and Law, MoFA; Executive, International Law Project
- Questions and answers

11.15 ***European Lessons on the implementation of UPR Recommendations***

- **Rolf Timans**, Head of Human Rights Unit, External Action Service of the European Union
- Questions and answers

12.00 **Lunch**

13.00 ***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

13.45: ***International best practice for UPR Recommendations implementation***

- **Professor Sam Blay**, Senior Technical Advisor, International law Project
- Questions and answers

14.30 ***Resource implications for the Lao PDR of the implementation of the UPR Recommendations***

- **Mr Vonvilai Chanthalansy**, Acting Director, Human Rights Division, MoFA
- Questions and answers

15.15 **Coffee break**

15.30 ***Human rights, governance and the 7th NSDP: implications of the UPR implementation process***

- **Mr Dirk Wagaener**, Assistant Resident Representative, Chief of Governance Unit, UNDP Laos
- Questions and answers

16.15 ***Concluding remarks by Co-Chairs***

16.30 ***Close of seminar***

17.00 ***Seminar Reception***

Coordinators:

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