



2024 TIMOR-LESTE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS MEETING CONCEPT NOTE

A TIME FOR ACTION: IX CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT FIVE YEARS PLAN

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17 May 2024 & Sector Meetings (15 and 16 May)

Background

The Government and Timor-Leste's Development Partners have engaged in the tradition of an annual high-level dialogue to share important updates, communicate priorities, and promote upcoming activities that are relevant to Timor-Leste's ongoing development.

This year's TLDPM will provide the opportunity for the IX Constitutional Government to set the tone and provide a clear vision and direction for the Government's remaining mandate. It is time to move on to the third phase of the National Strategic Development Plan (SDP). To do so, the IX Constitutional Government will embark on a campaign to reduce poverty by 10% in the next five years. This will be achieved through: (i) diversifying the economy to increase Private Sector growth by 10% annually; (ii) maintaining inflation below 4%; and (iii) increasing GDP by 5% annually. These ambitious goals will only be achieved through collaborative partnerships that enable private sector-driven economic growth and development.

Objectives

The primary objectives of this year's TLDPM will be to:

- (i) clearly convey the *priorities* and *sequencing* of the IX Constitutional Government program,
- (ii) identify areas most suitable for development partner support,
- (iii) demonstrate strong Government leadership, and
- (iv) exchange views with development partners on how to achieve next five years' goals.

Structure

This year's TLDPM will consist of two main components: (i) SDP Pillar Sector Coordination Meetings and (ii) Plenary group discussion on the Government's plan moving forward. In effect, the sector meetings will provide a forum for technical discussions on each sector's prioritized and sequenced way forward; meanwhile the plenary session will lay out the whole of Government's vision on how to achieve the ambitious goals set out in the IX Constitutional Government's Program.

Day 1 Coordination (15 May)	Day 2 Coordination (16 May)	Day 3 (17 May)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Social Development Sector- Economic Development Sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Infrastructure Development Sector- Institutional Development Sector	TLDPM Plenary

I. SDP Pillar Sector Coordination Meetings

The SDP Pillar Sector Meetings, taking place on **Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 of May**, will provide a forum for dialogue on how the overall vision set forth in the IX Constitutional Government Plan will be achieved as it relates to each SDP sector. In other words, each **sector** will provide a prioritized and sequenced approach to its work in the next coming years, in addition to highlighting areas of required support.

The four Strategic Development Plan Pillars are wide-ranging, requiring the cooperation and coordination of several government agencies. The lead agency assigned to present will consult with relevant counterparts within Government to:



1. Provide a snapshot of the current status of their respective sector including successes and remaining challenges (*baseline*)
2. Outline the major sector priorities and sequencing (*way forward*)
3. Highlight areas that require additional support from development partners (potential areas for collaboration and support)
4. Provide a proposed schedule for ongoing Sector Coordination

These sessions are meant to act as a technical/mid-level policy planning session to better understand how the lead sectors aim to implement the high-level proposals and how development partners can best support those plans moving forward.

Participants

The participants for the SDP Pillar Sector Coordination meetings will be different from the plenary session insofar as these meetings should be treated as technical in nature. Each session will be led by the appropriate Sector Coordinator who will be supported by relevant Director Generals. Each Development Partner agency is encouraged to nominate two relevant representatives to contribute to the discussion.

~ TENTATIVE AGENDA ~

Day 1. SECTOR MEETINGS (PM 15 May 2024)	
Social Development Sector ~Led by Vice-Prime Minister, Coordinating Minister for Social Affairs and Minister of Rural Development and Community Housing, <i>H.E. Mariano Assanami Sabino</i>	
13:30–13:40	Social Sector Opening Remarks
13:40–14:40	Social Sector Priorities, Challenges, and Opportunities
14:40–15:25	Q&A
15:25–15:30	Closing remarks
15:30 15:45	Coffee Break
Economic Development Sector ~Led by Vice-Prime Minister and Minister Coordinator for Economic Affairs and Minister of Tourism, <i>H.E. Francisco Kalbuadi Lay</i>	
15:45 15:55	Economic Sector Opening Remarks
15:55 16:55	Economic Sector Priorities, Challenges, and Opportunities
16:55 17:40	Q&A
17:40 17:45	Closing

Day 2. SECTOR MEETINGS (AM 16 May 2024)	
Infrastructure Development Sector ~led by Minister of Planning and Strategic Investment, <i>H.E. Gastão Francisco de Sousa</i>	
08:00 – 08:10	Infrastructure Sector Opening Remarks
08:10 – 09:10	Infrastructure Sector Priorities, Challenges, and Opportunities
09:10 – 09:55	Q&A
09:55 – 10:00	Closing remarks
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee Break
Institutional Development Sector ~Led by Minister of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, <i>H.E. Agio Pereira</i>	
10:15 – 10:25	Institutional Sector Opening Remarks
10:25 – 11:25	Institutional Sector Priorities, Challenges, and Opportunities
11:25 – 12:10	Q&A
12:10 – 12:15	Closing



II. Plenary Session

The plenary session, taking place on **Friday 17 of May**, will bring together all development partner high-level representatives with Government representatives and other development partner stakeholders to discuss the overall vision of the IX Constitutional Government. The primary topic of discussion will be the overall vision of the IX Constitutional Government, focusing on the priorities and intended sequencing over the course of the remaining mandate. The second half of the TLDPM will allow for updates from the coordinating Ministries discussions and from our development partners. The event will conclude following a space for open discussion. In short, the TLDPM will provide a clear political vision for the country and will create a forum to exchange views and dialogue on that vision.

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Day 3. Plenary Session (17 May 2024)	
08:00 – 08:30	Participants' Arrival and Registration
08:30 – 08:45	Call to Order and National Anthem
08:45 – 08:50	Traditional Dance
08:50 – 09:00	Welcoming Remarks , H.E. Santana J.R.F. Viegas Cardoso, Minister of Finance (Co-chair)
09:00 – 09:30	Keynote Address “IX Constitutional Government Five Years Plan” <ul style="list-style-type: none">H.E. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste
09:30 – 09:50	Photo Session for Heads of Delegation & Coffee Break
09:50 – 10:10	Brief Update from Coordinating Ministers (5 minutes each)
10:10 – 10:50	Development Partner's Statements/Tour de Table (2 minutes each)
10:50 – 12:10	Q & A (chaired by: H.E. Bendito dos Santos Freitas, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation)
12:10 - 12:15	Closing Remarks , by H.E. Bendito dos Santos Freitas, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation
12:15	Lunch

Participants

Relevant Government Members
National Parliament Representatives
Development Partners Representatives (2 maximum per agency)
Private Sector Representatives
Civil Society Organizations Representatives
Academia Representatives
Presidente Autoridade Municipio, Dili