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Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

CONS-O-1

Number and size of information events organized on the subject of desertification, land degradation and drought (DLDD) and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity, and audience reached by media addressing DLDD and DLDD synergies

Global target

Percentage of population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

30 %

2018

National contribution to the global target

Percentage of national population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

20

2011

2013

2015

2017

2019

Voluntary national target

Percentage of national population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

%

20

Year

2013

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Information events

Year	Number of events	Total estimated participants
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	25	1500
2013	25	1500
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Mass media articles and radio/television programmes about these events

Year	Number	Estimated people reached
2012	600	900000
2013	800	1100000
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF)

Department of Forestry (DOF)

National Agricultural and Forestry research Institute (NAFRI)

Department of Agricultural Land Management (DALaM)

Department of Agriculture (DoA)

Department of Agriculture - Forestry Extension and Cooperative (DAEC)

National Television of Lao

National radio of Lao

Faculty of Forestry (National University of Lao)

Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI)

Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

Ministry of Education (MoE)

Qualitative assessment

Does your country have a national communication strategy addressing DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity in place? Yes No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., regarding the implementation of the Comprehensive Communication Strategy, activities relating to the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight Against Desertification, etc.):

Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

CONS-O-3

Number of civil society organizations (CSOs) and science and technology institutions (STIs) participating in the Convention processes

Global target

A steady growth in the participation of CSOs and STIs in the Convention processes is recorded along the implementation period of The Strategy.

National contribution to global target: number of CSOs and STIs involved in DLDD-related programmes/projects

Year	Number of civil society organizations	Number of science and technology institutions
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	8	3
2013	9	4
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information: name of the CSOs and STIs

National Agricultural and Forestry Research Institute (NAFRI) (MAF)
Department of Agricultural Land Management (DALaM) (MAF)
Department of Forestry (DOF) (MAF)
Department of Management of Forest resources (MONRE)
Department of Agriculture (DOA) (MAF)
Department of Agricultural-Forestry Extension and Cooperatives (MAF)
Department of Land Management (MONRE)
Department of Land Use Planning (MONRE)
Faculty of Forestry (NUOL)
Faculty of agriculture (NUOL)
International Water Management Institute South East Asia Regional Office (IWMI-SEA)
Institut de Recherche pour le Developpement (IRD du Laos)
Centro Internacional de Agricultural Tropical (CIAT)
Agrisud
Centre de Coopération Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement (CIRAD)
Sustainable Agriculture and Environment Development Agency (SAEDA)
Gender Development Association (GDA)
Lao Biodiversity Association (LBA)

Voluntary national target

Percent increase in the number of CSOs and STIs participating in the Convention process at national level, per biennium

%

13

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

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Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

Qualitative assessment

Is your country undertaking initiatives to increase the participation of CSOs and STIs in DLDD-related programmes and projects? Yes No

Provide a short description of actions taken at the national level to promote participation by CSOs and STIs in the Convention processes.

Giving opportunities to CSOs and STIs in participation, investment on forest rehabilitation, conservation agriculture, agroforestry, innovative participatory land use planning, and other land uses that help in combatting DLDD and synergies with biodiversity, climate resilience, adaptation and mitigation.

Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

CONS-O-4

Number and type of DLDD-related initiatives of civil society organizations (CSOs) and science and technology institutions (STIs) in the field of education

Global target

A steady growth in the number of DLDD-related education initiatives undertaken by CSOs and STIs is recorded along the implementation period of The Strategy

National contribution to the global target: number of DLDD-related initiatives implemented by CSOs and STIs in the field of education

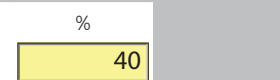
Year	Number of CSOs initiatives	Number of STIs initiatives
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	10	
2013	14	
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information

Faculty of Forestry (NUOL)
Faculty of Agriculture (NUOL)
National Agricultural and Forestry Research Institute (NAFRI)
Department of Agricultural-Forestry and Cooperatives
UNDP representative in Lao PDR
FAO representative in Lao PDR
Care
Village Focus International

Voluntary national target

Percent increase in the number of DLDD-related education initiatives undertaken by CSOs and STIs, per biennium



Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

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Qualitative assessment

Is your country undertaking initiatives to increase the number of DLDD-related initiatives in the education sector implemented by CSOs and STIs?

Yes No

Provide a short description of actions taken at the national level to increase the number of DLDD-related initiatives of CSOs and STIs in the field of education.

NAP alignment process, CSOs co-chairing government sub-sector working groups, CSOs and STIs engaged in projects by Ministries, CSO/STI involvement with National Assembly

CONS-0-5 Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities to have finalized the formulation/revision of national, subregional and regional action programmes (NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs) aligned to The Strategy, taking into account biophysical and socio-economic information, national planning and policies, and integration into investment frameworks

Global target Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities that have formulated/ revised a NAP/SRAP/RAP aligned to The Strategy **≥ 80 %** **2018**

National contribution to the global target

Does your country have a NAP aligned to the Strategy? Yes No

Qualitative assessment

Is your NAP being implemented? Yes No

Please answer the following two questions only if your country has not aligned the NAP to the Strategy

Voluntary national target

When do you plan to align your NAP to the Strategy? 2014-2015
 2016-2017
 2018-2019
 No Plan Yet

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Qualitative assessment

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., national circumstances affecting the NAP alignment and implementation process)

NAP was developed in 2000 and our country has applied for the NAP alignment support fund from GEF through UNEP umbrella project and received small-scale fund in 2013 the current status is that the NAP is being aligned but yet adopted. It is expected to be adopted at the end of 2014

Sources of information

- National Focal Point
- Department of Agricultural Land Management
- Faculty of Forestry (NUOL)
- National Agricultural and Forestry research Institute

CONS-O-7

Number of initiatives for synergistic planning/programming of the three Rio conventions or mechanisms for joint implementation, at all levels

Global target

Each affected country Party has either one joint national plan in place or functional mechanism(s) to ensure synergies among the three Rio conventions

2014

National contribution to the global target

Was your country implementing joint planning/programming initiatives for the three Rio conventions in the current reporting period?

Yes

Yes, but for only two of the Rio conventions

No

Were there any operational mechanisms that facilitated joint implementation of the three Rio Conventions during the current reporting period?

Yes

Yes, but for only two of the Rio conventions

No

Please answer the following questions if your country has such initiatives or mechanisms in place

Qualitative assessment

If your country has initiatives for synergistic planning/programming of the three Rio conventions, specify the type of joint initiative(s):

Evaluation of national plans and identification of gaps in synergies

Identification of national sectors and policies that could benefit from synergies and cooperation

Review of national policies to enhance cooperation and synergies

Enhancement of the institutional and scientific capacities and awareness of relevant stakeholders

Other (please describe below):

Resource Mobilisation improvement from climate change funds to support synergistic implementation of the three Rio conventions

Qualitative assessment

If your country has mechanisms for joint implementation, specify the type of mechanism(s):

Regular meetings between focal points and focal point teams of the Rio conventions

A national coordinating committee for the implementation of the Rio conventions

National coordination on synergies in reporting under the Rio conventions

Other (please describe below):

Project support where Rio convention stakeholders are invited to attend meetings and planning sessions together, e.g. in EU funded project by The Global Mechanism of the UNCCD

Provide any complementary information as needed:

Sources of information

The Global Mechanism of the UNCCD

NAFRI

Department of Agricultural Land Management (DaLAM)

CONS-0-8 Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities to have established and supported a national/subregional/regional monitoring system for DLDD

Global target	Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that have established and supported national monitoring systems for DLDD	≥ 60 %	2018
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National contribution to the global target Is a monitoring system specifically dedicated to DLDD established in your country? Yes No

Please answer the following questions if your country has not established and supported national monitoring systems for DLDD by the end of the current reporting period

Voluntary national target When does your country plan to establish and support a national monitoring system for DLDD?

2014-2015	<input type="checkbox"/>
2016-2017	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2018-2019	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Plan Yet	<input type="checkbox"/>

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Sources of information

The Global Mechanism of the UNCCD
Department of Agricultural Land Management

Qualitative assessment

Does your country have a monitoring system partially covering DLDD? Yes No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., major difficulties experienced, how the system is being supported, etc.):

Data gathering and processing on DLDD needs strengthening by GEF funding

Knowledge-sharing systems

List any DLDD-relevant knowledge-sharing system in your country, providing an Internet link and estimated number of users per year (add as many rows as necessary).

Name of the system:	Click Laos
Internet link:	www.clicklaos.org
Estimated number of users per year:	500

Name of the system:	Coalition for Lao Information, Communication and Knowledge
Internet link:	www.lao44.org
Estimated number of users per year:	5000

Name of the system:	Conservation Agriculture in Lao PDR
Internet link:	WWW. Agriculture Conservation Au Laos-Youtube
Estimated number of users per year:	3500

Operational objective 3: Science, technology and knowledge

Name of the system:	National Information Sharing Mechanism on GPA Implementat
Internet link:	http://www.pgrfa.org/gpa/lao/advancedsearch.jsp?global
Estimated number of users per year:	500
Name of the system:	Lao Non-Timber Forest Products WIKI
Internet link:	http://202.123.179.229/lao-ntfpwiki/index.php/Main_Page
Estimated number of users per year:	1500
Name of the system:	Upland Farming policy
Internet link:	www.iwmi.cgiar.org/.../reshaping_upland_farming_policies
Estimated number of users per year:	500
Name of the system:	Management of Soil Erosion
Internet link:	http://www.msec3.net/portal/
Estimated number of users per year:	500
Name of the system:	The potential role of soil amendments in increasing agricult
Internet link:	www.sea.iwmi.cgiar.org/publications/
Estimated number of users per year:	500

Operational objective 3: Science, technology and knowledge

CONS-0-10

Number of revised NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs reflecting knowledge of DLDD drivers and their interactions, and of the interaction of DLDD with climate change and biodiversity

Global target

Percentage of revised NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs that have successfully gone through a quality self-assessment.

≥ 70 %

2018

CONS-O-13

Number of countries, subregional and regional reporting entities engaged in building capacity to combat DLDD on the basis of the National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) or other methodologies and instruments

Global target

Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that implement DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects

≥ 90 %

National contribution to the global target

Is your country implementing DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects on the basis of the NCSA?

Yes

No

Is your country implementing DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects on the basis of other methodologies and instruments to assess national capacity-building needs?

Yes

No

Provide any relevant information on the size, scope, effectiveness and status of the initiatives implemented, or other complementary information as needed

SDC ,and FAO-UNDP, are supporting land management, land use planning and agricultural biodiversity (climate resilience). SDC 15 year initiative. Global Mechanism of the UNCCD has a project funded by the EU on climate change financing capacity building for SLM and climate change project development. Many more such projects are needed, to have a large comprehensive DLDD programme to support these project based initiatives.

Sources of information

Department of Agricultural Land Management

The Global Mechanism of the UNCCD

Qualitative assessment

Has your country assessed DLDD-related capacity-building needs?

Yes

No

Did you country receive technical and/or financial assistance to build capacities to combat DLDD?

Yes

No

From which institutions and which type of assistance was provided?

Financial

Technical

UNCCD Secretariat

Global Mechanism

Global Environment Facility

Bilateral agencies

Other multilateral organizations

CONS-O-14

Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities whose investment frameworks, established within the integrated financing strategy (IFS) devised by the Global Mechanism (GM) or within other IFSs, reflect leveraging national, bilateral and multilateral resources to combat DLDD

Global target

Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that have developed integrated investment frameworks (IIFs)

≥ 50 %

2014

National contribution to the global target

Does your country have an integrated investment framework?

Yes

No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g. is the IIF based on the NAP; non-traditional and innovative financing targeted by the IIF; overview of the progress in implementing the IIF in your country; assistance received in the development or implementation of the IIF from the GM or other development partners, etc.)

The IFS could be a next step as an activity in Laos, now that the enabling policy and capacity framework has been built in Laos supported by The Global Mechanism of the UNCCD and the EU.

Sources of information

NAFRI

Please answer the following questions only if your country has not developed an IIF by the end of the reporting period

Voluntary national target

When does your country plan to establish an IIF?

2014-2015

2016-2017

2018-2019

No Plan Yet

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

CONS-O-16

Degree of adequacy, timeliness and predictability of financial resources made available by developed country Parties to combat DLDD

Rating of the bilateral assistance received for the implementation of the Convention and its Strategy during the reporting period

Adequacy of bilateral assistance received	Adequate	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly adequate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Not adequate	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Timeliness of bilateral assistance received	Timely	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly timely	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Not timely	<input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/>		
Predictability of bilateral assistance received	Predictable	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly predictable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Not predictable	<input type="checkbox"/>

Provide any complementary information (e.g., additional information on other aspects beyond those mentioned above which impact proper planning and effective implementation of the Convention in your country, etc.)

More coordination is needed from the GEF National Council for improved DLDD specific allocation of funds and climate resilient land management.

Qualitative assessment

Did your country receive assistance in raising resources from bilateral donors? Yes No

If yes, from whom?

The Global Mechanism of the UNCCD

CONS-0-18

Amount of financial resources and type of incentives which have enabled access to technology by affected country Parties

Global target

A steady growth in the financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology by affected country Parties is recorded along the implementation period of the Strategy

A steady growth in the number of economic and policy incentives reported upon is recorded along the implementation period of the Strategy

National contribution to the target: estimated amount of financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology

Year	Currency	Amount
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	USD - US Dollar	
2013	USD - US Dollar	
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Has your country established economic and policy incentives intended to facilitate access to technology? Yes No

Sources of information

The Global Mechanism of the UNCCD
MoNRE

Voluntary national target

Percentage increase of financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology by a given year

%	50
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Year	2016
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Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

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Qualitative assessment

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., a short overview of specific aspects and the nature of technology transfer in your country, aspects in which there is a need to increase the level of technology transfer, etc.)

Agricultural land management and processing technologies, value chain development including technologies for processing, packaging, reducing GHG emissions with clean tech.

Identification

Identification code

Enter the Identification Code (ID), number or acronym given to the activity funded (if known)

Name of the activity
funded

Enter the name or title of the activity, project, programme, organization or initiative

Reporting process-related issues

Financial resources

Could your country count on sufficient financial resources to meet UNCCD reporting obligations? Yes No

Provide an estimate of the amount invested from your country's national budget into the current UNCCD reporting process

Year	Currency	Amount
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	USD - US Dollar	10000
2013		
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Human resources

Provide an estimate of the people involved in your country in the UNCCD reporting process, and of the total number of months dedicated by these persons to the reporting process

Year	Number of people	Number of months
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	10	3
2013	10	3
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Knowledge

Could your country count on sufficient technical and scientific knowledge to meet UNCCD reporting obligations? Yes No

If no, describe the main reasons and the difficulties encountered

Need more disaggregated data; funding sources to improve data gathering, analysis, pilot projects to test best practices, improved allocation of earmarked resources to implement the treaty, etc.

Coordination

Was coordination at the national level with the relevant line ministries satisfactory in order to report comprehensively and coherently? Yes No

Participation and consultation

Was a participatory or consultative approach applied to involve all relevant stakeholders in the reporting process? Yes No

Validation

Was a validation meeting held as a part of the reporting process? Yes No

Subregional and regional processes

Did your country cooperate with the entities entrusted with preparing the subregional and regional action programme reports? Yes No

Accommodation of specific requests within decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties

Reporting on specific COP requests: iterative process on indicators

Tick the boxes only if you have experienced difficulties in reporting on one or more performance indicator(s). When doing so, place the tick mark under the e-SMART criterion for which the difficulty occurred.

	Economic	Specific	Measurable	Achievable	Relevant	Time-bound
CONS-0-1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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CONS-0-14	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-16	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-18	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any other country-specific issues

Does your country have any specific issue to bring to the attention of the Conference of the Parties? Yes No

If yes, please specify under which of the following broad categories it can be classified

- Policy, legislative and/or institutional framework
- Capacity-building and awareness-raising
- Desertification/land degradation and drought and sustainable land management monitoring and assessment/research
- Funding/resource mobilization
- Knowledge management and decision-making support
- Participation, collaboration and networking
- Reporting and review process
- Other

Please describe below:

More donor support is needed to implement DLDD activities. More data on DLDD and climate change is needed.

Submission form

Name of the reporting officer	Saysongkham Sayavong
Date of completion	2/6/2014
Please enter your email address to authorize this submission	saysongkhams@yahoo.com
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Date of authorization	5/6/2014
Please enter your email address to authorize this submission	oloth_s@hotmail.com