



NATIONAL LAND POLICY DEVELOPMENT OF LAO PDR

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. Overview of Lao National Land Policy Development

- ❖ National Land Policy Development is the priority of the Lao Government.
- ❖ A national committee has been set up to supervise and coordinate the development processes.
- ❖ The committee is chaired by a Deputy Prime Minister and consisted of the Minister of MONRE, Chairperson of the National Assembly's Committee for Economic Planning and Finance, Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy of all ministries involved in land management.

I. INTRODUCTION (CONT.)

1. Overview of Lao National Land Policy Development

- ❖ The Lao NLP has been developed with participation of concerned parties including international communities.**
- ❖ The first version drafted in 2011. It was then submitted to the government who discussed the draft in April 2012. The drafting committee (NLP secretariat) updated to draft according to the comments from the government meeting.**
- ❖ Since April 2012, many technical meetings and consultation workshops have been recognized, the NLP has been improved accordingly.**

I. INTRODUCTION (CONT.)

1. Overview of Lao National Land Policy Development

- ❖ Lao National Land Policy was consulted in the 5th ordinary meeting of National Assembly on 25-26 July 2013. The meeting recommended to undertake public consultation through out the country.
- ❖ Then the nationwide public consultation was carried out from 28 th October to 30 November 2013.

I. INTRODUCTION (CONT.)

2. Objectives of Lao National Land Policy

- ❖ To protect the land use rights of individuals, entities, organizations, cooperatives and community. (Tenure Security).
- ❖ To determine the land allocation, zoning, classification. (Land Use Management).
- ❖ To make a strengthen the land management and administration - transparent and efficient. (Land Governance).
- ❖ To implement policies for Laotian expatriates and foreign investors to be able to acquire the land use rights in Lao PDR for housing and office premises. (Investment Promotion).

I. INTRODUCTION (CONT.)

3. Principles of Lao National Land Policy

- ❖ Ensure the fair and equal rights of all Lao citizens regardless of gender, social status, level of education, religions and ethnic group to use the land for housing and for the livings according to laws.**
- ❖ Ensure the rights and interests of the State, organizations, individuals, entities, cooperatives, communities and investors that use the land including customary land use rights of Lao people.**

I. INTRODUCTION (CONT.)

3. Principles of Lao National Land Policy

- ❖ Ensure the transparent, fair and equal land management and administration mechanism.
- ❖ Ensure the coordination between line agencies concerned and the participation of people in land allocation, land use planning, and centralized and uniform land use management.
- ❖ Ensure the development and revision of legislation relating to land and natural resources are in compliance with constitution, laws, and agreements or conventions that Lao PDR ratified.

II. MAIN CONTENTS OF LAO NATIONAL LAND POLICY

There are nine policies described in Lao National Land Policy as follows:

- 1. Land ownership.**
- 2. Land use goals, national land use master plan, land use planning, land development, and change of land category.**
- 3. Land management.**
- 4. Land administration.**
- 5. Land capitalization.**
- 6. Determining scope of land use rights.**
- 7. Compensation for compulsory acquisition of land use rights.**
- 8. Land use rights of Lao expatriates and foreign investors.**
- 9. Monitoring, Evaluation and settlement of land disputes.**

II. MAIN CONTENTS OF LAO NATIONAL LAND POLICY (CONT)

Policy No: 1 Land Ownership

Land of Lao PDR is under the ownership of the national community with all Lao people being the owner and the State is charged with the centralized and uniform management throughout the country. The State divides level of management, allocates, plans and grants the land use rights to individuals, entities, cooperatives, communities and organizations for use.

In the ownership there are two types of land use rights such as: land use rights and State land use rights.

II. MAIN CONTENTS OF LAO NATIONAL LAND POLICY (CONT)

Policy No: 3 Land Management

In this policy determined 8 priority issues of land management such as: centralized land management, land management by sectors, decentralization of land supervision, state land supervision, supervision of lands for individuals, entities, cooperatives, communities, special and specific economic zones.

II. MAIN CONTENTS OF LAO NATIONAL LAND POLICY (CONT)

Policy No: 4 Land Administration

In this policy determined 9 priority issues of land administration such as: land register, land registration and land titling, registration of subsequent land transactions, obligations and withdrawal of land use rights, land information system, revenue collection from land, promotion of condominium, land valuation and land market.

II. MAIN CONTENTS OF LAO NATIONAL LAND POLICY (CONT)

Policy No: 5 Land Capitalization

State applies policy on transforming land into capital by determining the proportion of land that have potential for benefit maximization such as:

- ❖ lands to preserve for eco-tourism, historical, and cultural tourism, and carbon credit;
- ❖ lands allowed for development activities such as mining, plantation, etc, and lands for infrastructure development to attract investments.

II. MAIN CONTENTS OF LAO NATIONAL LAND POLICY (CONT)

Policy No: 7 Compensation for compulsory acquisition of land use rights

The state has a right to acquire land use rights from individuals, entities, cooperatives and organizations for the purpose of the public utilizations and national benefits. The returning of land use rights shall be implemented with compensation of the value of land, assets and crops on land to ensure better livelihoods for those who lost their land use rights.

II. MAIN CONTENTS OF LAO NATIONAL LAND POLICY (CONT)

Policy No: 7 Compensation for compulsory acquisition of land use rights

In case the State recalls land use rights for Business purposes the government shall implement the compensate or refund the land value at actual market price and in a timely manner.

The returning land use rights shall be implemented according to compensation principles for ensuring transparency, open and participation of effected the people and organizations.

II. MAIN CONTENTS OF LAO NATIONAL LAND POLICY (CONT)

Policy No: 8

Land use rights of Laotian expatriates and foreign investors

The state allows Laotian expatriates who have permanent income, certain education degree who intend to permanently live in Lao PDR; and foreign investors who invest in Lao PDR, to acquire land use rights for housing and office with the conditions of time period and area limit for the land use rights according to the laws.

III. CONCLUSION

The Lao National Land Policy Development is the priority of government of Lao PDR in order to improve land management systems for the most effectiveness. It is the first official determination of land policy in Lao PDR since 1975.

The Lao National Land Policy was developed with contribution of all parties concerned.

The Lao National Land Policy will be the references for revisions of all land related legislation.

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