



## UNPACKING THE RCEP AGREEMENT FOR LAO BUSINESSES:

### PUBLIC-PRIVATE DIALOGUE SERIES

AUGUST 10, 2022, Morning (Crowne Plaza, Vientiane)

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| 8:15 - 8:30   | <b>Registration</b>  |
| <b>OPENING SESSION</b>  |  |
| 8:30 - 9:00   | <p><b>Opening Remarks</b></p> <p>Host: Jeremy Gross, Director, Capacity Building, ERIA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Paul Kelly, Australian Ambassador to the Lao PDR</li> <li>• H.E Malaithong KOMMASITH, Minister of Industry and Commerce of the Lao PDR</li> </ul> <p>MC: Souphaphone BOUTTAVONG, Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MOIC)</p>   |
| <b>DIALOGUE #1: TRADE IN GOODS AND RULES OF ORIGIN CHAPTERS</b> |  |
| 9:00 – 9:45   | <p><b>Session 1: The RCEP Provisions on Trade in Goods and on Rules of Origin: Explanation and What They Mean for Laos</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Deborah Elms, Found and CEO. Asian Trade Centre.</li> <li>▪ Somphone PHADY, Deputy Director, Department of Foreign Trade Policy, MOIC</li> <li>▪ Phoxai INTHABOUALY, Deputy Director, Department of Import and Export, MOIC</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and Answers</b></p> <p>Moderated by: Sven Callebaut, International Trade Consultant, ERIA Capacity Building Programme</p>         |
| 09:45 - 10:00   | <b>Break</b>   |
| 10:00 - 11:15   | <p><b>Session 2: How Can the Lao Private Sector Increase its Readiness and Benefit from the Trade in Goods and Rules of Origin Provisions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representative from Singapore Business Association (TBC)</li> <li>• Representative from DHL (TBC)</li> <li>• Xaybandith RASPHONE, President, Association of the Lao Garment Industry and Vice President of LNCCI</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and Answers</b></p> <p>Moderated by: Sven Callebaut, International Trade Consultant, ERIA Capacity Building Programme</p> |
| 11:15 – 11:30   | <p><b>Main takeaways and presentation of next chapter</b></p> <p>By Sven Callebaut, International Trade Consultant, ERIA Capacity Building Programme</p>   |
| 11:30 – 12:45   | <b>Lunch break</b>   |



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| <b>DIALOGUE #2: CUSTOMS PROCEDURES AND TRADE FACILITATION CHAPTER</b> |  |
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| 12:45 - 1:00  | <b>Registration</b>  |
| 1:00 - 1:05   | <b>Introduction</b><br><br>Jeremy Gross, Director, Capacity Building, ERIA   |
| 1:05 – 2:00   | <b>Session 1: The RCEP Provisions on Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation: Explanation and What they Mean for Laos</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Deborah Elms, Found and CEO. Asian Trade Centre.</li><li>▪ Customs Department, Ministry of Finance (TBC)</li></ul> <b>Questions and Answers</b><br><br>Moderated by: Sven Callebaut, International Trade Consultant, ERIA Capacity Building Programme  |
| 02:00 - 02:15   | <b>Break</b>   |
| 02:15 - 03:45   | <b>Session 2: How Can the Lao Private Sector Increase its Readiness and Benefit from Provisions on Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stephane Gil, Treasurer, Bivac Lao Co. Ltd</li><li>• Representative from Savan Logistics (TBC)</li><li>• Xaybandith RASPHONE, President, Association of the Lao Garment Industry and Vice President of LNCCI</li></ul> <b>Questions and Answers</b><br><br>Moderated by: Sven Callebaut, International Trade Consultant, ERIA Capacity Building Programme |
| 03:45 – 04:00   | <b>Main takeaways and presentation of next chapter</b><br><br>Sven Callebaut, International Trade Consultant, ERIA Capacity Building Programme   |



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| <b>DIALOGUE #3: E-COMMERCE</b> |   |
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| 08:30 - 08:45                  | <b>Registration</b>   |
| 08:45 – 08:50                  | <b>Introduction</b><br><br>Jeremy Gross, Director, Capacity Building, ERIA  |
| 08:50 – 10:00                  | <b>Session 1: The RCEP Provisions on E-commerce: Explanation and What They Mean for Laos</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Deborah Elms, Found and CEO, Asian Trade Centre.</li><li>▪ Souchitta SRITTHIRATH, Deputy Director, Department of Foreign Trade Policy, MOIC</li></ul> <b>Questions and Answers</b><br><br>Moderated by: Sven Callebaut, International Trade Consultant, ERIA Capacity Building Programme |
| 10:00 - 10:15                  | <b>Break</b>  |
| 10:15 - 11:15                  | <b>Session 2: How Can the Lao Private Sector Increase its Readiness and Benefit from Provisions on E-commerce</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thanousone PHONAMAT, Vice President of LNCCI</li><li>• Thanyalat CHALEUNSOUK, Managing Director, FoodPanda, Laos</li></ul> <b>Questions and Answers</b><br><br>Moderated by: Sven Callebaut, International Trade Consultant, ERIA Capacity Building Programme       |
| 11:15 – 11:30                  | <b>Main takeaways and presentation of next chapter</b><br><br>Sven Callebaut, International Trade Consultant, ERIA Capacity Building Programme  |
| 11:30 – 12:45                  | <b>Lunch break</b>  |



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| <b>DIALOGUE #4: TRADE IN SERVICES</b>   |   |
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| 12:45 - 1:00                            | <b>Registration</b>   |
| 1:00 - 1:05                             | <b>Introduction</b><br>Jeremy Gross, Director, Capacity Building, ERIA  |
| 1:05 – 2:00                             | <p><b>Session 1: The RCEP Provisions on Trade in Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Deborah Elms, Found and CEO. Asian Trade Centre.</li> <li>▪ Nongchit KHAMBOUNHEUANG, Director, Department of Foreign Trade Policy, MOIC</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and Answers</b></p> <p>Moderated by: Sven Callebaut, International Trade Consultant, ERIA Capacity Building Programme</p>   |
| 02:00- 02:45                            | <p><b>Session 2: How Can the Lao Private Sector Increase its Readiness and Benefit from Provisions on Trade in Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Khamla PHOMMAVANH, Vice President, Board of Inspection of LNCCI (TBC)</li> <li>• Sangkhom SAMLANMON, CFO, Datacom Laos</li> <li>• Philaiphone VONGPRASEUTH, Vice President of Young Entrepreneur Association in Laos (YEAL) and CEO of the Solver Laos Sole Co.Ltd.</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and Answers</b></p> <p>Moderated by: Sven Callebaut, International Trade Consultant, ERIA Capacity Building Programme</p> |
| 02:45 – 03:00                           | <b>Break</b>  |
| <b>DIALOGUE #5: INVESTMENT CHAPTERS</b> |   |
| 03:00 – 03:45                           | <p><b>Session 1: The RCEP Provisions on Investment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Deborah Elms, Found and CEO. Asian Trade Centre.</li> <li>▪ Thidavanh CHONGCHIT, Departement of Investment Promotion, Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI)</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and Answers</b></p> <p>Moderated by: Sven Callebaut, International Trade Consultant, ERIA Capacity Building Programme</p>  |
| 03:45 – 04:30                           | <p><b>Session 2: How Can the Lao Private Sector Increase its Readiness and Benefit from Provisions on Investment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tee Chee Seng, VIP Member of LNCCI</li> <li>• Representative from Singapore Business Association (TBC)</li> </ul>   |



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|               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sivath Sengdouangchanh, CEO, Sivath &amp; Associate</li></ul> <p><b>Questions and Answers</b></p> <p>Moderated by: Sven Callebaut, International Trade Consultant, ERIA Capacity Building Programme</p>                 |
| 04:30 – 04:45 | <p><b>PPD Series main takeaways</b></p> <p>By Sven Callebaut, International Trade Consultant, ERIA Capacity Building Programme</p>  |
| 04:45 – 05:00 | <p><b>Closing Ceremony</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jeremy Gross, Director of Capacity Building, ERIA</li><li>• Australian Embassy Representative (TBC)</li><li>• Saysana SAYAKONE, Director General of Foreign Trade Policy, MOIC</li></ul> |