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Tomorrow's International Trade**

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SESSION 3: AN INCLUSIVE PROCESS FOR TRADE POLICYMAKING

***“INCLUSIVE” TRADE POLICYMAKING PROCESS:
LAO PDR DTIS – PROCESS AND LESSONS***

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“Inclusive” trade policymaking process

Lao PDR DTIS – Process and Lessons



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Some Background Information

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1. Economy

1. GDP = \$8.7bn (2011 est)
2. Exports = \$2.6bn (2011 est)
3. Member of ASEAN & WTO accession

2. Trade Policy

1. National Socio-Economic Development Plan
2. National Export Strategy (2010)
3. Trade Facilitation Strategy (2011)
4. SME Strategy



DTIS 2012 – Process and Lessons



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- **Includes the Government...fully:** Led by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Lao PDR
- **High level multi-stakeholder review** – linking Government with DPs, Business Sector and Civil Society
- **Extensive Consultation:** Taking time, ensuring deep understanding
- **Includes the voice of the Business Sector:** Bringing them into the team
- **Focus on Sustainable Trade:** Ensuring a clear link between trade, poverty reduction and gender

Going forward



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- Trade and Private Sector Development Programme – for policy discussion
- Increased private sector representation – strengthening voice and participation

Thank you