

# Laos legislative drafting programme

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Dear Jan:

As we have reviewed your proposed terms of reference, we realized that it would be very helpful if we could read a number of documents about the efforts, going back to 1990, to build up the legal framework for the Lao PDR. We have called Mr. Mustafa El-Eraim, but he has not called back as yet. How might we best obtain the following:

1. a list of the various laws, decrees and implementation regulations in the economic financial area, their status, and how they have been or are being drafted;
2. Whatever is available of the legal texts pending under previous UNDP/World Bank projects and information relating to the new texts for which advisory services may be needed;
3. Whatever is available relating to the present system of monitoring the implementation of the relevant laws already enacted, and any reports generated about their impact;
4. Documents describing the work done by Harvard in Phase II;
5. Information as to the relationship between the bills listed in Annex I of the TOR and the proposed prioritization over the medium term of Lao PDR's legal reform needs and the primary legal texts which still need to be drafted, etc.
6. A list of international conventions already signed or ratified by Lao PDR and those which the Lao PDR is considering entering into.
7. The project identification report prepared in November, 1994, relating to the proposed Law School;
8. Any information available as to the present system for disseminating Lao laws and related legal information.

The more of this information we can have read before hand, the more likely will we be able to make useful contributions at the meeting

next month.

We hope you received our FAX about dates. As we noted, the Belize government has asked us to come there on the January 21, so if we could leave Lao PDR on the preceeding Friday we could hopefully get there by then. If that is not possible, we need to inform them immediately, for they are planning a 40 person workshop. We would appreciate it if you could let us know ASP.

Meanwhile, the best of seasons' greetings.

Sincerely,

  
Ann and Bob Seidman