

CONCEPT NOTE

The Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation will co-chair the 2019 Timor-Leste's Development Partners Meeting (TLDPM), taking place on Thursday, 4 July.

Background

Timor-Leste's Development Partners Meeting was established as an important venue for high-level dialogue and coordination between the government and development partners. The VIII Constitutional Government remains committed to supporting political dialogue and will use this important forum to towards our shared vision of developing a prosperous Timor-Leste.

This year's theme, Deepening Coordination for Financing Development, reflects the Government's commitment towards changing how we engage with development partners. The government is committed to strengthening partnerships with development partners and to work together to improve the lives of the Timorese people.

Focus of the Meeting

This year's TLDPM serves to establish a way for deepening development partner and Government engagement in the short and medium term. The meeting will reiterate the government's priorities, identify areas development partners should engage in, and set the stage for development partners to engage with the government.

One of the main items on the agenda will be the presentation of the VIII Constitutional Government's Program and Priorities. This session will provide development partners with a clear picture of the government's direction and its vision for the short and medium term. The session will also highlight main areas for development partners' support.

In addition to the presentation above, development partners will benefit from two additional agenda items that will provide data and evidence for the formulation of new projects or areas of support. The first will be the sharing of the preliminary findings on Timor-Leste's Voluntary National Review of the SDGs, findings that will be shared globally to highlight the nation's commitment, and benchmark our progress, towards achieving the SDGs. Secondly, attendees will also be presented with the Development Finance Assessment, a report that details findings and recommendations for priority reforms for the government's financing framework to stimulate private sector development.

Finally, the Foreign Foreign Aid Policy will be launched. This document is a revision of the Aid Management Effectiveness Policy, building upon the spirit of the document while providing both development partners and Government with concrete suggestions and procedures that ought to be followed in order to encourage best practices in development assistance. The Foreign Foreign Aid Policy will set the way forward for how development partners and the Government engage with one another.

Expected Outcomes

A clear understanding of government's priorities, areas that could benefit from development partner support, how to best partner with government, policies and procedures necessary in order to engage in a new activity.