

## Third ASEAN Conference on Biodiversity

### LAO PDR

#### **Intervention for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework**

As what our Minister, the Honorable Former Mr Sommad Pholsena of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment mentioned during the UN Summit on Biodiversity in September 2020, Lao PDR attaches great importance to the protection of biodiversity especially as it is an important component towards achieving the country's efforts towards poverty alleviation.

The country is working towards attaining a significant forest cover in the near future in such a manner that it will help CBD Parties achieve potential target 2 of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework whereby well connected and effective system of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures are established and maintained for the next thirty years until 2050.

This can be done not only through a significant increase in technical assistance to Lao PDR and other least developed and developing country Parties but also through a clear provision of new and additional financial resources including through the CBD's financial mechanism as well as other resources that will be mobilized for this purpose.

Also mentioned by our Minister during the UN Biodiversity Summit is Lao PDR's efforts in promoting public awareness and community involvement in protecting biodiversity.

This achievement aligns well with potential target 20 in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework where by 2030, there shall be realized equitable participation in decision-making related to biodiversity by indigenous peoples and local communities, women and girls as well as youth, in accordance with national circumstances.

Truly, as what our Minister mentioned, in the work towards biodiversity conservation, while ownership is important, partnerships with various sectors is critical.

Through this 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference and beyond, Lao PDR is ready to cooperate with the international community, including through its fellow ASEAN Member States.

Thank you.