



**Workshop on
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Outline of Presentation

- 1. Lao economic integration & Narrowing the Development Gap**
- 2. Private Sector roles & Public Administration (PAR) implications**
- 3. Some perspective on PAR in ASEAN**

Laos Economic Integration

- ❑ Lao joined ASEAN in 1997
- ❑ Lao World Trade Organisation member 2012
- ❑ Supports economic liberalisation & principles of good governance - enhancing stability and economic integration

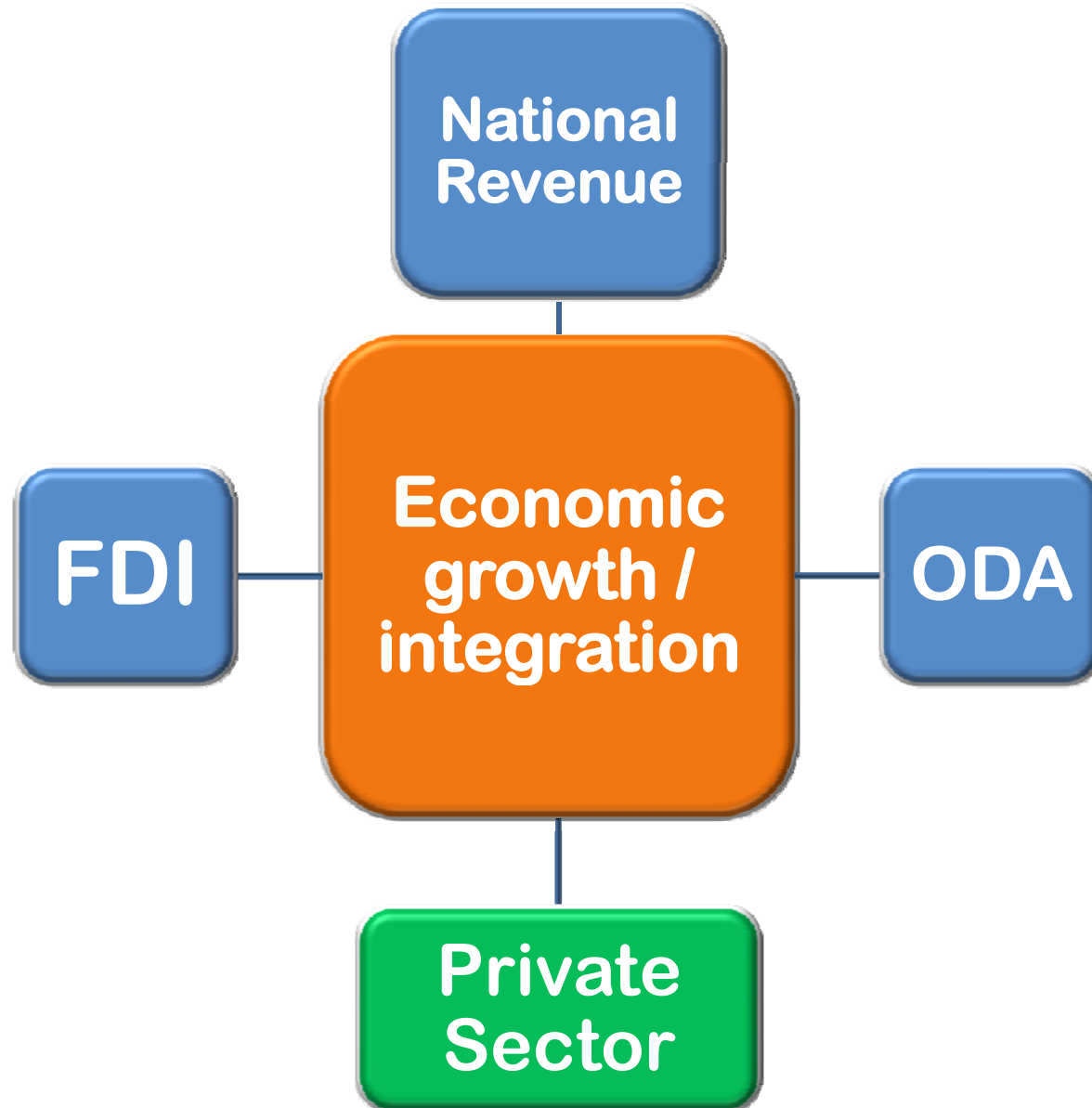
Narrowing the Development Gap for Economic Integration

- ❑ ASEAN Summit 2000 launched Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI)**
- ❑ Hanoi Declaration on Narrowing the Development Gap (NDG) in 2001**
- ❑ Realisation of ASEAN Community by 2015 makes Narrowing Development Gap (NDG) more urgent**

Narrowing the Development Gap for Economic Integration

- ❑ IAI must be supplemented by national efforts to achieve economic integration in ASEAN**
- ❑ Continued growth in GDP requires greater domestic economic activities & new sources of Capital**

Sources of Development Capital - Laos



Public Administration Reform (PAR) for Private Sector

- ❑ Nature of government & PAR evolves with development of Economy**
- ❑ Govt. becomes Provider of policy, national institutions and legal frameworks , to promote private sector growth**
- ❑ Emergence of Public Private Partnerships**

PAR Challenges of Private Sector

- ❑ **New institutions & processes & new skills for public sector;**
 - **Partnership management**
 - **Negotiation,**
 - **Contract management**
 - **Greater oversight responsibility**

Private Sector Good Governance

- ❑ **Core Principles of Governance apply to Public and Private sectors:**
 - **Participation** – involvement of stakeholders
 - **Transparency** – openness of decision making
 - **Accountability** – responsibility to Society
 - **Rule of Law**- rules apply fairly to everyone
 - **Efficiency**- without waste or corruption

Laos perspectives on PAR in ASEAN

- ❑ **Greater shared responsibilities means new administrative mechanisms to support greater need for:**
 - **Accountability**
 - **Predictability**
 - **Transparency**
 - **Rule of law – trade rules**

Laos perspectives on PAR in ASEAN

- **Some mechanisms/initiatives ;-**
 - **Milestones for integration that Identify related Public Sector reforms needed**
 - **Regional approach to human resources development and capacity development**
 - **Networks of Public Servants for key functions**
 - **Networks for core private Sector actors**



Thank You!!

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