

## Xaypladeth Choulamany's Career Details and Achievements

Over the past 20 years, I have overseen planning, international cooperation and investment in the agriculture and forestry sectors. This was initially in my capacity of Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry then as Deputy Director General of the Department of Planning and International Cooperation and at present as its Director General.



I was actively involved in establishing the Living Aquatic Resource Research Center (LARReC) in Vientiane, serving as its founding Director between 1999 and 2004.

I have been also actively involved in the formulation of National Strategies for Agricultural Development, Biodiversity, Watershed-based Development, Wetland Management and Forestry in the ministry and I have been leading Lao Senior Official Meetings (ASEAN/AMAF/SOM) for the ASEAN Ministers for Agriculture and Forestry since 2004.

I have served as member of the Lao National Team to WTO Negotiation for Lao PDR accession to the World Trade Organisation (WTO), representing the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry at working party meetings in Geneva between 2004 and 2008 on agricultural policies and Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary measures.

I am actively involved in the implementation of the principles of the Paris Declaration and the Vientiane Declaration organizing agriculture and rural development meeting in connection to the Round Table Process on Aid Effectiveness.

Since 2005, I have been assisting the Lao Women's Union developing and implementing Gender-based Rural Development Programmes for poverty alleviation.

I took part in formulation of: 1/ the Agriculture Development Strategy; 2/ the Biodiversity Strategy, 3/ The Watershed-based development concept and strategy, 4/ The Wetland management strategy and 5/ The Forestry Strategy.

Beside the above-mentioned, I also took part in various consultant work and missions namely: (1) developing programmes on community fisheries development and management; in November 1989 (2) the Project formulation mission of the Kasi District Rural Development with "Societe Mixte d'Etudes et de Developpement" in Vientiane Province, as agricultural economist; (3) October 1993, I was member of the IFAD Bokeo Rural Development Project formulation mission as institutional specialist; (4) October 1997, I was member of the UNDCP Phase II Nonghet Development Project formulation mission as consultant for income generating activities in the Uplands, (5) January 1998, worked as a short term consultant for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) for a study on Agriculture in Lao PDR (RAS/92/034)