



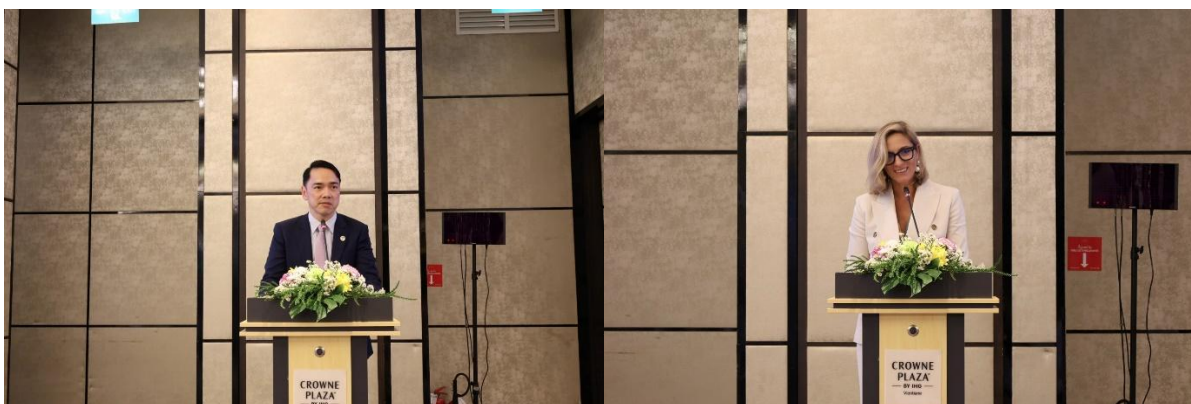
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## **The Bank of Lao PDR and IFC organized a National Consultation Workshop on “Draft of the Laos Green Finance Taxonomy”**

On January 22, 2026, the Bank of the Lao PDR (BOL) and the International Finance Corporation (IFC) jointly organized a workshop at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Vientiane to gather feedback on the draft Lao Green Finance Taxonomy. The event was co-chaired by Mr. Soulysak Thamouvong, Deputy Governor of the Bank of the Lao PDR, and Ms. Elvira Morella, IFC Manager for Country and Economic Advisory, East Asia and the Pacific. More than 100 stakeholders attended, including representatives from government ministries, commercial banks, non-bank financial institutions, business associations, and international development partners.



The workshop aimed to exchange views on the draft Laos Green Finance Taxonomy, which will serve as a vital tool in promoting green finance. It will act as a reference for regulators, financial institutions, and various market stakeholders to determine which activities qualify as "green" and sustainable within the specific context of Lao PDR, while remaining aligned with ASEAN and international standards.

Furthermore, the meeting featured an overview presentation of the Draft Green Taxonomy, followed by in-depth discussions on five key related topics led by the relevant task force. These sessions involved a candid and highly engaging exchange of ideas among all participants.

In the closing of the meeting, the Chairperson highly commended the success of this consultative workshop. They extended particular appreciation for the support from the IFC (International Finance Corporation), as well as the active contributions from various sectors and stakeholders. All feedback received will be carefully reviewed to refine the Draft Green Taxonomy for Lao PDR, ensuring it is comprehensive, practical for the local context, and consistent with regional and global benchmarks.



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