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Key Achievement of LBF-14

- Stronger support from the political leadership
 - LBF-14's chaired by the Prime Minister
 - Attended by the head of PMO, ministers, vice-ministers, rep. from the NA
 - Preparation meetings chaired by Deputy PM
- Improved Issues Resolution Rate
Total 49 proposals:
 - Resolved proposals: 21
 - Partially Resolved proposals: 20
 - Proposals reported that cannot be solved: 8
- Results of LBF-14's Perception Survey: 61% of PS respondents rated the LBF as "very effective," and 19% rated it as "somewhat effective."
- The PM declared a set of tangible actions aimed at enhancing the efficiency of the forum, including formalization of LBF structure and process
 - High-level Steering Committee meeting to be held quarterly



Existing Structure

POSITIVE

NEGATIVE

INTERNAL

STRENGTH

- › Growing recognition by general public
- › Strong high level political support
- › Strong donor support
- › Capable secretariat
- › Similar PPD model is being replicated at provincial level

WEAKNESS

- › Partial integration with Government reporting system/structure
- › Semi-formal structure and process
- › Weak PSWGs
- › High dependence on external support: both technical and operational

EXTERNAL

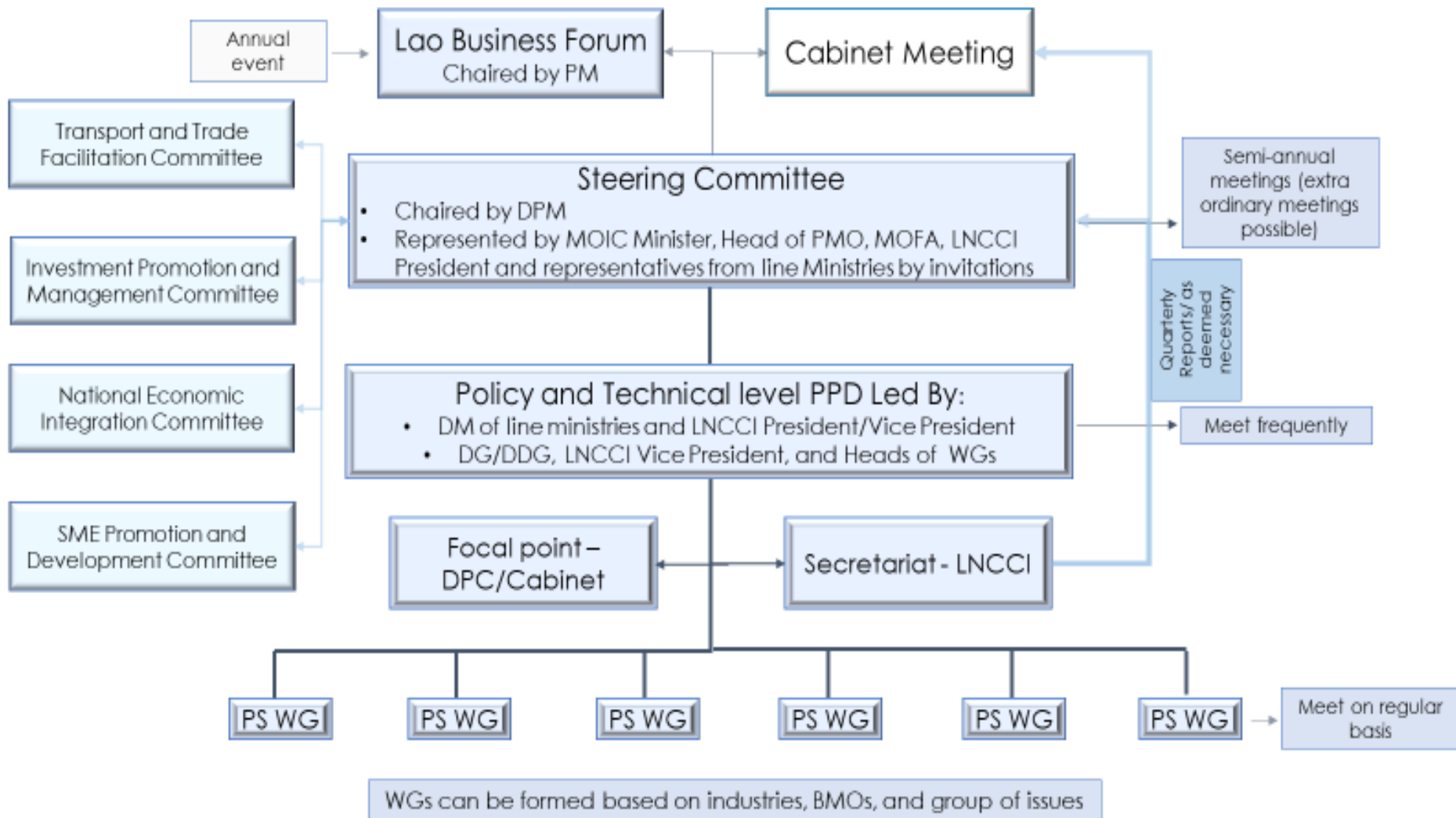
OPPORTUNITY

- › Adoption of national agenda for overcoming financial and economic difficulties
- › In line with overall government's diversification & inclusive growth strategy
- › Direct support to business environment and competitiveness pillars of the National TPSD Roadmap

THREAT

- › Existence of competing dialogue processes
- › Conflicting views on the role of state in structural transformation, economic upgrading, and equity
- › Gaps between policy and implementation
- › Resistance to change: from planning economic model's mindset to market economic model's mindset

Proposed formal structure



Priorities for 2023 & 2024



Formalization of LBF Structure & Process:

- Formal High-level LBF Review Meeting (Improvement of LBF structure & process)
- Prime Minister's Decision on Lao Business Forum Structure and Process

Follow up on progress of the proposals from LBF-14:

- PMO's Notification on LBF-14

Conduct in-depth analysis on 3 issues (utilizing LCT Project fund to bring in specialized expertise)

- Streamlining Investment License
- Facilitation of goods transport
- Revision of Strategic Action Plan for Private Sector Development of LNCCI

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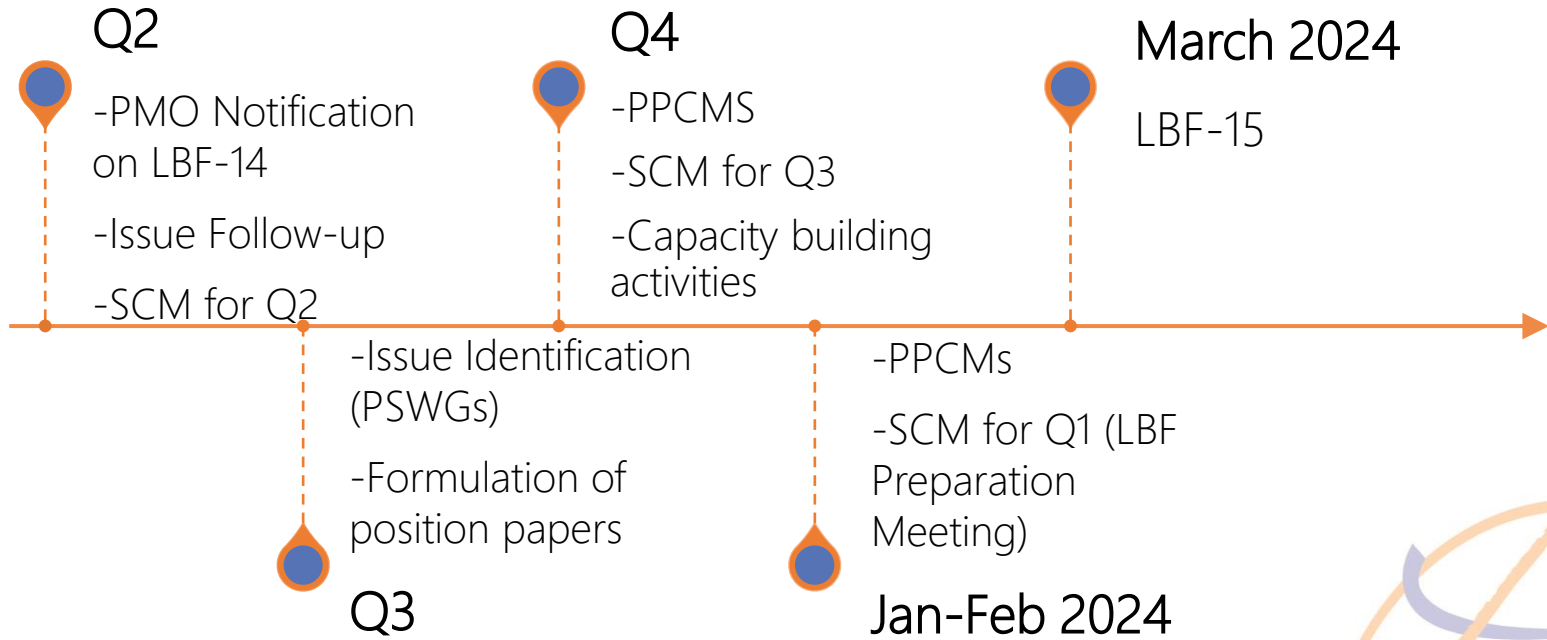
Preparation for the 15th LBF:

- Identify new key issues (PSWGs)
- Formulation of position papers
 - Move from “complaints” and “dialogue,” to “resolution”
 - Leverage the know-how and experience accumulated within the work funded by the LCT and previous projects
- Organize Public-Private Consultative Meetings
- Develop an agreed definition of “fully resolved” issue
- The 15th Lao Business Forum in March 2024

Others:

- Capacity trainings for LPPD secretariats/PSWGs
 - Issue analysis
 - Formulation of position papers

Timeline for LBF-15





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