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Local communities play a vital role for natural resource management in Lao PDR, especially in Savannakhet.

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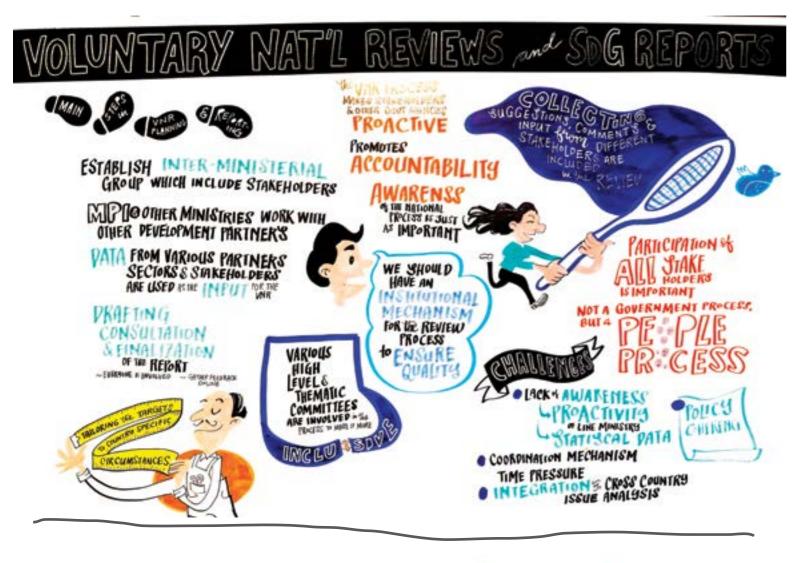
International Development Partners are into a new phase of financing, such as 'unlocking private capital.' This is talk not usually, heard in development forums. It's all being sold as a good news story. But what we are not hearing and being honest about are the risks. We need to be more straight in responding to questions from civil society. We know that when the private sector invests in social services prices hike.





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In order to get private sector financing on programs to achieve the government's goals we need an institutional framework – rules and regulations, and labor laws – that will support the interests of the government. It must be a win-win situation for both sides, the private sector but also the aspirations of the government.







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# UNDP SDGs STRAIGHT TALK!

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To drive the private sector into the space of SDGs, it boils down to reputation and trust building. If through the SDG work they are able to communicate that they are in the space, responsible, and they earn the trust of their stakeholders, that will drive them to come to you and work with you. It is also about building and expanding their markets. Improve value proposition, improve trust, reduce cost and increase revenue, this equals a better bottom line – demonstrate profit, and they will come.

Boundaries between the roles of the private and public sector in contributing to development are becoming increasingly blurred. We should not look at this with concern, in fact this dynamic should be embraced, as it has the potential to come up with the solutions to address some of developments toughest challenges. DANIELA GASPARIKOVA, UNDP MONGOLIA DEPUTY RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE

We must create a diverse space to generate more resources for financing the SDGs, and one way could be by formalizing the economy, providing incentives so businesses register, fall under the formal tax net, commit to a decent working environment, and provide social security for employees. We should make our development partners better focus on financing SDGs, as in countries like Nepal, they are scattered in several areas, and are duplicating on activities.

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