

Research Dissemination Workshop on
“Improving revenue collections through a better understanding of illicit financial flow
in natural resource trade in Laos”.

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Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs) have emerged as a significant area of interest in recently, particularly in relation to trade and transfer mispricing in natural-resource rich countries aims to improve natural resource governance to finance the SDG. Under the support of Swiss National Science Foundation and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation on the project Research for Development (r4d), Macroeconomic Research Institute of Lao Academy of Social and Economic Sciences have conducted the research on this topic in the case of Laos since 2017 until 2023.

On 13th October 2023, MRI has organized the dissemination workshop at National University of Laos. There are more than 80 participants from various sectors including line ministries, academia, researchers, and students. The objective of this workshop is to disseminate the research finding and to encourage the discussion on “Improving revenue collections through a better understanding of illicit financial flow in natural resource trade in Laos”.

The program include: 1) Commodity Trade Mispricing: Evidence from Lao PDR; 2) Illicit Financial Flows in Southeast Asia: Evidence from Extractive and Agricultural Commodities in Laos; 3) Lao PDR Faces Challenges on Introducing Transfer Pricing Regime and Lessons from ASEAN Member States and 4) Policy brief, the implication for Lao Government.

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