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**Welcoming Remarks  
by H.E. Emilia Pires, Minister of Finance  
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Dili Convention Centre, 25 July 2014**

Excellencies,  
Honoured Guests,  
Development Partners,  
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,

Welcome to the 2014 TLDPM.

I would also like to add my welcoming words to Dr. Noeleen Heyzer, UNSG Special Advisor on Development for Timor-Leste. We welcome her as Timor-Leste turns a new corner in its development trajectory.

This meeting should be considered a major milestone in our modern development journey together with the hosting of the Summit of Heads of States and Government of CPLP this week.

As a post conflict-country, Timor-Leste has attempted to move out of fragility towards resilience.

From our successes and failures, challenges and wins, triumphs and trials, we, together, contributed to a new trajectory for sustainable development not only for our own country, for our own People, but for international policy at the highest global level.

The priorities we set for ourselves of inclusivity, safety, justice, resource and revenue management and economic foundations were evaluated through fragility assessments which then allowed us to design our One Vision, One Plan – in Timor-Leste that is **Strategic Development Plan**. The SDP now guides all our activities.

Let us our work together in Timor-Leste from the Leadership (the Government, the National Parliament, our Diplomatic Corps, our Civil Society, our Academia, our Media, our People, with our partners in development-every Donor, Organization, NGO and Think Tanks). Congratulations to everyone, we must be doing something right because yesterday when they launched the UNDP Global Human Development Report in Japan, it showed that Timor-Leste has moved 6 points in the Human Development Index from 134 to 128. I also would like to take this opportunity to thank our Ambassadors who have been promoting the peace and institution goals for the post-2015 development agenda. I am pleased to announce that the goal has passed the stage of the Open Working Group in New York. This for us is a huge victory.

But I believe we can do better, this is what TLDPM is all about - operationalising, implementing and measuring results in a coordinated way. We must be flexible, innovative but disciplined.

Now, we must walk the talk.

The TLDPM is an annual event where we come together to reflect previous development success and challenges and reaffirm the commitment to future strategic direction of development in Timor-Leste.

Under the theme “**Strategic Development Plan: Managing for Better Results,**” the objective of 2014 TLDPM is to discuss a pathway to achieve SDP goals, which was set forth under the recent update of the Development Policy Coordination Mechanism (DPCM).

In April 2013, the DPCM was established to implement, monitor and coordinate the SDP and the Program of the Fifth Constitutional Government over the next five years.

The DPCM is a country-mechanism. Under DPCM, the four Strategic Sectors were also established, namely:

- Social Strategic Sector,
- Infrastructure Strategic Sector,
- Economic Development Strategic Sector, and
- Governance and Institutional Development Strategic Sector.

At the TLDPM last year, we had discussions by Strategic Sector on the current condition, the challenges, and the way forward for Timor-Leste's development.

In 2014, the GoTL decided to introduce the Result Based Management principles into the SDP Matrix. This helps to ensure accountability by offering a process and structure to formulate results and to manage for their achievement.

The main features applied to the Updated SDP Matrix are:

- hierarchy of goals;
- allocation of responsibilities;
- establishment of targets.

The background paper of the 2014 TLDPM and the Updated SDP Matrix in your pack provide the products of our work for discussion.

The Updated SDP Matrix is to ensure the linkage between planning and budgeting. It will also provide key performance indicators and the basis for each government institution.

Over the next day and a half, we (the Government, Development Partners, Civil Society Organizations and Private Sector) will have a chance to discuss progress, challenges and identify ways forward to implement the Strategic Development Plan.

We expect from this TLDPM, concrete outcomes and actions such as:

- General agreement on the presented Updated SDP Matrix and continuous efforts to improve it,
- Commitment to improving monitoring of and coordination on the SDP implementation through Development Policy Coordination Mechanism (DPCM) and
- Agreement on a mid-term review of the SDP in 2015.

With this note, joining my fellow Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, a warm welcome to you and enjoy your deliberations.

Thank You.