



14th Round Table Meeting

Enhancing Happiness and Sustainable Development through Partnerships



Programme

12th to 14th March, 2019

Day 1: Tuesday 12th March, 2019	
Venue: Taj Tashi, Thimphu	
Inaugural Session	
1630 hrs – 1730 hrs	Registration
1730 hrs – 1745 hrs	Opening Ceremony with the Offering of <i>Marchang</i>
1745 hrs – 1750 hrs	Welcome Remarks by Mr. Sonam Tshong, Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, RGoB
1750 hrs – 1805 hrs	Inaugural Address by H.E. Lyonchhen (Dr.) Lotay Tshering, Prime Minister of Bhutan
1805 hrs – 1820 hrs	Introductory Remarks by H.E. Mr. Achim Steiner, UNDP Administrator and UN Under-Secretary General, Co-Chair for the 14 th RTM
1820 hrs – 1835 hrs	Group Photograph of Dignitaries and Delegates
1835 hrs – 1900 hrs	Press briefing by Co-Chairs, H.E Lyonpo (Dr.) Tandi Dorji, Minister for Foreign Affairs, RGoB and H.E. Mr. Achim Steiner, UNDP Administrator and UN Under-Secretary General, Co-Chair for the 14 th RTM
1900 hrs – 2030 hrs	Reception Dinner hosted by H.E. Lyonchhen (Dr.) Lotay Tshering, Prime Minister of Bhutan
Day 2: Wednesday 13th March, 2019	
Venue: National Convention Centre, Thimphu	
0900 hrs – 0915 hrs	Introductory Remarks by H.E Lyonpo (Dr.) Tandi Dorji, Minister for Foreign Affairs, RGoB, Co-Chair for the 14 th RTM
Session 1: Gross National Happiness (GNH) – Reimagining Development for Happiness and Wellbeing	
0925 hrs – 0930 hrs	Brief Introduction on GNH by the Moderator, Dasho Karma Tshiteem, Chairperson, Royal Civil Service Commission



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0930 hrs – 1100 hrs	<p>Panel Discussion on <i>GNH - Reimagining Development for Happiness and Wellbeing</i></p> <p><u>Panelists:</u> Dasho Karma Ura, President, Centre for Bhutan and GNH Studies H.E. Mr. Achim Steiner, UNDP Administrator and UN Under-Secretary General Dr. Sabina Alkire, Director, Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative Aum Chime P. Wangdi, Secretary General, Tarayana Foundation</p>
1100hrs – 1115 hrs	<p>Opening of Side Events by the Co-Chairs, H.E Lyonpo (Dr.) Tandi Dorji, Minister for Foreign Affairs, RGoB and H.E. Mr. Achim Steiner, UNDP Administrator and UN Under-Secretary General</p>
1115 hrs – 1145 hrs	Tea/Coffee Break
<p>Session 2: National Development Priorities Co-Chaired by H.E Lyonpo (Dr.) Tandi Dorji, Minister for Foreign Affairs, RGoB, and H.E. Mr. Achim Steiner, UNDP Administrator and UN Under-Secretary General</p>	
1145 hrs – 1215 hrs	<p>Presentation on the <i>12th Five Year Plan and SDG Integration</i> by Mr. Thinley Namgyel, Secretary, Gross National Happiness Commission</p>
1215 hrs – 1315 hrs	Discussion and Wrap-up of Session by the Co-Chairs
1315 hrs – 1430 hrs	Lunch
<p>Session 3: Climate and Disaster Resilient Development</p>	
1445 hrs – 1600 hrs	<p>Panel Discussion on <i>Climate Change and Disaster Resilient Development</i></p> <p><u>Panelists:</u> H.E Lyonpo Yeshey Penjor, Minister for Agriculture and Forests, and Chairman, National Environment Commission Mr. Koji Yamada, Chief Representative, JICA Bhutan Office Mr. Svante Helms, Head of Office, WFP, Bhutan Ms. Paola Pampaloni, Deputy Managing Director, European External Action Service</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Ms. Srilata Kammila, Head, Climate Change Adaptation a.i, UNDP, Bangkok Regional Hub</p>
1600 hrs – 1630 hrs	Tea/Coffee
<p>Session 4: Partnerships Co-Chaired by Mr. Sonam Tshong, Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, RGoB, and Mr. Gerald Daly, Resident Coordinator, UN System, Bhutan</p>	



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1630 hrs – 1700 hrs	Statements by Development Partners
1800 hrs – 2000 hrs	<p>Global Live Stream – A Special Dialogue on <i>'Rethinking Development: Advancing Human Wellbeing and Protecting the Planet'</i> (optional for participants)</p> <p>Speaker – Mr. Achim Steiner, UNDP Administrator and UN Under-Secretary General, Co-Chair for the 14th RTM</p> <p><u>Venue:</u> Royal University of Bhutan (RUB) Conference Hall</p>
<p>Day 3: Thursday 14th March, 2019 Venue: National Convention Centre, Thimphu</p>	
<p>Session 5: State of the Economy and Development Financing Co-Chaired by H.E. Lyonpo Namgay Tshering, Minister for Finance, RGoB and Mr. Yoichiro Ishihara, Resident Representative, the World Bank Group, Bhutan</p>	
0900 hrs – 0925 hrs	Presentation on <i>Bhutan's Macroeconomic Performance and Outlook</i> by Mr. Nim Dorji, Secretary, Ministry of Finance, RGoB; and
0925 hrs – 0950 hrs	<i>Economic Diversification</i> by Ms. Yangchen Tshogyel, Deputy Governor, Royal Monetary Authority, RGoB
0950 hrs – 1020 hrs	Discussion
1020 hrs – 1030 hrs	Wrap-up of Session by the Co-Chairs
1030 hrs – 1100 hrs	Tea/Coffee Break
<p>Session 6: Last Mile Challenges and Opportunities Co-Chaired by H.E Lyonpo Loknath Sharma, Minister for Economic Affairs, RGoB, and Ms. Raffaella Iodice, Head of Unit Asia, Central Asia, Middle East/Gulf and Pacific, European Commission</p>	
1100 hrs – 1120 hrs	Presentation on <i>Development Challenges, Opportunities, and Continued Partnership</i> by Mr. Juergen Nagler, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP, Bhutan
1120 hrs – 1150 hrs	Discussion
1150 hrs – 1200 hrs	Wrap-up of Session by the Co-Chairs
<p>Session 7: Partnerships Co-Chaired by Mr. Sonam Tshong, Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, RGoB, and Mr. Gerald Daly, Resident Coordinator, UN System, Bhutan</p>	
1200 hrs – 1230 hrs	Statements by Development Partners



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1400 hrs – 1600 hrs	Statements by Development Partners
1600 hrs – 1630 hrs	Tea/Coffee Break
Concluding Session	
1630 hrs – 1645 hrs	Concluding Statement by Mr. Gerald Daly, Resident Coordinator, UN System, Bhutan
1645 hrs – 1700 hrs	Concluding Statement by Mr. Thinley Namgyel, Secretary, GNHC
1700 hrs – 1745 hrs	Press Briefing by Mr. Tenzin R. Wangchuk, Director, Department of Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, RGoB, and Mr. Gerald Daly, Resident Coordinator, UN System, Bhutan
Concluding Dinner	
1830 hrs – 2000 hrs	Concluding Dinner hosted by H.E Lyonpo (Dr.) Tandi Dorji, Minister for Foreign Affairs, RGoB, Co-Chair, RTM, at Le Meridien, Thimphu
Field Visit	
15 th March	Project site visits in Punakha and Paro