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PRIME MINISTER

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Subject : Bhutan's 21st Century Economic Roadmap: National Framework for Integrated Land Use

This Executive Order establishes the National Framework for Inter-Agency Coordination on Integrated Land Use and Spatial Planning towards realizing Bhutan's 21st Century Economic Roadmap and future goals. It signifies a shared dedication to evidence-based, inter-agency collaboration in land use and spatial planning, acknowledging land as a limited and vital national resource. Effective inter-agency land use governance and spatial planning are essential for maximizing value across various sectors while safeguarding Bhutan's cultural heritage and environmental sustainability.

Through this framework, the Royal Government will institutionalize inter-agency coordination, enabling synchronized and integrated land use and spatial planning across agencies. This will ensure alignment with key initiatives such as the National Land Use Zoning (NLUZ), National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI), Comprehensive National Development Plan (CNDP), Thimphu-Paro (NCR) strategic plan, Land Use Land Cover Mapping (LULC), Gelephu Mindfulness City, Special Economic Zones, and other strategic innovation trajectories.

The adoption and implementation of this framework will :

1. Enhance coherence in project planning and implementation, reducing delays, and addressing infrastructure bottlenecks and overlapping sectoral mandates;
2. Foster confidence through integrated land use clarity and transparent spatial planning governance; and
3. Promote the strategic, efficient, equitable and optimized use of Bhutan's land resources in service of long-term national goals.

The High-Level Steering Committee (HLSC) will be responsible for implementing the framework. The HLSC shall establish Technical Working Groups (TWGs), provide strategic direction and resolve inter-agency issues; endorse sectoral and regional land use plans; and monitor alignment with national development priorities.



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The members of the HLSC are as follows :

1. Secretary NLCS - Chairperson
2. Nim Tshering, Zimpon Wogm, OGZ
3. Secretary, MoENR
4. Secretary, MoICE
5. Secretary, MoIT
6. Secretary, MoAL
7. Secretary, MoH
8. Secretary, MoESD
9. Secretary, GovTech Agency
10. Director, OACSC
11. Director General, Department of Land Administration and Management,
NLCS - Member Secretary.

This Executive Order shall come into force and implement with an immediate effect.

(Dasho Tshering Tobgay)
Prime Minister