**Opportunities for Accelerating Implementation**

1. **Overall Framework / Bilateral Agreements between GoM and Individual DPs**

* Further streamlining and standardisation of the process to agree these would be appreciated.

1. **Projects / Programme Implementation**

* Further streamlining and standardisation of the process to finalise memoranda of understanding would be welcome. Currently the process can differ considerably depending on the Ministry concerned and can be the cause of delays in the delivery of assistance.
* More rapid decision making on issues such as approving projects, selecting consultants, organising workshops and conferences, and validating reports would be welcome. Clearer decision making processes, the nomination of focal points and the delegation of more responsibility to the DG level once a project / programme has been approved would be helpful.
* Clearer, simpler rules and dedicated contact points for issues such as taxes, visas, and travel authorisations would be welcome. It could also be investigated whether the requirement for travel authorisations could be removed for some areas.
* Increasing the speed and ease of bank transfers, moving away from a cash-only system, and strengthening accounting systems has the potential to significantly accelerate implementation.
* Clarifying and accelerating the process for obtaining customs release papers for project vehicles for use by implementing organisations would be welcome as would clarifying the process for disposal of white-plated vehicles.
* A review of restrictions on foreigners leasing office and residential space outside of the hotel zone in Nay Pyi Taw would be welcome.
* Improved coordination between Ministries would help accelerate implementation in cases where a project / programme spans multiple sectors.

1. **Sector Working Groups (SWGs)**

* Streamlining membership and scope could help SWGs to function more effectively.

1. **Meetings**

* Providing more notice of official meetings would be welcome in order to facilitate work planning and enable stronger DP attendance.