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Climate Change and New National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP 2019-2023) for Cambodia



Coordinating by Development Policy Project; the NGOs Environment and Climate Change Alliance (NECA) together projects and networks of The NGO Forum on Cambodia (NGOF) hosted the Two Sub-National Consultation Workshops and Series Meetings on “CSOs’ Inputs for Contribution to the National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP) 2019-2023” at Siem Reap, Kampong Cham Province and Phnom Penh. There were 320 participants from representative of civil society orga-

nizations, communities, private sectors, academies and media from 22/25 provinces of Cambodia.

The purposes of the consultative workshops and meetings were accessed and identified the key challenges and achievement of sectoral-based against indicators set out in the NSDP 2014-2018, and strategic priorities inputs for contribution to next NSDP 2019-2023.

Climate Change is real. Climate Change is one of 24 thematic and of 4 sectors of CSO proposing to new NSDP 2019-2023. We are do appreciating to progress of climate change responding both policy development/enforcement and implementation in Cambodia. In such the government response to CC includes a CC Strategic Plan (CCSP), sectoral Climate Change Action Plans (CCAP), both in 2013, and the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)



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to the Paris Climate Agreement, in 2015. These define a range of priorities that cover most of the sectors affected by Climate Change.

Cambodia is highly vulnerable to climate change (CC). Rising temperatures are expected to reduce productivity in agriculture, fisheries and forests and to reduce labour productivity across most sectors. Changing rainfall patterns will lead to increased flooding, drought and storms which will also reduce resource productivity, especially in agriculture and fisheries, and increase damage from extreme events, affecting roads, water supply and other infrastructure. Rising sea levels will cause flooding and storm damage in coastal areas, affecting urban areas and natural resources.

Without climate change, Climate Econom-

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ic Growth Impact Model CEGIM project that real GDP will grow at an average of 6.9% per year from 2017 to 2050 [...] Climate change reduces average GDP growth to 6.6% and absolute GDP by 0.4% in 2020, 2.5% in 2030 and 9.8% in 2050 .

The National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP) has been developed to serve as the implementation tool or roadmap for the implementation of the Rectangular Strategy for Growth, Employment, Efficiency and Equity – Phase III. The current plan is an update from the previous NSDP (2013-2018).



The Royal Government of Cambodia is finalizing its localizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), creating Cambodia SDGs (CSDGs) 2016-2030. The CSDGs 2016-2030 framework and the sectoral development plans will be mainstreamed into the next NSDP 2019-2023, while the NSDP 2014-2018 is approaching its final target year. The results of Mid-Term Review of NSDP 2014-2018, recognizes an increasingly complex and challenging do-

mestic, regional, and global development environment and Cambodia's economy is undergoing a significant re-structuring as the sector share of GDP shifts away from agriculture in the direction of industry and services. Furthermore, government and development partner (DP) resources, including civil society, as well as private sector resources, are insufficient to meet all national development objectives. It will be important to more strategically link sector priorities with national development objectives articulated in the Rectangular Strategy (RS) and clarify what aspects of the Plan will be financed by national resources. This will enable government, DPs, and private sectors to more effectively and efficiently coordinate development finance.

For the next NSDP 2019-2023 development, the Ministry of Planning will lead

the preparation and in cooperation with line ministries (LMs) and line agencies (LAs). The preparation process included (1) the instruction on input preparation, (2) collection inputs form LMs/LAs, (3) draft NSDP 2019-2023, (4) consultation on the draft version with TWGs, LMs/LAs at the technical level and political level, high level meeting, and at the consultation and getting approval by council of ministers' meetings, (5) the adopted by National Assembly and the Senate and the promulgated by the King for official use. After that, NSDP 2019-2023 will be officially launched and disseminated to all relevant stakeholders at national and sub-national level .

In supporting to the recommendation of NSDP review and in relation to the development of new NSDP 2019-2023, civil society plays vital roles in complementing with government, in particularly the support on sectoral development plans. Given the NGO Forum's mandate through Development Policy Working Group (DPWG) coordinate sectoral NGOs/CSOs monitoring the government's policies and the implementation of the National Strategic Development Plan, the activity of producing next NSDP 2019-2023 is inherently important. In addition, the existence of NSDP review on NSDP 2014-2018 implementation will be useful for sector NGOs/ CSOs in the way that the review findings will be the evidence-based references for supporting sector NGOs/CSOs to monitor the progress and strategic priorities next NSDP 2019-2023.





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The 3rd Quarterly Member Meeting in 2018



The NGO Forum on Cambodia's (NGOF) organized its third quarterly member meeting on July 05, 2018 at Phnom Penh Ecumenical Diakonia Centre (PPEDC/ICF) from 08:00am–12:00am which was presided over by Mr. Run Saray, Member of NGO Forum's Management Committee and Director of Legal Aid of Cambodia. There were 130 participants (36 female) who are represented to NGO members and network members of the NGO Forum on Cambodia.

There were six key guest speakers who were invited from Ministry of Planning, Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and fisheries, FAO, SimplyGiving and Oxfam participated in the presentation on the 1) updating significant progress report of NGOF; 2) The Guideline for the Preparation of National Strategic Development Plan 2019-2023.

Mr. Run Saray, Director of LAC chair of meeting, management committee member of the NGOF on Cambodia, gave a warm welcome and thanked to all NGO members, government, and development partners for their participation in the important meeting. Chair of the meeting informed the meeting objectives to share information with NGO members and discuss on their challenges and needs in order to accomplish the goal as set in the NGOF work plan. Chairman

also briefed the key agendas of meeting as following: 1) updating significant progress report of NGOF; 2) Update on the Guideline for the Preparation of the National Strategic Development Plan 2019-2023; 3) Discussion the new draft of NSDP by sector and Crowdfunding. NGO Forum has good cooperation with key relevant ministries such as MOE, MAFF, MRD, MOEF, Ministry of Land, Ministry of Mines and Energy and coordinated with network members to accomplish many major achievements within the last quarter. Organized quarterly meeting with key relevant ministries. Policy influenced including environmental code, agriculture land draft law etc. He thanks to donors who provided funding support for organizing the third quarterly membership meeting.



Mr. Tek Vannara, Executive Director of NGO Forum updated key achievements of NGO Forum in the following:

- Attended annual meeting of NGO Forum on ADB, and AIIB to provide input on regional development guideline.
- Attended Biodiversity Day with MoE.
- Organised Mid- year reflection, to review six months plan and budget.
- Provided input in the trans-boundary issue with MRC.
- Attended meeting with TWG A&W, climate change and food security and NSDP 2019-2023,
- Co-organised World Environment Day at Doem Tkove high school.
- Organised NGO leader meeting on NSDP to develop roadmap for input to sector ministries.
- Combine inputs and recommendations for environmental code and submitted to MoE and relevant ministries. MoE will call for the national consultation to finalise the environmental code.
- Attended Fishery Day on 01 July with fishery administration
- Attended IPFN quarterly meeting with MRD for organizing IP Day.
- Organised Quarterly meeting of IPFM, LRIN and NECA.
- Provided input in five EIA development project reports with MoE.
- Organised meeting with 8 provincial networks.
- Organised meeting with Agro-industry department on draft law of quality and safety of agriculture products.
- Applied for membership of IUCN.
- Provided inputs to Ministry of Economic and finance on the fair compensation standard.
- Attended the meeting with Chinese Chamber of Commerce to give input in the international development policy support by the Asia Foundation, Oxfam Hong Kong, AFSC, etc. The community can use it for intervention to protect their rights. The policy was translated in Khmer language by DPA. He added that we are working for supporting the national policy development.



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Mr. Tea Saorothy, Program Budget Planning Specialist, Department of Planning and Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries presented the draft of NSDP 2019-2023 focus on agriculture and water. Sector ministries prepare draft sector national strategic plan. Five years agriculture increase 1.7%. It included agriculture, service and industries. Agriculture sector increase food security. Sub-sector such as crop production and livestock. Agriculture labour decrease and increase machinery. Rice production yield increase. Agro-industry also increase. Increase export production to 5,000 tones. Fishery production has increase. Forestry community increase. The import more than export. Need to strengthen diversification for export to China, Korea and European countries. Farming system increased for commercialization. Development partner cooperate with sector ministries to improve infrastructure for transporting agriculture product. In the next five year it is expected that agriculture sector increase. The agriculture master plan for 2030 also defined clearly this section. Part two. Five sector plan with clear indicator including crop, livestock, fishery, forestry and supporting. Increase agriculture productivity. ASSDP will be developed. Need to collect input from all departments. It will be discussed with TWG A&W while the key contents finalize.

Mr. Iean Russell, Senior Policy Advisor of Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations presented contributions/inputs of CSOs to NSDP 2019-2023 development process and the NGO/CSO roadmap to NSDP. It will be followed by the

presentation of ministry of planning and agriculture. One contribution of NSDP is food security and nutrition. He presented the background, approach, timeline and recommendations. The propose approach for NSFSN 2019-2023 for collect input from all key stakeholder. Input for the formulation process. FAO link to SDG. We work to support the government and support the Cambodian SDG. Review previous the progress of 2014-2018 strategy with clear recommendations. Focus on food security implementation with the community. Focus on the last model and looking for new model for attention on nutrition to combat stunting etc. We need to look beyond food availability, food stability. Address food security and increase food production. New direction of NSDP. Community planning and implementation to eliminate the stunting. The Twin tract approach to address malnutrition. Other coordination and interaction to work such as CARD and NGO Forum.

Mr. KEO Bunly, Development Policy Working Group Coordinator of the NGO FORUM on Cambodia (NGO Forum) presented CSO contribution and inputs to NSDP 2019-2023. We identified the technical working group to provide input of CSO. Development Policy Working Group. Member working on specific sector. The project advocate with difference sector such as CDCF, Cambodian Development Forum. There are 19 TWGs currently functioning including A&W, CC, access to information etc. Organised CSO Leader kick of meeting. We will work with ministry of economic and finance. We work with CCC, s and HACC. Ministry of planning will work with TWG. On 20 June, 2018 sector NGO develop draft content and will send to TWG. We will work with consultant to conduct desk review. It will be present to TWGs.

Mrs. Cheryl Low, Director, SimplyGiving presented on Crowdfunding for Social Impact: Introduction to SimplyGiving – Asia's largest online fundraising platform that enables nonprofits, corporates and change-makers to raise funds online for social and environ-

mental causes. Fund raise online project, Malaysia. 6 years online fundraiser. We want to help NGO to raise funding online in Cambodia, Thailand, Malaysia, Myanmar, Vietnam and Lao. Platform of 7 languages. Multi-currency donation such as Australia, USA, Pound. It is easy to reach donation from difference place in the world. This week we introduced three currencies. Charity partners about 1,500 partners including INGO and Small NGO. Use the SDGs for fundraising. It based in Singapore, Malaysia and Hong kong. Peer to Peer fund raising by using ICT. Use social media network to raise fund. Bring more ten new donors. Usually the donation between \$50 to \$100. Use online page and share with the fund raiser to raise more fund. Using personalised stories for fundraising. Maraton and cycling fundraising at Angkor wat temple for raising fund to support hospital.

Ms. Srey Sokha, Program Officer of Oxfam-Voice Program presented the Voice grant. It is good opportunity to share information of voice to NGO membership. Funding from Holland, Cambodia, Indonesia and Lao. Five group. Disable, IP, LGBT, Domestic violence victim and elderly people. To strengthen the livelihood and access to health and education. Increase access to politic. Grant types including small and big grant Euro from 5,000 to 200,000. It is open for new application. Empowerment grant from Euro 5000-25000. Innovative approach to address community issues. Deadline of the proposal submission on 16 September, 2018.

At the closing of the meeting, Mr. Run Saray, thanked the honorable guest speakers and participants for sharing the knowledge and experience related to the topics proposed at the meeting responding to objectives and expected results. CSO will be actively involved in the preparation of the National Strategic Development Plan 2019-2023 and submit inputs and the recommendations through TWGs by sector and ministry of planning. CSO will have good opportunity to apply the grant of Voice program for implementation in their target areas of operation.



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HIGHLIGHT STORIES

NGOs Group on Environment and Climate Change Together Discussed New NSDP (2019-2013) for Cambodia, Community Resilience and Climate Change Adaptation/Disaster Risk Reduction Mainstreaming to Communal Development Planning



Influencing into commune development plan by mainstreaming the CCA/DRR was initiated by the NGOs Environment and Climate Change Alliance (NECA) of NGO Forum on Cambodia and Southern Voice on Adaptation (SVA) as well as interesting partners in order to find the best strategy to work at both national and sub-national levels where the CC prone area.. That is a piloting project had been introduced since 2015. We also refreshed the Join Principle for Adaptation principle and how we could track the CCA mainstreaming for sub national level, especially the Commune Development Planning. There were two tracking sheets had been discussed and agreed by participants who suggested them to fill up the visible information with the specific activities and relevant commitments to support local community and authorities aiming develop the commune development planning integrating the CCA concept based on CCA mainstream guidelines.

In this second quarterly meeting, there were 30 participants (6 women) actively participated. This meeting was conducted on 04-05 July 2018. The meeting was discussed in the following:

- To share information at the ground and update the ongoing individual NECA member's activities
- To update the climate change scenario and policies
- To buy in the National Strategic Development Plan (2019-2023) developing in theme climate change
- To update the tracking CCA/DRR mainstreaming into CIP/CDP
- To discuss on NECA ToR and member-

ship

- To update the Environment and Natural Resource Code
- To refresh the Strategic Environment Assessment

This meeting was started with update from NECA members who were actively worked on climate change and environment issue with the grass root level as well as the progress of CCA mainstreaming into CIP/CDP from respective target area. It would be significant highlighting that under SVA activity; we focus this year on CCA mainstreaming into CIP/CDP by using the JPA principles. So far a three days training had been conducted for 37 participants from NGOs Environment and Climate Change Alliance (NECA) of The NGO Forum on Cambodia (NGOF) from Battambang, Banteay Mean Chey, Kratie, Prey Veng, Rattanak Kiri, Kompong Cham, Takeo, Kompong Thom, Kompong Speu, Tbong Khom, Pursat and Phnom aimed at 1) to improve capacity and knowledge of NECA members, CBOs, local authorities and concern stakeholders on understanding of the climate change concept and mainstreaming tools including VRA, CDP/CIP formulation process, and





JPA 2) to strengthen sub-national engagement to apply concept and principle of climate change mainstreaming tools into their works in address climate change issues. In order to help the participant to have deep understanding, in the last day of the workshop the field was organized to practice the VRA and JPA tools for climate change mainstreaming into CIP/CDP.

Therefore, it is good time to update on the Guideline for the Preparation of the National Strategic Development Plan 2019-2023 for all participant to understand the involvement of the CSO in NSDP development process. There were many speakers invited from government agencies and CSO partners.

H.E Poch Sovanndy, Advisor, Ministry of Planning, Presented the Guideline for the Preparation of the National Strategic Development Plan 2019-2023.H.E mentioned that NSDP 2019-2023 is in the preparation process. Ministry of Planning takes a lead to develop this NSDP starting from preparing the draft outline of NSDP after got permission from all levels for official preparation of NSDP. There were 7 chapters including key achievement, development of macroeconomic development, next five years strategic planning, budget plan of the next five years strategic plan, monitoring and

evaluation etc. Monitoring will be done every year but in reality only bi-yearly monitoring will be held by sector ministries and at the national level.

Mr. Tea Saorothy, Program Budget Planning Specialist, Department of Planning and Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries presented the draft of NSDP 2019-2023 in agriculture and water sector. In the next five year it is expected that agriculture sector increase. The agriculture master plan for 2030 also defined clearly this section. He also mentioned that ASSDP will be developed with need to collect input from all departments and stakeholders. It will be discussed with TWG A&W while the key contents finalize.

Other speaker, Mr. Iean Russell, Senior Policy Advisor of Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations also invited for presenting the NSDP 2019-2023 development process and the NGO/CSO roadmap to NSDP in particularly food security and nutrition. He presented the background, approach, timeline and recommendations. The propose approach for NSFSN 2019-2023 for collect input from all key stakeholder.

Suggested priorities for joint action in the following:

- Community led nutrition and food secu-

rity program

- Important contribution of DRR and food security
- Overall targets. SDG need to coordinate to work together such as govt, cso, private sector.
- 32% stunting children from zero to 18 years by 2025. The next five years we need to achieve this goal.

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As an observer to Climate Investment Fund (CIF); Mr. Sou Socheat, Live and Lean also joined us by providing the comprehensive presentation, and discussed about CSO engagement with the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) Civil Society and CIF Action. Observably that is also good opportunity for CSO to report our concerns and perspective directly to CIF as well.

Meanwhile; Mr. Thy Try, ODC Executive Director and SEA Alumni for Cambodia also refreshed about Strategic Environment Assessment. Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) effectively promote sustainable development by mainstreaming the environment into economic development and integrating green economy targets into strategic and project-related decision-making. SEA and EIA are the procedures that ensure the environmental implications of decisions to be taken into account before the decisions making. SEA is applied earlier in the decision making to government plans, programmes and policy documents.



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Regional Workshop On Open Data for Ethnic Minorities And Indigenous Peoples in The Lower Mekong



The NGOF co-organized a regional workshop on Open Data for Ethnic Minorities and Indigenous Peoples in the Lower Mekong which was held on 20-21 Aug.2018 at Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Totally, there were 25 participants (9 females) who are members of IPFN and other participants from Lao PDR and Vietnam.

Mr. Ouk Vannara, Deputy Executive Director, highlighted during his opening remark that the workshop is very important due to open data related to IP could not be accessed by scholars, development partners, and researchers in developing their development program which is responded to the actual needs of the IPs. Therefore, he hopes that this workshop will enable the working group of both NGOF and ODC to work together seeking supports from decision makers of line ministries, especially ministry of planning to make IP data available in the coming 2019 census.



16th National Fish Day



16th National Fish Day held on 01st July 2018 at Kaksin Angkor Wat Temple, Trapping Ses Village, Sangkat Kokchok, Siem Reap City which is the wonderful land of our glorious homeland for the purposes of encouraging people's participation to be aware of significance of the fisheries resources and also to participate in the preservation and conservation of indigenous fisheries species, especially the endangered fisheries species and other conservation of biodiversity to ensure the sustainable fisheries resources management that will support livelihood, food security and poverty reduction. In that event, over one million fish mothers were released into water of Kaksin Angkor Wat Temple for the benefits of Cambodian's people. Fishery Administration reported to date, there are 516 community fisheries established, of which 475 are from the inland community fisheries and 41 are from the marine community fisheries. In addition, fisheries conservation areas were established in 644 areas in the whole country, of which 594 are under the community fisheries and 50 are under the new state conservation areas. There are 864 community fish

refuge established around the country and 97 deep pools were protected in the upper Mekong Region. With community fisheries and fisheries conservation areas data, Mr Tek Vannara, Executive Director of the NGO FORUM on Cambodia hope that all community fisheries and conservation areas are well manage and protect by having good cooperation and active participation from all stakeholder for the benefits of fish spawning, fish mother, biodiversity conservation to contributes economic, social and environmental sustainability, especially sustainable livelihood of Cambodian's People. Moreover, executive director of the NGOF mentioned that to ensure sustainable management of fisheries community, we needs all stakeholder more active in encouraging and supports to community fishery committee includes management and leadership capacity, will, good model, especially in providing more supports on technical , materials and financial resources to community which ensure they have enough capacity and ability to make effective management on fisheries resources in their community.





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2018 Annual Scaling Up Nutrition Meeting



2018 Annual Scaling Up Nutrition Meeting are focuses on 5 main topics 1)how the SUN-CSA working together to support the government's commitment to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and to ending all forms of malnutrition, 2)how the Donor network working together to support the government 's commitment to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and to ending all forms of malnutrition, 3)how the UN network working together to support the government 's commitment to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and to ending all forms of malnutrition, and 4)2018 SUN Annual Report and 5)The formulation of the National Strategy for Food Security and Nutrition 2019-2023. This meeting is under presidency of H.E. Dr Yim Chhay Ly, Deputy Prime Ministers at the council of minister on 2 July 2018 with hundred participants from different relevant stakeholders.



Budget Working Group Meeting



The NGO Forum on Cambodia facilitated monthly meeting of the Budget Working Group to join and the commitment to keep pushing the budget working group remaining as an active working group to achieve more result toward operation plan. There were 15 members (6 Females) attended meeting on 26 July 2018 at Tonle Bassac 1 Restaurant, Phnom Penh.

As previous discussion, members raised that we should also start analyzing on health budget. HACC shall involve in the following meetings to update on health technical working group as well as the communicate flow with Ministry of health. NGOF has the database that can track out the budget for health but this year NGOF is facing the some challenge in requesting for budget books. The request had been submitted since May but we still have not received the budget books as previous year. Members suggest NGOF to re-submit the request letter to Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) for the budget book and letter to Ministry on Health for the program budget book.

Transparency International in Cambodia (TIC) is finalizing and producing 4 different education materials to educate citizen at national and sub national level. The publications will tell citizen on budgetary process and public participation in the budget process. BWG members had provided inputs on the publication in the previous monthly

meeting and so far TIC is finalizing and waiting for the review and approval from Ministry of Interior before publish the material. API is also co-producing and using the publications for its target beneficiary. Once the publication is approved by MOI, TIC will distribute as feasible amount of the material to BWG members for using at their own target areas and members can also discuss with inform to TIC whether they want to reproduce the material using their own logos. TIC is happy to share the soft for editing.

National Strategy Development Plan (NSDP) 2019-2023 will be developed by government. NGOF is facilitating to collect inputs from CSOs and provide input through TWG (19 TWGs). So far NGOF had received the inputs from CSOs and next plan will be conducting the desk review by hire consultant to review NSDP 2013-2017.

NGOF had shared about its plan and progress of producing Guide to Tax in Cambodia and progressing NGOF selected a tax firm "Emerald Tax Agent" to be a consult to produce the guide. So far the guide is at the first draft and making use of this meeting NGOF is taking this chance to share the first draft and collect inputs from the members.

The Meeting was finished on time with fruitful results and clear follow-up action.



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The Celebration of the World Day of Indigenous People in Preah Vihear Province



Preah Vihear, August 30, 2018, The World Day of Indigenous Peoples was co-organized by Ministry of Rural Development, Representatives of Indigenous Peoples, UNOHCHR, Civil Society Organizations, local authority in Preah Vihear province and any provinces in Cambodia. There were 1,018 participants (446 women). The International Day of Indigenous People in Cambodia aim for common objectives: Preventing Migration and Mobility of Indigenous Peoples by Strengthening IP Communities to adapt on social context and collective Land Registration which secure on their land.

World Peoples' Day is celebrated on August 09 each year since 1994. This year, more than 300 million indigenous people in more than 90 countries around the world have been celebrating and celebrating the 24th International Day of International Indigenous Peoples under the theme of Migration and Mobility Indigenous peoples. This year's theme focuses on the migration of indigenous peoples to other areas in search of a job, a livelihood, and facing some of the challenges in their area, which is why

the government, It is a priority issue to intervene in these indigenous communities to improve their livelihoods and to improve their livelihoods.

Dr. TEK Vannara, Executive Director of the NGO Forum on Cambodia, said on behalf of civil society and indigenous peoples which would request and asked for more attention on the following key issues:

1. Promote and accelerate on Land registration of indigenous peoples' collective land as much as possible.

2. Provide training on livelihood skills and alternative livelihood options for indigenous peoples to enable them to take advantage any opportunities and benefit for economic development in the context of sustainable development.

3. The government, development partners and stakeholders should be encouraged to further study on traditional history of indigenous peoples as a good entry point in the context of sustainable development for contribution to the urban development plan. Indigenous people can save space, natural resources, social identity and culture Indigenous snake.

4. The Royal Government should continue to monitor and provide adequate resources, both financial and technical resources, to community fishing communities, community forests, community-based protected areas and legal support so that they have the ability to manage their communities successfully for managing natural resources. The core resources of the local economic development as well as the local people Indigenous peoples in the country.

5. To urge the Ministry of Rural Development to continue its efforts on "conducting or strengthening the inter-ministerial operations of the inter-ministerial committees" in order to fully enforce the full "National Policy for Ethnic Minority Development" In all 10 major areas, there is a strong need for full participation of Indigenous Peoples in Development of economic, social and cultural affairs of indigenous peoples to contribute to sustainable development in the country. In addition, to stop all forms of discrimination on indigenous peoples in the fields of employment, education, academics, economics, social affairs, arts, culture and information technology. This is a strong demonstration of the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) in its commitment to implement the "Sustainable Development Goal" from 2018 to 2030. Of course, ensuring effective participation of indigenous peoples of Cambodia at all levels and development processes is at the heart of the success story of achieving Cambodia's sustainable development goals.

6. To promote national prestige in past government efforts, the Royal Government should consider in the "National Day of Indigenous People" as in the "National Day". This is for to promote the full rights of indigenous peoples in Cambodia which guaranteed and compile by national laws and national policies, especially in line with the commitment of the Royal Government of Cambodia at the regional and international levels. Based on Cambodia was signed in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in 2007 and is the only Asian country to have better policies and laws to ensure the survival and development of indigenous peoples.





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Capacity Building on Land and Legal Framework, Stakeholder Analysis and Strategic Communication for Advocacy on Land and Housing Rights



The NGO-Forum is coordinating network of Land and Housing Rights Network (LAH-RIN) in contribution to influence for better policy on land security and housing rights for suitable resettlement opportunities. To achieve its outcome, strengthening capacity of network members is one of the key priorities would be attributed. Therefore, a two-days training workshop on “Land and Legal Framework, Stakeholder Analysis and Strategic Communication for Advocacy on Land and Housing Rights” was held in Siem Reap province on August 13-14, 2018 according to work-plan that have been set.

This training workshop provided better understanding on law and legal framework related to land and housing, the roles and power of stakeholders who involve differently in the advocacy processes and identify effective strategic communications with them for engagement leading to successful resolution for land tenure and housing rights.

There were 35 participants who are member provincial network on Land and Housing Rights where their works frequently challenges because of not clear about the concerned legislates framework in supporting to victims of land dispute or seeking for suitable compensation for property that been confiscated by state for public interest.

Before the session, deputy director of NGO-Forum on Cambodia Mr. Ouk Vannara, given his warming welcome to the participants



who are network member from other provinces. Internal rule and training expectation have properly set for well processing of the training session. The trainee capacity assessment has also been done by asked them to answer 20 questions concerning to type of land, legal framework involved and government’s strategy on land management. Beyond the capacity assessment purpose, the designed questionnaire could help them to remind some legal framework and type of land that they are working with.

The training had been process with full participatory approach, in which the participants has been divided into four different groups to work as a team “team-work and team discussion” for the two days training session. Each team has also given role as time keeper, energizer, discipline and recap

the session of each day in order to activate the training session and full participation.

The training session been given conclusion with very high appreciation by the participants in term of venue, training materials, food, time-management, active participation and especially training facilitation skills and tools that been used. Four participants are representatives of four different groups indicated that, it was very useful training even they familiar with such a training previously. Finally, they said, they could gain knowledge of land and legal framework, stakeholder analysis and strategic communication with all those stakeholders as expectation.

Mrs. Phoung Maly a provincial network representative based in Siem Reap was invited to give a closing remark and thanks to the participants who spend two days for training session. Her given a very important key note that, “together we can help poor people and seeking for suitable compensation for victim of land dispute”. She added, capacity development to partners and network member is a very important task to contribute to achieve the expected of networking building for strong and common voice to help poor people and marginalized group.





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Capacity Building for Network on Legality Framework, Patrol and Filing a Complaint



The NGO Forum on Cambodia organized Training Workshop on Forest Procedure and Relevant Legality Framework Including Legal Procedure, Patrol Procedure and Filing a Complaint at Siem Reap on 13-14 August, 2018. There were 33 participants (3 females and 3 monks) who are IP representative, Forestry/CPA network members and Prey Lang community network members. The capacity building to forestry stakeholders/target group or rights holders has basic knowledge on forest legality framework and how to implement forestry procedure linkage with existing frameworks, feel self-confidence to apply soft-advocacy with multi-stakeholders and they can also provide the right direction for solutions to concerned government departments in order to address key issues and respond to the real need of affected local community.

Mr. Pheap Sophea, Land and Forestry Program Manager, highlighted during his opening remark that the training workshop, he appreciated on the works of network members who have been working hard at the grassroots level in conservation efforts to protect natural resources and thus our training aim for to promote and strengthen network capacities to share knowledge and information better and more effectively on their works. He briefed the Objective of this training were: 1). Shared/exchanged and learning valid knowledge and experience related to forest legality framework procedure within forest law implementation enhance

participants' capacity in advocacy work. 2). Increased/cultivated awareness and knowledge related to forest management and governance perspective for better communication among project stakeholders especially specialized-government department with effectiveness and address real needs for affected people in target areas; and 3). Encouraged forestry network members to apply/ mainstream those knowledge skills into their work and monitor forest legality framework implementation at grassroots. Patrolling Form of Monitoring and Evaluation Action Plan form was produced during the training workshop using participatory approach. All participants actively provided their experiences of patrolling and reporting skills. As the results, we had agreed patrolling form will produce for future monitoring and evaluation. Furthermore, drawings tools, using video clips and written articles of the laws as tools to the participants which were attracted and critical think while performing their duties in the CF and CPA law

enforcement and management. Video Clips were about National Strategic Policy Development and Implementation while the articles are to back up the CPA and CF patrolling activities. The drawings could help clarify the concepts of policies, technical terms, and communication among stakeholders. For instance, there were difference between Slash and Burnt Agriculture and Rotation Agriculture.

Learned from the two-day training workshop, the training team would like to recommend some of the main points as following:
1. Some higher level of education, e.g. at least finished High School, of representatives of CF and CPA should be one of the selection criteria for invitation. There is not much benefit from the training if the participant could not read and write;
2. Although Site Visit was not included in the current training schedule, next possible events should be taken into consideration. Site Visit could help participants, especially those are not able to read training materials and could not write their ideas to communicate with instructor;
3. Training workshop for those CF and CPA representatives should be at least 5 days for them to practice "learning-by-doing" in class and in the field.

After the training course common action plan were developed, regularly coordinate and monitor with network member to ensure forestry network members and ensure that they apply forest legality framework concept/perspective with their target group and share knowledge to other and feedback after 6 months.





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UPCOMING EVENTS/HOLIDAYS 2018

04 September

CSOs and Technical Working Group Meeting on Result of CSOs' Inputs into the National Strategic Development Plan 2019-2023

19-21 September

ToT on Vulnerable Reduction Assessment (VRA) and Climate Change Adaptation Mainstreaming into Commune Development Plan/Commune Investment Programme (CDP/CIP)

28 September

Cambodia People Forum (CPF) 2018 under the theme: Enhancing Engagement of Cambodian Civil Societies Toward Sustainable Development and Peace"

25 October

Forum on "Public Participation in Budgetary Process at National and Sub-National level"



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