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LEADING STORIES

Annual General Meeting 2017



The NGO Forum on Cambodia (NGOF) and its network organizations and members hold the Annual General Meeting 2017 at Somatevy Hotel in Siem Reap Province on 24 October 2017, participated by 160 participants from national and provincial levels. The annual general meeting focuses on update on Cambodia Sustainable Development (CSDG), update on the NGO Forum's key achievements for the last one year and the results of 2012-2017 NGOF evaluation. Furthermore, discuss on next 6 year strategic plan (2018-2023) and 3 year action plan (2018-2020) of each NGO networks. The meeting is presided over by Mr. Norng Sivouthan, member of management committee and Executive Director of HESK EPER, H.E Poch Sovandy, Advisor to Ministry of Planning and Mr. Tek Vannara, Executive Director of NGOs Forum.

Mr. Norng Sivouthan, open remarked that the annual general meeting is important that we must attend and share information together and more importantly we are here, we can reflect to the works done in the past years, we will reflect together the achievement of NGO Forum and we will discuss together the main topics that can reflect to NGO Forum for the next six years,

we will study together on what experience and the lessons learnt we have received, related to what we have learned to what we can improved together, particularly the meeting has a present of H.E Poch Vanndy, the adviser to MoP, he will present you and discuss on the government policies, related the Goal of Sustainability that set by UN and the goal of CSDGs.

H.E Poch Sovannndy, Advisor to Ministry of Planning, respective to Mr. Norng Sivouthan, a member of management committee of NGOF and Mr. Keo Bunly, Policy Develop-



ment Coordinator of NGOF, **Dr. TEK Vannara**, Executive Directo of NGOF and all participants who the network organization members of NGOF. He presented the progress of CSDG and localization, and a story of CSDG then localization of SDG, and planning organization of development partners, government and NGOF. What is SDG, it is an UN's Agenda and MDG for 2015 and continue for 2016. We may more focus about it, MDG, most of you know MDG, it consists of 8 goals plus one, so it's 9 Goals, it focus on Socio-Economic Development, but what different is, Socio-Economic, Culture, Environment etc. are integrated into one (SDG), no one sector was forgotten.

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Why we need to implement that SDG? because SDG is a general global agenda of UN why Khmer need to implement it, because we are member of UN, hence the country members must implement the UN's Agenda and participate to develop or implement and protect the earth or the world.

Mr. Keo Bunly, Develop Policy Project of NGOF, presented the road map of Civil Society, participated in developing CSDG. He try to avoid the repeated information which presented by H.E Poch Sovannndy, I would present summary on SDG and the process of SDG localization in Cambodia and what the facing problems are, and I just present you the road map, on behalf of civil society, what should we contribute
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Workshop on NGO Next Six Year Strategic Plan



The NGO Forum on Cambodia organizes the workshop for develop next six year strategic plan 2018-2023 and 3 year action plan 2018-2020 for three days which held on 18-20 October 2017 at Tonlebasac 2, Phnom Penh. The objectives of this workshop are refreshes all NGO staff on whole pictures of the NGO and existing policies, structure

and Organizational Development, as well as to collect all inputs from all NGO staff for contribute to develop the next six year strategic plan 2018-2023 and 3 Year Action Plan 2018-2020, and draw the draft picture of next 6 year strategic plan and 3 year action plan of the NGO. Take this time, The NGO Forum on Cambodia would thanks you all, especially Management Committee, Donors and Partners, Network Steering Committee, NGO

staffs with assessment team for your actively participation and contribution for looking next 6 year strategic plan 2018-2020 and next 3 year action plan of the NGO.



2nd Quarterly Meeting on Member of the Network for Agricultural Development, Food Security and Safety in Cambodia (NDF-C)



On October 13, 2017, Second Quarterly Meeting on Member of the Network for Agricultural Development, Food Security and Safety in Cambodia (NDF-C) which was held in The Green Palace Hotel, Preah Vihear Province. The main agenda of the meeting: 1. Review the 7 national Farmer Forum, 2. Discuss the preparation of the 7th Farmer Forum and 3. The Action Plan of the Network for Agricultural Development, Food Security and Food Security in Cambodia for October-December 2017.

The meeting opened the discussion on reviewing report and some recommendations were raised in the meeting. Mr. Savon Samol, would suggested that the Meeting of the Network for Agricultural Development, Food Security and Food Security in Cambodia, would gathers inputs for a meeting with the Prime Minister, which summarizes key achievements of the Royal Government to include in the recommendations.

Mr. Chheang Sok Mao, he provided suggestions and advice with following points:

- 1) The ADI should read the Farmer Forum report from 2010 to 2016, which includes farmers' concerns in policies.
- 2) Government projects in 2015-2016, which have worked to promote the agricultural product market (Boosting Food Production Project, TSSD).
- 3) Farmers' perceptions of sufficient government responses to farmers' needs.





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Launch of Cambodia Component of the UNDP-SIDA Regional Program



Mr Tek Vannara, executive director of the NGO FORUM on Cambodia (NGOF) and his colleagues participated in launch of Cambodia Component of the UNDP-SIDA Regional Program on strengthening the governance of the Climate Change Finance to Enhance Gender Equality 2017-2022 which organized by UNDP and MoE held on 27 September 2017 at Le Royal Hotel, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Especially, the NGO and UNDP has been discussed on future cooperation for implementing climate change programme budget.



Knowledge Exchange Forum on the Implementation of SDGs



In 2017, Exchange knowledge on the implementation of SDGs conducted in Makati Diamond Residences, Manila, Philliphine brought together over 200 participants for over countries in the region. The regional knowledge exchange is generously co-hosted by Government of Philliphine, through National Economic and Development Authorities, and brought together senior government official and civil society organization from Asia and the Pacific who were involved in planning, financing, monitoring and implementing the 2030 Agenda, together with technical experts, civil society and development partners.

Theme of the 2017 regional Exchange was on the ensuring policy coherence across sectors and between national and sub-national government to accelerate progress toward sustainable development in 2030. It also looked at how countries are promoting coherence in terms of their financing of SDGs across both public and private sectors, as well as international domestic sources of financing.

The objective of this event intends to provide a platform for countries to share their experience and emerging good practice.

3 preventatives were opened welcome remarks: Ola Almgren, UN Resident Coordinator, Philliphines, Undersecretary Rosemarie G.Edillon National Economic and Development Authorities, Philliphine, Haoliang Xu, UN Assistant Secretary-General UNDP assistant Administrator, Director of regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific. In addition, also there was overview of regional knowl-

edge exchange which presented by Micheila Prokop, Regional Advisor 2030 Agenda, Bangkok, regional Hub, UNDP.

There were 8 sessions: first session focused on Taking stock/Overview of progress, while there were sub-session (Regional SDGs report/Overview of the progress, report back from HLPF 2017 and taking stock from Civil society). The second session on Integrating the 2030 Agenda into National strategies-Lesson learn and next steps. In this session, there were two presenter from Philliphine and Saomoa. The session II provided an overview of various dimension of policy coherence and building block of required for coherent implementation of the 2030 Agenda. It discussed the role of institutional coordination mechanism to support policy coherence and multi-stakeholder engagement. The session III. On Supporting Policy Coherence-2030 agenda/SDGs Coordination mechanism, there were 3 presenter from OECD with Indonesia, Pakistan and Philliphine, this also CSOs were invited to share their perspective. Session IV. Multi-Stakeholder Engagement, while the session discussed the important of multi-stakeholder engagement for accelerating progress towards the SDGs through focusing on some key partnerships. It featured examples and lessons learnt to strengthen the engagement between governments and civil society and other stakeholder in the implementation of the agenda 2030. Aside from this in session there were also the parallel session (A: Civil Society, B. Development Partner and C. UN Partnership).



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Consultation Workshop on “Policy Development and Civil Society Organizations”



On September 08, 2017 at Interchurch Friend Center: CCC and NGO Forum co-organize Consultation Workshop on “Policy Development and Civil Society Organizations”. There are approximately 100 participants who are from CSOs, associations, CBOs, formal and informal groups to join this consultation.

This consultation aims to provide update on the LANGO and Taxation Law, to confirm the common position and capacity of CSOs towards the compliance and implications of LANGO and Taxation Law, and identify ways forwards for CSOs to be responsive and complied with the laws.



Workshop on National and International Standards on Land and Housing Rights



On October 10-11, 2017, in collaboration with the Preah Sihanouk provincial authorities, the OHCHR Office co-organized with NGO Forum and ADHOC a workshop on the National and International Standards on Land and Housing. 61 participants, including police officers, military commanders, district officials, commune council members, and members of varies land and housing rights networks attended the two-day workshop. Preah Sihanouk Court of First Instance, OHCHR, NGO Forum and ADHOC were shared their expertise and experience with the participants.

In response to growing tourism in coastal areas, development projects are being implemented to meet infrastructural needs. This has led to internal migration, which has resulted in an increase in demographic pressure in urban areas, this is particularly the case in Preah Sihanouk Province.

These developments have lead to the relocation of individuals and communities, particularly those who have been living in informal settlements, or on state land with no documentation to demonstrate possession rights. Security of land tenure is essential for the enjoyment of human rights. Authorities have an obligation to address and minimize this impact on individual’s lives. Evictions must be considered as a last resort. In order to resolve the negative impacts of development projects, workshops relating to land

and housing rights, have been designed by OHCHR, ADHOC and NGO Forum.

The policy also proposes implementing houses for renting, state donated land to families or communities, relocation, on site-upgrade development, family forest policy for housing, and ensured housing for workers/employees. The policy is a roadmap to ensure adequate and secure housing for all people.

According to a 2014 survey, the head of the family owns 93.8 % houses but those houses are adequate for living. There are also many individuals who have moved to the city for jobs but whom cannot find housing. In accordance to the secure tenure of housing, only land is registered, not houses or buildings under co-ownership. A draft policy on motivation and national programming for affordable housing development has hence been developed. It focuses on the state infrastructure, the creation of electricity and water systems in the housing areas constructed by the private sector.

Ms. Keat Bophal, Human Rights Officer, presented the International standards on rights to land and housing: The definition of rights to adequate housing. It is the right of every woman, man, youth and child to gain/sus-



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International Land Coalition Asia 2017 Regional Assembly



Mr. Tek Vannara, Executive Director of the NGO FORUM on Cambodia, Ms Chet Chariya, executive director of Star Kampuchea, Mr Pan Sopheap, Executive Director of Farmer and Nature Net Association (FNN) participated Land Forum ILC Asia 2017 under them “People Centered Land Governance: Securing Commons Land Use Rights Towards Improve Livelihoods of Local Communities in Asia which organized by International Land Coalition (ILC) and its members at Damas Hotel, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan on 12 September 2017. There are two main topics were discussed in the forum 1)Strengthening effective land governance in agriculture and pastures and 2)Promoting sustainable joint forest management by working with forestry user.

Mr Tek Vannara, executive director of the NGO FORUM on Cambodia participated in International Land Coalition Asia 2017 Regional Assembly held on 13-15 September 2017 at Issyk Kul Region, Kyrgyz Republic. There are 42 NGOs member of ILC who are come from Asia participated in the assembly for discussion on achievements, lesson learnt, reports, action plan, budget, challenges and solutions, especially decide on the membership, strategic plan, next year action plan and budget and the future cooperation among ILC member. During the assembly meeting, there are some lesson learnt have been shared such as Common Ground for Securing Land Right and Safeguarding the Earth and Indigenous People Documents. The NGO FORUM on Cambodia became a member of ILC since 2012.

Annual Meeting of the World Bank



On October 12, 2017, Mr Tek Vannara, Executive Director of the NGO FORUM on Cambodia participated and discussion on the topics 1)Model of CSO engagement with World Bank Country Programmes and 2)Diagnosing Governance Challenges in the Extractive Sector: The Resource Governance Index and Beyond. Discussions focused on the role of World Bank and International Finance Cooperation (IFC) for strengthening Social and Environmental Safeguards System to ensure resources are using in transparency and responses to the need of the people who living in the programmes target, especially open spaces for public participation consultation and decision among stakeholders in the whole process of project/programme development. These event organized in the annual meeting of the world bank group in Washington DC, USA.

On October 13, 2017 Mr. Tek Vannara, Executive Director of the NGO FORUM on Cambodia were participated and discussion on many topics such as 1)The Value of Accountability Mechanisms: By Whom and For What? 2)Forests, Climate and Land Rights: How Can Policy Lending Address the Major Challenges of Development 3)Support the Renewable Energy Development 4)

CSO and World Bank: Consultation and Country Partnership Frame Work and 5)Civil Society Policy Forum Sponsored CSO Feedbacks. The major discussions focused on how World Bank Group Improve itself on accountability and transparency by giving spaces and consultation with stakeholders in CPF. Beside of these meetings, Mr Tek Vannara were visited to the NGO’s partner offices such as Oxfam, International Budget Partnership, Bank Information Center, STIMSON Center and George Washington University, there are many topics around partnership have been discussions and agreed for the future cooperation.





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Roundtable Discussion NGOs from China and Cambodia



On September 19, 2017, Mr Tek Vanara, executive director of the NGO FORUM on Cambodia participated in the Roundtable Discussion NGOs from China and Cambodia on Promoting in depth Cooperation by People to People Exchange which organized by China Foundation for Peace and Development (CFPD) at CFPD office in Phnom Penh. Discussion focus on role, contributions and programmes of both CSOs which are operating in Cambodia, especially to discuss on the way of current and future cooperation to sustainable development and harmonization of both CSOs.



Visiting Achang Irrigation Development Project



On October 01, 2017, The NGO Forum on Cambodia through the Community Rights on Hydropower Dam Project to visit Achang Irrigation Development Project in Cambodia is located in Kampong Chhnang Province, which is 41km far away from Kampong Chhnang city, 120km far away from northwest of capital city Phnom Penh. No.5 highway passes the dam area which is 22.4km far away from the highway. The project's owner is the Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology of Cambodia. Sinohydro Group Ltd. is the EPC contractor and the supervision unit is Guangzhou Wanan Construction supervision co.,ltd. This project is financed by concessional loans from China government.

This project aims at irrigation and also takes account of ecological water supply. The whole project is made of two parts, one is Irrigation canal system that could service 10300 hectares irrigated area, 12 km along the left bank of the river. The other part is a diversion junction which is made of entrance gate, drainage brake, overflow dam, left and right bank connectors. The normal level of the dam is 28m, and the barrage diversion works to elevate the water to get intake water level to be brought into main canal. By main and branch canal construction the water could be transported to farmland. The project mainly contains: a sluice gate, an overflow dam, an inlet sluice, connection sector between left and right bank, main canal, branch canal, and 10 regulators, 10 turn-out gates, 7 culverts, 10 inverted siphon pipes on main canal, and 49 regulators, 100 turn-out gates, 24 culverts, 20 inverted siphon pipes on branch canal. Total project durations is 35 months, we planned to hand over the final project certificate in October, 2018. Source: Sinohydro Group Ltd website.

The Reviewing and approving on the draft of Cambodia Sustainable Development Goals Framework



Executive director of the NGO FORUM on Cambodia and his colleagues participated in Inter-ministerial high level meeting to review and approve on the draft of Cambodia Sustainable Development Goals Framework which organized by Ministry of Planning (MoP) with support from UNFPA held on 29 September 2017 at Cambodiana Hotel, Phnom Penh. The draft of CSDG were consulted with stakeholders in 5

times which the last consultation held on 21 May 2017 before inter-ministerial meeting today. The MoP will screen and revise again before submit to top high level meeting for making final decision and ensure all indicators of CSDG are measurable, realistic and can implementable reflect to real situation of Cambodia Development.





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ON THE MEDIA



Topic: CSOs Position and Concern over the Pak Beng Dam, Lao PDR

Source: Voice of America (VoA)

Date: 01 Sep 2017

Speakers: Dr. Tek Vannara, Executive Director of NGO Forum

Read more at: <https://khmer.voanews.com/a/hun-sen-echoed-laotian-s-don-sahong-and-lower-sesan-2-dam-development-projects-having-no-impacts-on-cambodia-s-fishery-product/4043830.html>



Topic: Radio Talk on “CSOs Contribution on Environment Conservation”

Source: Radio National Kampuchea (RNK)

Date: 01 September 2017

Speakers: Mr. Sun Youra, Program Manager of NGO Forum

Organized and Credit Photo by: ICSSO

UPCOMING EVENTS/HOLIDAYS 2017

02-04 November

Water Festival

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09 November

National Independence Day

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24 November

13th NGOF Donors and Partners Meeting

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27-28 November

CSO National Consultation Workshop on the Draft of Natural Resources and Environmental Code

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