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LEADING STORIES

The NGO Forum's Annual Staff Reflection



The NGO Forum on Cambodia organized Annual Staff Reflection for 5 days from 25th – 29th November 2019 which visited Oddar Meanchey Province and Siem Reap Province. The objectives of this reflection aim:

- To refresh on NGO Forum policies and strategies.
- To learn about community-Based natural resource management in Oddar Meanchey province.
- To finalize a draft of the annual program outcome harvesting report Jan-Dec 2019.
- To finalize the program's annual operation plan with an estimated budget for 2020.
- To maintain and build up good team spirit.

On 25 November 2019, we were Phnom Penh's departure to Oddar Meanchey



Province. During the bus, we had refreshed and got a better understanding of NGOF policies and strategies. We had shared good experiences and challenges for each other. In the afternoon, we visited Sang Rokhavorn community forestry which located at Krong Samrong, Oddar Meanchey province to better understand forest management that leads by Venerable Bun Salout. We also planted more trees in that place for the activity as of conservation. Another activity we did meditation in Sang Rokhavorn forest community to refresh our mind and peace in mind.

As part of the team building program, on the way to Oddar Meanchey province, we visited the Military in Siem Reap province. Planting the tree in the Sang Rokhavorn forest community. Meditation in Sang Rokhavorn forest community.



On the morning of November 26, 2019, the 2nd day of NGOF's Annual Reflection, we had the opportunity to learn more about the community forestry in Oddar Meanchey, all NGOF staff had the met the Phnom Dornng Rek Prey Sras Community which supported by Community Trans-

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lation Organization (CTO). The Phnom Dornng Rek Prey Sras Community is located at Kok Kpous commune, Banteay Ampil district, Oddar Meanchey Province. We had learned from the community on their ownership in collective voice and willing to protect the forest and the land. At the same time, there is forest patrol to prevents forest crime and cow slaughter which is important for improved livelihoods besides forest products. Currently, there are 22 cows provided by the provincial agriculture department. The community has good cooperation with the commune, district and provincial governors in crime prevention as well as land acquisition from outside. The forestry communi-



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ty joins the meeting with another network to identify solutions and filing complain. They come together every six months at CTO office or at Sang Rokhavorn community forestry. There are 13 forestry communities. CTO supports the payment for transportation and per diem. The community set up a social network through Facebook to share information to all network members. There are two saving groups with a lot of savings. The three green women groups continue to save every month. The new saving group saved 14800 riels. The old saving group provides funding support to community forestry. VSG support \$1570 per year for community forest protection in organizing meeting, saving group and reporting. In 2020, there will be a commune development fund for forest governance and cow raising. The eco-tourist will be organized, community hut at the community pond which digging by Chinese. The provincial department of water resources and meteorology recognizes the community.



The third day of the Program Reflection program on Tuesday 27 December 2018, led by Mr. Hok Menghoin, Environment

and Agriculture Program Manager.

The program was started by note address and welcome remark of NGO Forum leadership. Dr. Tek Vannara, Executive Director of the NGO Forum on Cambodia. Express thanks to one-year program implementation. It is the big contribution of the NGO Forum in Cambodia on the development of the economic and the environment with the support of the development partner. It contributes to social development which response to the three aspects. The technology, environment and social development. It involves the private sector and other stakeholders. We work to respond to community demands. NC will present the key policies that contribute to Cambodia development. I would like to remind that we have 95 members organization both national and international. They pay membership fees. There are 8 networks and 450 NGO members. We work to support the network organization. We show the role model to the network members and membership organizations. Great thanks for your good work within one-year of 2019. The main objective refresh on NGO Forum policies and strategies, to learn about community-based natural resource management in Oddar Meanchey, to finalize a draft of annual program outcome harvesting report Jan-Dec 2019, to finalize program annual operation plan with estimated budget for 2020, to maintain and build up good team spirit, review the Annual report 2019 and outcome harvesting and voting for staff association for 2020.

We expected NGO Forum staff have deeply understood on NGO Forum policies and strategies, increased knowledge and understanding about community-based natural resource management, finalized a draft of annual program outcome harvesting report Jan-Dec 2019, finalized program annual operational plan with estimated budget for 2020, maintained and



built up good team spirit and voted for staff association.

Mr. Ouk Vannara refreshes the guide of the outcome harvesting report for January –December 2019 so that the staff fully understands and able to prepare the outcome harvesting report.

Progress of Day 4: Thursday 28-Nov-2019
The Fourth day of Annual Program Reflection on Thursday 28 November 2019, led by Mr. Ouk Vannara, Deputy Executive Director.

Develop the NGO's annual operational plan and budget for 2020. DED presented the guideline for NGO's annual operational plan and budget plan for 2020. Budget Plan preparation. Mr. Som Chettana, Finance Manager presented the format, the requirements, format, and information for producing the budget plan from January to December 2020. Mr. Som Chettana, Finance Manager presented the budget plan format with detail calculation. The finance team will be provided to support NCs to prepare a new detail budget plan for 2020. Budget structure by activities.

Mr. Ouk Vannara suggested to use the format and define key activities. Too many activities. Please look at NSDP and CSDG and align it with the relevant ministries to save the resource.

Read more at: <http://www.ngoforum.org.kh/annual-program-reflection-2019/>



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Meeting between MRC's Development Partners and Save the Mekong

In the meeting between MRC's Development Partners and Save the Mekong was organized at Australian Club in Vientiane, Laos PDR on 4th November 2019. Executive Director of the NGO FORUM on Cambodia has requested Development Partners to pay more attention and support on a development of renewable energy and alternative energy for Mekong region and encourage for more participation and engagement from all relevant stakeholders in the Joint Environmental Monitoring and Joint Action Plan for existing dams, especially conduct more study on trans-boundary impacts on environment and social. There are 3 main topics for discussion were 1) Procedures for Notification, Prior Consultation and Agreement (PNPCA) in a context of 1995 Mekong Agreement for proposed Luang Prabang Hydropower dam project; 2) Renewable Energy and alternative energy for Mekong region; and 3) Multi-stakeholder discussion for Mekong sustainability.



8th Mekong River Commission Stakeholder Forum

Day 1 of the 8th Mekong River Commission Stakeholder Forum focuses on the key topics are 1) The Mekong's State Basin Report and Basin Development Strategy 2) Reflection the state of Basin Conditions and Future Risks and Opportunities in the Basin Development Strategy 2021-2030 and 3) Address Current and Future Conditions of the Basin. Addressing the forum, the Executive Director of the NGO Forum requested the MRC, Mekong River Commission state members and hydropower developers to consider and address issues such as 1) Encourage representatives of the Mekong community became official members of the joint environmental monitoring and joint action plan, 2) Conduct deep study on data of ecology, environment, fisheries, socio-culture, and livelihood of the Mekong people in each region; 3) Study the trans-boundary impacts and mechanism posed by the implementation of existing hydropower dams, such as Xayaburi and Don Sahong; 4) Study the

effects of flow and accumulation on agricultural land quality across the region; 5) Developing timely, accurate information-sharing mechanisms using modern technologies that all Mekong populations can use to prevent and mitigate impacts and environmental sustainability, 6) Determine the minimum flow rate of the dam operation to ensure that the dry season, Mekong river has enough water for the sustainable environment, wetlands and people's lives, 7) To consider renewable energy and alternative energy to be one strategic plan for next MRC strategy 2021-2030, 8) To coordinate the development of appropriate and effective mechanisms for responding to requests and concerns of communities on Mekong Mainstream Dams and its tributaries and 9) Existing dam company must be share some benefits which got from dam operation to Mekong People, especially affected communities.





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Capacity Build to Provincial Network on Video Producing for NSDP and CSDG



The NGO Forum on Cambodia organized a training course on Video producing for NSDP and CSDG which funded NPA which held on 16-17 December 2019 at Tonle Bassac I, Phnom Penh. This training aimed to:

- Provide a basic understanding of how to use the camera setting for video, including frame rate, ISO and SHUTTER, sound, audio level, and video resolution.
- Understand the form of video, contents, message, questionnaire design, and interview.
- To use the Adobe Premier for editing video, color grade, and export and upload to social media.
- Innovate awareness-raising on NSDP and CSDGs through media.

There were 21 (7 female) representatives of CSOs from the provincial network in three provinces including Siem Reap, Kampong Thom and Prey Veng Province. The Presentation and group discussion were introduced for the training.

Mr. Keo Bunly, Acting National Development Program of NGOF. He warmly welcomed to all participants joined this training. He encourages all participants learn more on the how to make use of video clip for produced video in each organization to share on their social media, especially the proposed a good key messages which link to topic on CSDGs and NSDP to innovate awareness raising to public.

This training was introduced by Mr. PHOURN Yu, Media and Communication Coordinator following topics:

1. why we need video material?
2. Understand the audience
3. Message for Video
4. Form/Type of Videos
5. Interview and Questionnaire for Video
6. Basic understanding of Video concept
7. How to editing video and using adobe premiere to utilized it in professional work.

A good message will attract the audience and easy to understand. Short and concise, simple and easy to understand.

Participants increased understanding of Video form VOX POP. It is the type of video to ask the public opinion on a specific topic. The video is shown to get the participant to understand a sample of short video VOX POP. Asked one question to get a different opinion by using 5 Ws and 1 H and choosing good location for interview. The B-roll to capture some of activities what going on.

Second day of the training, there were three groups from three provinces which focus on SDGs goals #4 "Quality Education". The topics proposed by groups: 1. Education on HIV/As, 2. Education on Disabilities and Promoting Education Sector. The groups had organized brainstorming on the topic, objective...etc. They played roles, working on video recording and editing video.

At the end of training the three group had finished first draft of videos and shared it during the training to watch and comment for further development.





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Clean Energy Talk



The NGO Forum on Cambodia co-organized with CVS and Oxfam, with the support of Austrian Aid to host the Clean Energy Talk as part of Clean Energy Week 2019.

Join us to discover the cleaner, safer and cheaper alternatives to hydropower in the Mekong Region. Cambodia relies heavily on hydropower (48%) and coal (34%) to supply its electricity needs. However, these come at a cost to the environment, humans and wildlife.

This energy talk aims to bring practitioners including government agencies, Renewable Energy companies and NGOs to share an update of clean energy

development in the country; vision for clean and sustainable energy generation in the future; further detail a potential area in Cambodia that could generate clean energy, new affordable technology of solar and its benefit.

Mr. Walley Luke, representative of WWF, presentation on water resources in Cambodia is currently scarce and low water levels are concern and it will risk fish stocks, a shortage of water, and the used of water for hydropower dam. The potential energy in Cambodia has many, and Cambodia having their own direction and long-term vision. He believes that WWF's study shows that Cambodia has the

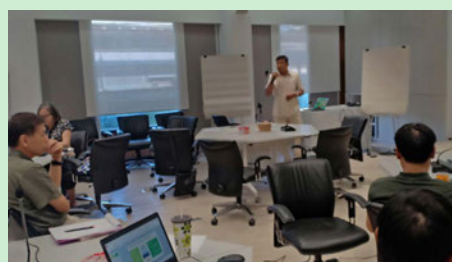
most potential for solar power generation, and the next is wind and solar power for good choice and those are not impact for environmental and natural resources.

Mr, Phat Pich, representative of ATEC, he mentioned on the rural people's cooking power are spending much more time on firewood for their foods and using gas supply for energy is high price for them. According to study by ATEC, 85% of people in rural areas clear firewood from the forest, while pollution from animal and agriculture manure. As such, ATEC has been researching the need for Cambodians to produce biogas stove which made from plastic to supply people.

Regional Meeting on V4MF Annual Review and Planning

Mr. Ouk Vannara, Deputy Executive Director of The NGO Forum on Cambodia attended the regional meeting on V4MF annual review and planning hosted by RECOFTC at its regional office in Kasetsart University, Bangkok (Thailand), on 16-18 December 2019 with 32 participants who are V4MF partners from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Vietnam.

The main objective of the meeting are 1)-To capitalize achievements and contributed changes towards improved forest governance, particularly related to (i) Policy, Legal & Institutional frameworks;



(ii) Planning and decision-making processes and (iii) Implementation, Enforcement and Compliance, 2)-To reflect on lessons learned and 3)- To agree on priorities and action plan to pave the way forward, particularly 2020.

During the meeting, Mr. Ouk Vannara shared a reflective learning on non-state actor engagement in REDD+ highlighting key points as below:

1. NGOF' Working Mechanism and Approach
2. REDD+ context in short. Where it is in REDD+ process?
3. How do NSAs engage in REDD+?
4. Any mechanisms for NSA use to advocate?
5. What have been done for capacity building to NSA?
6. What should be done differently?



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The 7th International Asian Conservation Forum for International Union for Nature Conservation (IUCN)



The 7th International Asian Conservation Forum for International Union for Nature Conservation (IUCN) on the theme of Asian Greening for People and Nature was held in Islamabad, Pakistan from June 06-08 November 2019 with approximately 200 participants from 35 countries in Asia and the world. The main topics discussed at the forum are 1). The International Union for the Conservation of Nature by 2024 and the Action Plan 2021-2024; 2) Membership and the way forward to IUNC world congress in Marseille, France in June 2020; 3) Healthy Land and Water; 4) Healthy Ocean, 5) Mitigation and adaptation to climate change, and 6) Natural re-

source governance. Addressing the whole forum, NGO Forum Executive Director, as a full member of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, requested the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Development Partners to include in Strategic Plan and Action Plan 2021 to 2024 its key work the Mekong River region has been added because the region is facing a number of challenges for conservation work such as large-scale water infrastructure development, deforestation, urban development and climate change, which are closely linked to IUCN program. The International Union for the Conservation of Nature is, therefore, a

strategic activity. The key points that the International Union for Conservation of Nature should support are 1). Mekong River Water Diplomacy and Governance 2). Management of wetlands or marshlands throughout the Mekong River 3). Biodiversity Corridor 4). Conduct deeply studies on biodiversity assessment in each of the wetlands throughout the region; 5). Provide space for people and stakeholders for dialogue on conservation 6). Encourage environmental activists in the state, civil society, the private sector and all stakeholders 7). Contributing to ensuring a balance for the pillars of sustainable development: economic, social development and protection environment; and 8). Actively participate in changing people's mindsets throughout the region for learning Nature put through application of technical knowledge and material to date. The forum was attended by the Prime Minister and closed by the President of Pakistan, who both voiced support for and emphasized the third pillar of environmental protection in connection with conservation work for beautiful greening of Asia.





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Dissemination Workshop and Consultation on Indigenous Collective Land Registration, Preliminary Mapping Protected Area Communities and Technical Meeting



NGOF, ICSO, CIPO, WCS, and UNOHCHR co-organized a dissemination workshop and consultation on Indigenous collective land registration, preliminary mapping Protected Area Communities and Technical Meeting to Seek Solutions on Indigenous Collective Registration in Protected Areas and Forest Permanent state. The three-day dissemination workshop, from December 3 to December 5, 2019 at the Reaksmeay Diamond Hotel, Stung Treng Province, consisted of 58 participant (3 women) from the Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction, and the Department of Rural Development, Department of Land Management, Urbanization, Construction and Cadastral Services Environmental Affairs and Forestry Administration Districts (Kampong Thom, Preah Vihear, Kratie, Stung Treng, Mondulakiri and Ratanakiri

provinces) and civil society organizations were invited. The purpose of this workshop is to find common solutions on collective land registration of indigenous communities.

Mr. Ouk Vannara, Deputy Executive Director of the NGO Forum on Cambodia, emphasized the government's focus on responding to indigenous people's basic rights as stated in the policy and normative framework The ideals of the Kingdom of Cambodia. As a result, 150 out of 450 indigenous communities self-identified by the Ministry of Rural Development, 141 out of 150 indigenous communities recognized. Legal entities from the Ministry of Interior and 68 indigenous communities among the 141 indigenous communities have applied for the card. Rights of Indigenous Collective Community from Ministry of Land Management, Urbanization and



Construction So far, 25 of the 68 indigenous communities have received communal land titles. At the same time, Mr. Ouk Vannara encouraged the participants to discuss and reflect on the challenges that impeded the registration of community land for indigenous peoples, and to determine action plans. The relevant institutions can work together to address these challenges to ensure that all indigenous communities are able to receive collective communal land title.



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LAHRIN Member Meeting with Kompong Cham Provincial Authority

On the morning of December 3, 2019, the NGO Forum on Cambodia facilitated members of the Land and Housing Rights Network, including UPWD, WVI and NAS, to meet with the Kompong Cham Provincial Authority, presided over by Mr. Sok Chanta, Director Head of Kampong Cham Provincial Hall and represented HE Governor of Kampong Cham. The meeting was attended by 12 members (one female), officials of the Provincial and Municipal Offices, the Department of Land Management, Urban Planning, Construction, and Cadastral, sharing information and discussing common solutions to seven different land and natural resource disputes in Kampong Cham.

Through this discussion, we noted three key results:



1. Promote good cooperation between civil society organizations and provincial authorities in partnership with land and natural resources issues.
2. Seven land dispute cases have been updated to resolve data verification problems.
3. Key challenges related to the resolution process were discussed and identified action plans to work together to propose specific solutions to the three outstanding land dispute cases selected by provincial network members.

LAHRIN Member Meeting with Pursat provincial Authorities

On December 04, 2019, The NGO Forum on Cambodia facilitated Land and Housing Rights (LAHRIN) members which including UPWD, GVO, BCV and LICADHO to hold a meeting with Pursat provincial authorities on behalf of the provincial and 5 districts. Departments of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction are presided over by H.E Cheng Lai, Deputy Governor of Pursat Province the representative of Pursat Provincial Governor.

The meeting was attended by 27 participants (4 women), shared information and data on 14 different land conflicts and discussing joint action plans on three differ-

ent land conflicts. LAHRIN members were primarily selected for joint investigation and intervention used as a case study. In general, the Pursat Provincial Authority and civil society organization is a good partner to work with land and natural resources issues. 14 cases of land disputes have been updated to resolve data verification problems. At the same time, key challenges of the land case, concerns, and requests of the people were made known to the competent authorities and came up with a number of action plans to work together to push for specific solutions to the remaining land conflicts.





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Updating on Land Dispute in O'Chrasor Community in Nippechkor, Nipech Commune, Kampong Svay District, Kampong Thom Province

On December 17, 2019, the NGO Forum on Cambodia facilitated the Land Rights and Housing Rights Network (LAHRiN) members of AFD and HOM in Kampong Thom province to update the land dispute in O'Chrasor community in Nippechkor, Nipech Commune, Kampong Svay District, Kampong Thom Province. Following discussions with the management committee and 10 community members, the O Chrang Sor Forestry Area of 1702,33 hectares was established and recognized as a legal entity in 2004 with 395 families as of 2019. The community is facing the threat of encroachment on community forest lands owned by influential individu-

als without legal action. Instead, 5 members of the Community Forestry Management Committee became suspects on the charge of individuals invading the community on aggravated threats and were summoned by the Kompong Thom Provincial Court to appear on the facts which committed to cracking down on community forest clearing and gathering evidence of a tractor wheel Mosiah Post saved. But the criminal case was adjourned by the Royal Court of First Instance in 2019. In addition, the team provides legal advice and advocacy strategies based on the rights and obligations of managing community forestry.



LAHRiN member Meeting with Kompong Thom Provincial Authority

On the morning of December 18, 2019, the NGOF facilitated members of the Land and Housing Rights Network (AFD, HOM and ADHOC Provincial Association of Kampong Thom) to discuss with provincial authorities, including the 4 Deputy Chief of Administration Forestry Departments, (Santuk District, Kompong Svay, Prasat and Sandan Districts), Provincial Governor officials, Commune Chief and Commune Councils from 7 communes held by HE Prak Sarath Deputy Provincial Governor represented the Kampong Thom Provincial Governor.

The meeting was attended by 20 members (2 women), shared information and data on seven different land dispute cases and

discussed ways to further resolve pending land disputes. In addition, three land disputes cases, selected by members of the Land and Housing Rights Network, to intervene in a joint effort to push for a resolution were discussed in depth.

As a result, we find that better collaboration between provincial and local authorities and LAHRiN network team members is a good partner in land and natural resource cooperation. All seven land dispute cases have been updated. At the same time, significant challenges of land cases, concerns, and requests of the people were made known to the competent authorities and identified a number of actions to address.





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Exposure Visit To The Philippine on Land And Forest Governance

Cambodian delegates including government officials both national and sub-national level, NGO leaders and staff, and media agent of 23 peoples including 4 females participated in the exposure visit on December 09-13, 2019 to the Philippine on Land and Forest Governance: Customary Tenure Rights of Indigenous Communities. The visit aimed to strengthen cooperation and increase the knowledge and skills of NGO Forum's members and relevant government officials on land governance and natural resources management from regional experiences. The trip was co-organized by NGO Forum on Cambodia and NTFP-EP Asia.



Regional Training of Trainers on Capacity Assessment for Responsible Agri-Investments and Youth in Agricultural Sector

The NGO Forum staffs has participated in Regional Training of Trainers on Capacity Assessment for Responsible Agri-Investments and youth in Agricultural Sector from 09-13 December 2019 at Bangkok, Thailand. The training is organized by FAO and AsiaDHRRA. There're 28 participants from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Vietnam, Philippines, Thailand, Grow Asia, AsiaDHRRA, and FAO. In general, the objective of this capacity identification workshop is to level-off understanding among participants on responsible agricultural investments and the role of youth. Specifically, it aims to: i) Deepen understanding on CFS-RAI and ASEAN Guidelines on RAI; ii) Increase knowledge on FAO capacity development approach (3 dimensions); iii) Understand how to use the Youth and RAI rapid capacity assessment tool for a national follow-thru activity.





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15th NGO Forum's Donor and Partner Meeting



The NGO Forum on Cambodia organized 15th NGO Forum's Donors and Partners Meeting on Friday 22nd November 2019 at NGO Forum's meeting hall. The purpose of this meeting aim for build donor partner's understanding on the achievement against the NGOF's Action Plan 2019, to get more feedback from donor partners on the implementation of the NGO Forum action plan, to facilitate donor coordination to discuss and to hear each other's view. More importantly to provide update on the budget expenditure for 2019 and budget plan for the following year.

Mrs. Ros Sopheap, executive director of GADC and a presentative of the NGO Forum Management Committee, warmly welcomed participants and greatly thankful to all donors and partners their contributions and committee to support NGO Forum so far. She also acknowledged and updated some key significant achievements have been made in 2019 includes NGO Forum has recognized to be a full member of new TWGs combat soil degradation, engage with regional partners to work for sustainable water governance in the Mekong River Basin, advocate to increase community budget, especially the budget allocation to address climate issues, facilitate to organize 10th National Resources Management (NRM) forum, 8th National Farmers Forum...etc.

However, we are facing with some challenges such as CSO shrinking space with Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) for policy dialogue and some donors are facing out from Cambodia. To deal with



those issues, she believes only working together and share good solidarity would be strengthen CSOs roles and get more success. Taking this opportunity, she would like to say thank and wish you all success. Last but not least, she would like to announce for an official opening the meeting.

H.E The Chhun Hak Director General, Gender Equality and Economic Development, Ministry of Women's Affairs (MoWA) presented the Gender Assessment 2019-2023. Before update the assessment report, he provided a presentation on gender mainstreaming as part of Cambodia's contribution to SDGs as below:

- Referred to an international assessment report, Cambodia is ranking in number 93 of gender mainstreaming. The assessment's criteria are focused on gender equality or women's participation in economic sector, women and girls' health, women in education sector...etc. It is not about human rights.
- Gender's roles in GDP - increase gender equality in family and whole society. How to mainstream gender into each ministry and relevant institutions. It is not only the role of gender stand-alone organization like GADC or WoWA but those are our roles. He also emphasized that we should consider gender equality is about opportunity and growth.

Dr. Tek Vannara, Executive Director of the NGO Forum on Cambodia, I would like to say thank you very much H.E for your sharing. For NGO Forum, we will review on our existing gender policy and guideline to

keep update. Taking this opportunity, we would like to request some cooperation work with MoWA in 2020: 1) discuss and collect inputs on gender guideline and climate change and natural resources management in Cambodia, 2) discuss on thematic issue of gender and farmer in 9th National Farmers Forum, 3) Case study development on gender and Mekong water governance, 4) Analysis on gender budget in national budget 2020. We have discussed with MoEF and National Assembly to ensure better national budget implementation, especially gender mainstreaming, 5) contribute on NSDP and CSDGs implementation, especially gender, 6) Gender and economic digital. We have also discussed with MoEF and define clear indicators on gender, 7) work with Chamber of commerce on CSR guideline on agriculture and forestry. It is a regional / ASEAN guideline. In principle, they suggest to develop a forestry and gender guideline for the region. Those are key activities of NGO Forum for 2020 that we would like to ask for good cooperation with MoWA, especially gender and climate change guideline as NGO Forum have worked closely with 8 networks in Cambodia.

Dr. Tek Vannara thanked all participants, and hoped that the NGO Forum would continue to have an interesting membership with continues support from its donors and partners. In general, participants appreciated for the whole process including agendas including agendas and logistic arrangement of the event; especially the occasion met and discussed with all NGOF's staff.





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Youth Standing Up for Human Rights

The 71st International Human Rights Day, with both attaching great significance to youth leadership roles in society which held on Saturday 07 December 2019, at the National Olympic Stadium under the theme Youth Standing Up for Human Rights, the celebrations was organized by UN Human Rights in collaboration with the Civil Society Organizations, the UN country team, and an EU delegation.

In a statement, the UN Human Rights said the event has cast a light on youth leadership roles as a source of inspiration for a better future.

“Under our global call to action ‘Stand Up for Human Rights’ we have celebrated the potential of youth as constructive agents of change, amplify their voices and engage



a broad range of global audiences in the promotion and protection of rights,” it said.

As part of the celebrations, the UN body was also bestowed its 2019 Youth Human Rights Champion Awards on outstanding young people for promoting human rights through their participation in communities in Cambodia.



71st International Human Rights Day

In celebration of 71st International Human Rights Day, 21 Cambodian human rights groups, unions, and civil society organizations gathered at Freedom Park in Phnom Penh’s Russey Keo district on 10 December 2019. There were approximately 2,000 participants from representatives of indigenous peoples community, civil society organizations, Associates, youth, development partners and representatives of ambassadors in Cambodia.

This year’s International Human Rights Day focused largely on the theme Youth Stand Up for Human Rights and highlighted the leadership role of young people and their potential.





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UPCOMING EVENTS/HOLIDAYS 2020

01 January

International New Year's Day

07 January

Victory Day

09 January

Budget working Group (BWG) monthly meeting

10-11 February

Study and Exchange of Experiences on climate change adaptation and agricultural techniques

14 February

LAHRiN Meeting on Updating the Resolution on Housing Rights

24-25 February 2020

Refresher Training on National and Sub-national Budget

27 February

Quarterly Member Meeting



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