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LEADING STORIES

Annual General Meeting



On Friday 21st July 2016: the NGO Forum on Cambodia conducted its Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Phnom Penh Ecumenical Diakonia Center (PPEDC) in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. This meeting was a full day meeting among NGO Forum’s members, network members, and relevant stakeholders from 7:30am to 5:00pm. There were 108 participants (42 women) participated in this meeting.

The meeting was opened and welcomed by Mr. Yin Dara, Chairperson of the Management Committee (MC) of the NGO Forum on Cambodia (NGOF) and the Program officer of Forum Syd. Firstly, he thanked all government officers, NGOF members, network members, INGOs and NGOs that came to join this AGM today. Then, he started to introduce briefly the objectives and the main sessions including:

1. Update on implementation of legal reform and draft laws
2. Update on the NGOF’s key achievements for 1 year
3. Update on sustainable development goals localization and voluntary guidelines on the responsible governance of tenure
4. Discussion on strategic plans for NGOF implementation

Dr. Tek Vannara, Executive Director (NGOF) facilitated session 1. Before presentations of each speaker, he highlighted about the current laws in the process of working such as:

1. 4th draft of Environmental Code (EC)
2. Oil and Gas guideline
3. Agriculture land law
4. Law reform including forestry, fishery, and protected area in order to transfer the ownership to the Sub-national level

Mr. Sok Sothy, Chief of Policy Analysis and Development of National Committee for Sub-National Democratic Development (NCDD) from Ministry of Interior (MoI) presented the Reform of Forestry Law, Fishery Law, and Protected Areas Law. In 2002, forestry, fishery, and protected area law were written as guideline for implementation. There are some challenges, but the only MAFF and MoE have power to implement while other agencies do not. In 2011, we reform on these laws in order to give power to local government under the coordination of NCDD. Relevant government institutions are MoI, MAFF, MoE, Tonlesap Authority, and government authorities. He mentioned the important of NGOF members’ roles as the bridge to bring concerns of communities to government.

Mr. Am Pirum, Deputy Director, department of agriculture land, Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (MAFF) present on Draft Agriculture Land Law. In 2010, government started drafting agricultural land law and will consider finalizing by end of 2016 with supported by World Food Program (WFP) to do this law. The drafted law contains of 11 chapter and 117 articles,

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its objective of the law is to protect and conserve the agriculture land. The law not yet highlighted about clear roles and responsibilities of any ministry but only mentioned as “general authority of relevant ministries working on agriculture and agricultural land management in the Royal Government of Cambodia”. Agriculture land is identified base on the quality of soil (high, medium, and poor quality). To conserve and protect the soil quality, this law has divided the type of agriculture land for different cropping or investment. Conserve agriculture water is very important part of this law as well, and choose the good quality of water for irrigating.

Read more at: <http://bit.ly/2f4jLn7>



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Workshop Seminar on one Human Family Caring for Creation in ASEAN Context on Environment

On 13 July, Tram Kok District, Takeo Province: Workshop Seminar on one Human Family Caring for Creation in ASEAN Context on Environment was organized by Saint Paul Institute at on 13 July 2016 with 160 participants participated. Talked to all participants, Mr Tek Vannara, Executive Director of the NGO FORUM on Cambodia raised on the progress of Cambodia development such as became lower income middle country, industrial development plan, Cambodia Vietnam and Lao PDR economic development and sustainable development goal of UN. Especially, he focused on forestry and environmental issues, fresh water, land governance and climate change impacts in

Cambodia, region and ASEAN, in addition he raised the existing mechanisms that can solve those issues in Cambodia, regional and ASEAN. He mention that existing principles such as Human Right and Business, Cooperate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Free, Frio, Inform and Consent (FPIC) should mainstream into existing and new mechanisms to ensure that forestry, environment, climate change and land issues are address. With that event, he provided some Visions and action plans to be effective actor of caring for the creation in ASEAN context environment.



Field visiting affected communities in Koh Kong province who affected by UDG company



On 6 July 2016 afternoon: Field visit with local people, first meeting with 22 family representatives from Prek Smach village, Koh Sdac commune, Kirisakor district all of them as have agreed compensation. And the second with 7 family representatives who do not agree the compensation, Based on long discussion with effected family found that result as similar as report investigation produced by NGO Forum.

As the result, the representatives of the government and company agreed with the five points of the communities' proposal. Regarding the compensation, the government agrees to provide them 5000 m2 of resi-

dential land and 2 ha of farmland per family, except Mr. Sim Kimsan's family who get 1 ha of residential land and 12 ha of farmland because he had 45 ha of farmland ownership in the old location and he never received any compensation from the company. Moreover, the company also pays them for all kind of house and demolishing fee (ranging price from 350-800 dollars), 30 dollars per a fruit tree (counting from papaya up). The company is considering the communities' suggestion for 500 riel per kW of electricity cost for 3 years. Those communities are satisfied the resolution and they understand it is fair and justice compensation because all of their requirement were agreed by the government and company. Therefore, they decided to move to new location located in Konkok area, koh sdach commune, along the main road of the company since 4 June 2016. A community representative, Mr. Sim Kimsan said "My community members and I satisfy the resolution and are very happy to accept these compensations, and we understand



that this is fair and justice compensation for our group".

At the same time, a community member, Mr. Prum Sun also express his feeling that "we also deeply thank to all NGOs to support us the community empowerment including legal, rights and advocacy consultation, training course and other advocacy activities such as dialogue, workshop and press conference to produce the outcome".

Read more at: <http://bit.ly/2dvnA5b>



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HIGHLIGHT STORIES

International Seminar on Development Assistance on People's livelihood



Xiamen, China, from 30 June - 01 July 2016: Representative of the NGO Forum, Mr. Keo Bunly, Development Policy Project Coordinator participated the International Seminar on “Development Assistance on People’s livelihood: International Experience and China’s Countermeasure” hosted by China Institute for International Development, Xiamen University School of Economics with supported by China International Development Research Network (CIDRN). The seminar aimed to find the general trend of foreign assistance as an important part of China’s foreign strategy which will transit from constructing infrastructure to improving people’s livelihood (such as poverty reduction, education, health, sports and culture).
The workshop is presided over by Mr. Yongmiao Hong, Dean of School of Economics at Xiamen University and Mr. Shu Wang, Minister of Foreign Affairs. There are wide ranges of participant in that seminar including members of ministry of foreign affair of China, many representatives from University in China, researchers, and other representatives from NGOs in and outside China, including Cambodia, Lao, Myanmar, India, Canada and Columbia. This workshop provides the information on result and impact of development assistance on people’s livelihood in terms of Education and training, Medical and sanitation, technology transfer and the role of NGO and recipient’s perspective

National Workshop on Land Title: Systematic Land Registration and Indigenous Communal Land Titling



The NGO Forum on Cambodia (NGOF) in collaboration with relevant stakeholders organized a national workshop on Systematic Land Registration (SLR) and Indigenous Communal Land Titling (CLT). The two-day workshop brought over 140 active participants together in accordance with the planned agenda. The invited participants were representatives of civil society organizations, national and sub-national government officials, communities, researchers and academia.

The joint effort to address the land registration system is a contribution to the poverty alleviation of the Cambodian people, which is strongly supported and contained in the National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP). The proposed workshop focused on the special thematic “Together addressing the land and natural resources conflict through SLR and CLT” which was participated by NGOs, the government, communities, researchers and academia. The three objectives of the National Workshop were:

1. To open space for all relevant stakeholders including the government, development partners, academia, NGOs and communities to update the current status, raising concerns and challenges of SLR and CLT and in-depth discussion of technical solutions for speeding up or strengthening the technical processes of the land registrations.
2. To develop a very good national workshop report to be submitted to relevant ministries and stakeholders in order to push ahead the SLR and CLT processes.
3. To build a better cooperation among all stakeholders to improve the good governance on land and natural resources in contribution to the poverty alleviation of the RGC.

This national workshop is a significant event, giving opportunities to the government representatives, development partners, national and international civil society organizations, indigenous communities gathered together to discuss in a constructive manner and to look into the results of land registration, concerns, challenges that arise from the land registrations as well as to seek for joint strategies to achieve common objectives of land tenure security. It is noticed that there are many accomplishments achieved by the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) such as the development and implementation of laws, land policies and legal frameworks, fulfilling the responsibilities of relevant institutions at the national and sub-national levels and the results of land registration in 2015, of MLMUPC. However, there are still some challenges that led to delays in the land registrations.

Challenges related to the SLR are the limited participation of land occupants or the state institutions which are mandated to occupy the land; citizens’ lack of supported letters and documents to clarify as legal owners; slow land dispute resolution, the registration of private part of condominium, and limited participation in public display, e.g. in Pursat province, the public display was held at the police station which scared out citizens. Furthermore, the Directive 01 (D01) Land Registration did not implement the following of each step; and left out the dispute areas without registered. D01 provided opportunity to opportunists, affected indigenous communities’ land and did not allow for monitoring on the process of land registration, etc.

Challenges related to CLT are land disputes with private companies, ELCs, and some areas of National Protected Areas, state forest land. The individual ownership titles were the obstacles to process of communal land titling. Procedures of IP communal land titling are complex, especially related to required documentation for legal entity, preliminary map, limited number of technical officials, the delayed of issuance of interim protection measures.

Read more at: <http://bit.ly/2dZonfp>



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NGO Exposure Visit to China Huadian Lower Stung Russei Chrum Hydro-Electric in Koh Kong Province



On 7th July 2016: NGO exposure visit to China Huadian Lower Stung Russei Chrum Hydro-Electric Project in Koh Kong province. A meeting was organized by General Deputy of the company to share information related to project background and its profile as well. There are 14 participants (5 from Chinese Company Representatives and 9 NGOs representatives with 2 females) attended.

At this time, the General Deputy Director brief background and progress as following:
China Huadian Lower Stung Russei Chrum Hydro-Electric Project (Cambodia) Co., Ltd. is a wholly owned subsidiary of China Huadian Hong Kong Co., Ltd. It is duly incorporated under a 35-year BOT agreement with the Cambodian Government, with a total investment of \$500 million. The project is situated on the Stung Russei Chrum River in the western part of Koh Kong province, housing two power stations with

combined annual output of 1.199 billion kilowatt-hours on average. With a total installed capacity of 338MW, it is the largest hydropower project in operation in Cambodia and the largest hydropower project China Huadian invested abroad. The power generation facility has started operation in late 2013, aiming to benefit power-underserved local villages and factories.

He shared that, the company also focuses on environment, infrastructure, social and green zone as well, and construction procedure, process also followed Government policy procedure.

During a meeting most participants are very interested the project and have some questions related to environment, social, infrastructure and etc.

Mr. Tek Vannara. PhD brief and proposed key messages as below:

- The company should allow other Company, CSOs to exchange visit and seek for understanding share experiences knowledge and good practice.
- NGOF has regular quarterly meeting at Phnom Penh with Chinese ambassador chamber of commerce, Chinese Embassy and other Chinese stakeholders, if possible the company should joint meeting to share good practice to other for improving their performance to be responsible for CSR.
- The company has contributed some budget to MoE and Cambodian Red Cross (CRC) for environment and social affair, but should consider part of fund to directly support to local community who live near or surrounding project for livelihood intervention and small scale infrastructure such as well, pond and etc. It means that, local communities directly benefit and they will be happy what company done.
- If possible company should provide smart phone to local authorities for sharing any urgent information
- Mechanism for 6 month or 12 month internships to provide an opportunity for Cambodian students to learn and improve their knowledge and skill.

The Representative Company very satisfies the recommendation and will consider with his colleagues and supervisor.

Second Regional Consultation Workshop on Draft Law of Agriculture Land



On Battambang Province, July 12-13, 2016: Network of Food Security and Safety in Cambodia (NDF-C), Land and Housing Right Network (LARHIN), NGO Forum on Cambodia and General Directorate of Agriculture,

MAFF co-organized second regional consultation workshop on draft law of agriculture land. Approximately, 150 participants (women: 50) as the representatives Second Regional Consultation Workshop On Draft Law Of Agriculture Land 002 from farmers, government representative from Provincial Department of Agriculture, fishery and forestry, Provincial Department of Environment, Provincial Department of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction, Provincial Department of Water Resource and Meteorology, woman farmer champions, private sector, NGOs and Lawyer groups from 9 provinces: Kampong Thom, Preah Vihear,

Siem Reap, Kampong Chhnang, Pursat, Battambang, Banteay Meanchey, Odor-meanchey and Pailin. The purpose of the workshop is to collect inputs from various stakeholders to improve the draft Law on Agricultural Land.





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Joint inputs of CSOs on the draft Agriculture Land Law



On the 10 August 2016 at NGOF office: Joint inputs of CSOs on the draft Agriculture Land Law is the results were participated by Cross Sector Network, CCFC, ActionAid, Chet Thor, and the network and membership representative of The NGO Forum on Cambodia.

In the full morning meeting agreed to have further consultation at local, regional, and national level consultation with farmers and relevant stakeholders to collect all inputs and concerns on the current draft Agriculture Land Law which will put in national consultation by MAFF later in late 2016.

The Joint Inputs supposed to submit together by CSOs will be included the national-wide-farmer consultation and the analysis of the legal working groups.



Large Scale Hydropower Dams and Climate Change: Threats to People's Livelihoods and Responsibility of the ASEAN community



Room3, Indonesia Culture Center, Dili, Timor- Leste on 04 August 2016: A thematic workshop on “Large Scale Hydropower Dams and Climate Change: Threats to People’s Livelihoods and Responsibility of the ASEAN Community” was organized on August 4, 2016 at Timor – Leste through a platform of ASEAN Civil Society Conference / ASEAN People’s Forum 2016. The workshop was hosted and co-organized by the NGO Forum on Cambodia (NGOF), Cambodian Volunteers for Society (CVS) and Fisheries Action Coalition Team (FACT) from Cambodia, Vietnam Rivers Network (VRN) and Centre for Social Research and Development from Vietnam, ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights (APHR) from Indonesia and Focus on Global South, TERRA and International Rivers (IR) from Thailand. There are 62 delegates (21 women) from civil society organizations in ASEAN countries and development partners from other countries were participated. the main objective of the workshop were focused on: 1) to raise awareness and share information learned on transboundary issues such as the case studies of hydropower dams on the Mekong mainstream and tributaries, including Don Sahong, Xayaburi in Laos and Lower Sesan 2 in Cambodia 2) to strengthen existing networks of committed organizations in the region who work on hydropower dams issues

by sharing common concerns and strategies on dam campaigns and 3) to provide recommendations on hydropower dams on the Mekong Mainstream and its tributaries to be integrated into the recommendation of ASEAN Peoples’ Forum to ASEAN community.

Report of thematic workshop on LS HDand CC in APF 2016 002

Dr. Tek Vannara, Executive Director of The NGO Forum on Cambodia, was took a role moderator of the workshop. He introduced speakers and objectives of this parallel workshop. The presentation of guest speakers were allocated 10 minutes per each. He also presented legal frameworks and experiences of Water Governance in related Mekong Mainstreaming. There were five key legal principles essential to providing the necessary legal framework which focused on: Public participation, Access to Information, Environmental and Social Impact Assessment, Avoiding or mitigating environmental impacts and Forced resettlement and fair compensation. Significantly, to strengthen existing mechanisms of MRC Agreement 1995 and Review of MRC’s Procedures for Notification, Prior Consultation and Agreement (PNPCA) and other new Proposed UN convention on water focusing on International Water Law and Regional Water Cooperation.

Dr. Le Anh Tuan, water expert from Vietnam Rivers Networks, presented the result of Mekong Delta Study: Water Security and Challenges on Drought and Salt Water in downstream of Mekong River. He presented a brief results of finding the Mekong Delta is receiving more than 85% of water volumes from the mainstream of the Mekong River before running out to both the Sea and the Gulf of Thailand. The Delta supplies more than 53% of the nation’s staple rice and crop food, 80% of the total fish production, and 75% of fruits for domestic and export. It have more serious threats or double impacts – climate change if upstream dams as consequence. In combination, projected climate, industrial development, and upstream dams operation could increase many negative effects on local rice and fish cultivation in the Delta.

Read more at: <http://bit.ly/2cSvkuT>





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NGO Forum Annual Staff Retreat



Staff of The NGO Forum on Cambodia organized for Annual Staff Retreat (ASR) at Siem Reap province from 22 to 26 August 2016. The objective this retreat are to strengthen team building, communication and accountability within and across teams, to enforce capacity of staff about the NGO Forum and how they will contribute to the vision, mission and goal, and to introduce the roadmap for organization's strategic implementation and study from the ground experience of land dispute resolution.

On 22 August 2016 in the afternoon, on the way trip to Siem Reap Province for ASR, staff of NGO Forum reached to Chong Kao Su commune for the exposure visits. This visit to learn more on what factors that caused Chong Kao Su community lead to success. The meeting facilitation by Mr. Sous Narin, Investigation Officer of ADHOC. There were 148 households disputed land with Apsara Authority since 1995. We see that community chief have strong commitment to organized documents (prepared document, submit to institution, development, capacity and knowledge of community and on the organized team work and documents. On the other hand, community has their own strategic to response when Apsara Authority get to their land.

On 23 August 2016: Staff of NGO Forum stay in Angkor hotel for meeting. The meeting hosted by group 2, the host group leader by Mr. Keo Bunly. For whole day of meeting aim for NGO Forum staff to aware and contribute in achieving NGO Forum its vision, mission, goal and core values, another agenda was standing

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Chinese Engagement on Human Rights and Business with Sino Hydro



The NGO Forum on Cambodia facilitates its members and partners includes Action Aid, AFSC and CEPA to attend the meeting with Sino – Hydro Company that it was happened on August 17, 2016 at 2pm at Sino – Hydro office, Kanadia Tower, Phnom Penh. The meeting focused on updating the current situation of hydropower dam and irrigation system which is implemented by Sino – Hydro power Company and to strengthen cooperation works with CSOs in Cambodia.

Dr. Tek Vannara, Executive Director of The NGO Forum on Cambodia, updated the objectives of the meeting and invited participants to present fact findings and discuss on action forwards.

Mr. Kim Sovan, General Manager of Sino – Hydro Company in Cambodia and Vice President & Secretary General of Chinese Chamber of Commerce (CCC) in Cambodia, informed that presently Sino-Hydro has implemented three main projects focusing on constructing irrigation system located in Steng streaming in Oddor Meanchey, A Chang in Kampong Chhnang and Chinit streaming in Kampong Thom province. He also reaffirmed that the responsibility of the company is only the technical aspect for constructing dam or irrigation. In this regard, the obligation to address issues of resettlement and environmental impact are under role and responsible of relevant ministries of Royal Government of Cambodia. He sug-

gested NGOs to disseminate information to avoid missed understand and confusing information of role and responsibility of the company.

Mr. Say Jeudi from Action Aid presented fact finding report of Steng steaming case in Oddor Meanchey. The project has impacted to 6 villages (5 villages in Oddor Meanchey and 1 village in Siem Reap province. Significantly, one village is classified as direct impacts which will be completely floods of its territory and required to resettlement. If we taking about compensation process, the villages have accepted but some of them are unhappy because they said there is no choose. The investigation found that there is no EIA report and limitation of information dissemination.

To address the issue, Dr. Tek Vannara proposed to Action Aid and Sino – hydro to be considered to co-organize a sub – national workshop which will be invited affected communities, provincial authorities and all stakeholders. The workshop will be benefit to affected communities to well understand on the process, especially avoid missed understand which will be impact to reputation of the company.

Mr. Kim Sovann appreciated the proposed idea because they added that our service delivery committed to help communities to be sustain of water supply for their agricultures and economic grow in Cambodia.





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position and advocacy strategy including clear roles of the NGO Forum vs another NGOs in Cambodia who activities works similar to the NGO Forum. Lastly, we contributed in developing programs strategic direction and roadmap.

On 24 August 2016: The meeting facilitate by Mr. Ham Kim Houn, Soft Skills Training Director of Parable Cambodia. The facilitator trained about doing sport, mediation, fostering a mutual trust and team spirit, stress management, hand writing on positive staff motivation, yoka sport and any others game. In the afternoon, we are cycling to in front of Angkor Wat Temple; take some photo, and playing game as a part of Green Mission that is a conservation goal of The NGO Forum on Cambodia (NGOF). We were gathering the Biking Angkor Green as a messages of environmental education and public took part of forest and natural resources protection and especially no pollution.

On 25 August 2016: The NGO Forum on Cambodia acknowledge two senior staffs: Ms. Sek Mala, Finance Manager has been working for 15 years and Mr. Meas Ron, Driver and Messenger for 10 years for her/his hard working and long servant with the NGO Forum.

On 26 August 2016, was the last day for ASR, we were return to Phnom Penh.



CSO REDD+ Meeting



On 19 August 2016, NGO Forum office: The meeting was started by the welcome remark by Mr. EAR Chong, LLP Manager updating the REDD+ project was earlier with the Environment Program of NGOF, now the shifting from the Environmental Program to Livelihood and Land Program where Mr. Narin, the new Forestry Project Coordinator, is the focal point in NGO Forum. Mr. Narin is not able to join this morning meeting because he is leaving for Pursat for the urgent family business. The agenda was drafted by NGOF team however the agenda will be open for further inputs from the CSO REDD+ as the core group.

Dr. Tek Vannara, ED of NGOF: welcome the CSO and also expressing the upgrade positions of the key members of the CSO such as Mr. Pheakdy for his PhD graduation at US, the update position of Mr. Donal in WCS, Ms. Rithiny at WWF, Mr. Viriya at NTFP-EP and the CSO. Dr. Tek also share the update of the FCPF membership application and review where lack of application from Cambodia into the FCPF process is. Cambodia CSOs has less interested in the call. Furthermore, Dr. Tek also sharing his engagement in the name of NGOF in REDD+ workshop in Bangladesh. Whereas the CSO in Bangladesh was not able to have its umbrella organizations to work on REDD+ then, UNREDD+ has to direct to individual organizations rather than the umbrella organization. The meeting of UNREDD+ PEB has been postponed due to the resources availability. The next proposed Meeting will be in September. The reasons of this postpone because of the changing of funding from Norway – where the fund

has been used in support the humanitarian's aid in Syria conflicts as well. In addition, CSO REDD+ was not able to have its regular meeting because NGOF has internal reforms and the selection the officer to engage in the process. The delay of the funding process has also affect the CSO REDD+ that why the postponed were also made. I hope next step we should also have the regular meeting. Finally, the CSO will meet Prime Minister Hun Sen on 22nd August, the meeting of CSO – on Protection and Preservation of NRM. The draft letter has been developed to submit to PM while a few organizations still have not given their endorsement. The recommendations and suggestions have been widely agreed by major organizations working on the protection and preservation on the NRM and biodiversity.

Miss Rithiny: REDD+ there are three stages – where Cambodia is the Readiness stage. While in Readiness supported by UN REDD+ and FCPF. The funding for Cambodia is the stage of readiness from UNREDD+. Whereas Cambodia has to submit the roadmap of the National REDD+ Program. CG was established for the participation in the national processes. CG representative from 9 different stakeholders – internal NGOs, national NGOs, academia, community representative, IP representative, private sectors representative ... , the CSO REDD+ group to give inputs and comments into the Task Force or other meetings of REDD+ the inputs are also made through the various meeting of the platform. CSO is under the coordination of NGOF up to now. The inputs from CSO is very important to contribute in to the CG and other platform. The CG has not been also active recently due to institutional changes from MAFF to MoE. NGOF has a members of Asia Pacific UN REDD+ from 2015 – ends the mandate up to 2016 (November). In the current situation, secretariat of UNREDD+ whether under MoE or MAFF. The National REDD + Strategy was a promise to road map while committed in Paris CC Agreement.

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National launching the project on “Strengthening Civil Society Organisations (CSO) networks for inclusive development”



On Phnom Penh, Tuesday 30 August 2016, Cambodia: Volunteer Service Overseas Cambodia (VSO) and implementing partners the NGO Forum on Cambodia (NGOF), Cooperation Committee for Cambodia (CCC) and Gender and Development for Cambodia (GADC), officially National launching the project on “Strengthening Civil Society Organisations (CSO) networks for inclusive development”, in the afternoon, from 2 – 5pm, at the Cambodiana Hotel, Phnom Penh. The event will mark the official start of the project. This 30-month project is being implemented with the support of the Delegation of the European Union to Cambodia. The project contributes to strengthening CSO networks to be key actors in improving governance and accountability, and encouraging inclusive policy-making. The project specifically builds their organizational and knowledge management, resource mobilization and advocacy capacity to generate greater outcomes for citizens in eight provinces: Siem Reap, Kampong Thom, Prey Veng, Svay Rieng, Kratie, Stung Treng, Ratanakiri, and Mondulki.



CSOs in Cambodia Celebrate The International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples in 2016



In 2016, there are about more than 300 million of indigenous peoples from 70 countries throughout the world are going to celebrate its 22nd of the International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples on special themes “Indigenous Peoples and Education”. The theme will focus on the indigenous peoples’ issues to access to the education service, the promotion of appropriate education to indigenous peoples and other facing issues related to indigenous peoples.

CSOs in Cambodia cooperate with Ministry of Rural Development to organized the International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples on 09 August 2016 at Center of Sport of Kompong Speu Province. There are around 1000 participants join this event. This year, the International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples on special themes “Indigenous Peoples and Education”.

The overall objective is to enhance indigenous people’s rights through public recognition and to raise people’s general awareness of indigenous people’s culture and issues in the Kingdom of Cambodia.

1. To promote indigenous peoples’ access to education services, as improving indigenous peoples’ education remains a critical challenge for indigenous peoples.
2. To enhance recognition and respect for the rights of indigenous people in Cambodia, especially on the accepted that indigenous peoples as indigenous distance to the management of land and natural resources in accordance with national and international law related to

rights of indigenous people in light with international campaign #LandRights-Now #CLT

3. To seek both national and international support for awareness of the general conditions of indigenous people, in particular, awareness on management of land, forest and land registration.

In 2016, the celebration is in different places both national and provincial levels as below:

1. **National level:** the celebration will be held on 9th August 2016 at Kompong Speu province. This event is co-organized with MRD.
2. **Provincial level:** the celebration will be held on 9th August 2016 at different places as below:
 - Busra village, Busra commune, Peach Chreda district, Mondulki province (CIYA)
 - Dakdam commune, Orang District, Mondulki province (CIYA)
 - Laoka village, Romnea commune, Senmonorom district, Mondulki province (CIYA)
 - Prome commune, Tbeng Meanchey district, Preah Vihear province (PKH)
 - Bankoeun Phal village, Rumtum commune, Rovieng district, Preah Vihear province (OPKC)
 - Tropaingtotim village, Rumtum commune, Rovieng district, Preah Vihear province (OPKC)
 - Siembok commune, Siembok district, Stung Treng province (IRAM)
 - Kbal Romes commune, Stung Treng province (CIYA)





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ON THE MEDIA



Topic: Prime Minister give floor for NGOs/CSOs to have a meeting per year on Protection of Natural Resource

Location: Radio France International (RFI)

Date: 22 August 2016

Speakers: Dr. Tek Vannara, Executive Director of NGOF

Read more at : <http://rfi.my/2eSEWJO>



Topic: The process of action to prevent and crackdown illegal timber in Economic Land Concession (ELC) in the northeast area

Location: Radio National Kampuchea, AM 918KH and Wat Phnom Radio Station FM 105.70 MHz, from 11:00am to 12:00am

Date: 01 July 2016

Speakers: Mr. Vong Kosal Land Security Project Coordinator of the NGO Forum, Mr. Kit Touch, Senior program officer of CLEC and Mr. Kem Ly, Kouy Nationality, IRAM network member



Topic: Indigenous People Seek for funding support from Experts to protect their rights

Location: Woman Media Center

Date: 09 Augst 2016

Speakers: Dr. Tek Vannara, Executive Director of NGOF

Read more at : <http://wmc.org.kh/archives/23905>



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UPCOMING EVENTS/HOLIDAYS 2016

01 September

2nd Quarterly LAHRiN member

02 September

4th Draft of Environment Code on 02 September 2016 at Tonle Basac 2 restaurant

22 September

Sub-National Consultation Workshop on the Draft Guideline on Public Participation in Environmental Impact Assessment Process in Cambodia

24 September

Constitution Day

30 September- 1-2 October

Pchum Ben Festival

06 October

CSOs Consultative Workshop on Regional Guidelines for Public Participation in Environmental Impact Assessment at Siem Reap Province

10 October

Celebration on 31st WORLD HABITAT DAY 2016 "Right to the Housing"

13 - 14 October

National Consultation Workshop on Participatory Forest management and conservation in Cambodia in Siem Reap Province

15 October

King Father's Commemoration Day

28 October

Cambodia National Consultation on the Draft Regional Guidelines on Public Participation in EIA at Sokha Hotel



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