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Key Result of Field Investigation of Indigenous People Land dispute and illegal logging in Chork Char



The NGO Forum on Cambodia have facilitated the members of Indigenous People and Forestry Network (IPFN) to conduct field follow up cases of IP land dispute and illegal logging in Chork Char and Pukong villages, Keo Seima district, Mondulkiri province from 17-19 May 2016.

As the result from the field investigation, the Royal Government of Cambodia had firstly granted 10,000 (ten thousand) hectares of Economic Land Concession (ELC) to the Benh Hoeurk Kratie Rubber 1 Company Limited located in Keo Seima district, Mondulkiri province for development of agro-industrial rubber plantation. Later, this ELC was reduced to 8,926 hectares by the Royal Government of Cambodia under a 70-year contract. The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries signed the ELC contract on 24 October 2011. Lastly, the Royal Government of Cambodia has further reduced the land area of the Benh Hoeurk Kratie Rubber 1 Company Limited to only 5,100 (five thousand and one hundred) hectares. The impact of the ELC are abused the the rights of Punong Indigenous People living in Chork Char village, Sre Chouk com-

mune and Pukong village, Sre Preah commune, Keo Seima district. The company had cleared 1,500 (one thousand and five hundred) hectares of IP rotation plantation and systematic illegal logging including IP’s resin trees in the outside and inside the ELC area. Three or four middle men buy timber from those people, transport the timber into the compound of the Benh Hoeurk Kratie Rubber 1 Company Limited, and re-sell it to powerful traders. The timber then is transformed into legal timber for exporting to the market. The both villagers have gathered and protested against the Company for clearing their land and resin trees as well as lodged complaints to relevant competent authorities at both sub-national and national levels for resolution. However, up



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to date the conflict has not been resolved. In the advocacy to protect the land and natural resources, 03 people’s representatives were charged of acts affecting private property by the Mondulkiri provincial court based on the Compnay’s complaint. They were put under judicial supervision. Meanwhile, almost 100% of ELC has been cleared and planted rubber plantation by the Company.

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





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## The National and World Environment Day

**Phnom Penh, Indra Tevy High School, 05 June 2016, 7:00Am:** There were around 1500 participants who from representative of Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Education Youth and Sport, CSO, NGOs and Development Partner to participate in the National and World Environment, under the theme “We are all participate for our beautiful world”.

*“I consider on youth participation is very important for all kind of activities to protect Environment and increase their knowledge and concentrate on the Environment issues that is the starting point for the youth generation. When they grow up, they have mutual ability to dealing with the environment issues for the betterment of environment protection and sustainable management of natural resources”.* Dr. TEK Vannara, said to media journalist during the event.



The main objectives of this event are to increase awareness, educate and mainstream about environment; to improve quality and restore of environment in Cambodia; to change mind and attitude of people in positive way of thinking in action on environment and natural biodiversity protection and sustainable livelihoods of people living.

## Celebration 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Environment Day



**Phnom Penh, 05 June 2016:** There were 8 representative from NGOs networks, Ministry of Environment, Development Partners, Students and Community in rural area of Cambodia to participate the celebration 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Environment Day, Theme: “Forest and River are Lives” at Hal of American Intercon School.

This event aim to share good experience, knowledge and concern issues on the impact of environment that affected from deforestation and hydro development project, and the congratulation to Mr. Ouch Leng, forest activist who get the award of world environmental protection in 2016.

All concepts, experience and research studies of the speakers: Dr. Tek Vannara, Executive Director of The NGO Forum on Cambodia, Mr. Seng Sokheng, CPN, Mrs. Phon Sophea, Prey Lang Youth Activist, Mr. Hem Audom, Independent Researcher and Miss. Kin Samnang, Deputy Chief Office of Education System of Ministry of Environment are reflected to the current situation of Environ-

ment issues that would request for our Cambodian people, especially youths who actively participate in any activities to protect our environment (forest and rivers), in order for sustainable used of those resources in future generation.







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## HIGHLIGHT STORIES

### Meeting with National Assembly Commission 2 on Economic, Finance, Banking and Auditing



**National Assembly, 02 May 2016:** The Budget Working Group Member namely the NGO FORUM on Cambodia (NGOF), Oxfam, Advocacy and Policy Institute (API), Transparency International Cambodia (TIC), Save the Children (SC), and Center for Resource Revenue Transparency (CRRT) lead by Dr. Tek Vannara, the Executive Director of the NGO Forum on Cambodia meet with the Commission 2 (economic, finance, banking and auditing) of the National Assembly Lead by the H.E Dr Cheam Cheab to discuss the national budget works and the cooperation plan for 2016. All the requests from the civil society has been agreed by the Commission 2 such as 1) the exchange information between Budget Working Group and the Commission 2' Technical Working Group; 2) Participation from the Commission 2 members to the Civil Society Event especially the Budget Working Group Activities, 3) Meeting with the Commission at least twice a year and 4) CSO/NGOs' participation with the Commission 2 events. At the end of the meeting, Dr Vannara confirmed that the NGOF's member and network member want to see a good cooperation between government, national assembly, senate, development partner and other relevant stakeholders on national budget works, especially we want to see the good enabling environment and have enough space for CSO/NGO implementing their activities at the nationwide.

### Training Workshop on "Monitoring EIA processes and effective communication"



**Stung Treng Province, 7th – 9th June 2016:** NGO Forum on Cambodia with support from the USAID, PACT Cambodia, CDRI and Oxfam, in cooperation with Department of EIA of Ministry of Environment organized a second workshop to train key NGO members on how to develop information based on the fact and publishing report. There were 30 NGOs network Member from River Coalition of Cambodia (6 womens), NECA members and CSO on EIA working group.

The environmental impact assessment (EIA) process is a multistep procedure to ensure that environmental considerations are included in decisions making regarding projects that may impact the environment. It helps identify the possible environmental effects of a proposed activity and how those impacts can be mitigated. The purpose of the EIA process is to inform decision-makers and to promote transparency and public involvement of the environmental consequences by a proposed project implementation. The EIA document identifies, predicts, and analyzes impacts on the physical environment, as well as social, cultural, and health impacts. If the EIA process is successful, it identifies alternatives and mitigation measures to reduce the environmental impact of a proposed project.

Effective communication has its unique ability to communicate with the wider public to influence for good—it can play a vital role in cultivating a public engagement by raising awareness and promoting understanding of development to the public. Therefore, it is very crucial that the NGO members and community representatives understand well about the relevant laws and sub-decree and able to disseminate the effective messages to the public.

The primary objective of the second training workshop on the skills and knowledge on how to effectively using ICT on EIA cases as follows:

- 1) To review on concept of EIA, EIA process and EIA monitoring base on laws and regulation of Royal Government of Cambodia. To learn and monitor on Environmental Management Planning (EMP) of LS2 dam
- 2) To share good experiences of EIA monitoring on specific cases of EIA development and implementation with full public participation
- 3) To practice using EIA monitoring and citizen journalist and communication tools which including gender issue to make an action on "EIA monitoring" for each participants in local, national, and regional level through visit LS 2
- 4) To increase knowledge of different approaches to environmental assessment of policies and planning. It will also introduce method and tools for integrating to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) with strategic planning and decision making.

Mr. Ouk Vannara, Deputy Executive Director of NGO Forum on Cambodia; welcome PACT representatives from Thailand and NGOs network member who were presented. He raised current development projects in Cambodia that were needed involving from CSOs/NGOs and community representatives during the consultation steps. NGO Forum on Cambodia who are working closely with EIA department, played important role in studying advantages and disadvantages of development projects.

In recently, NGOs and community representatives are facing challenges such as: (1) limitation of capacity (2) no space for involvement (3) time constraint. NGO Forum on Cambodia is having a role to coordinates and provides capacity to CSO and NGOs as well as community members to have full ability to provide inputs and comment on drafting EIA and law during EIA working group meetings. Based on first training started last year, about 60% needed to build capacity on EIA that is the reasons of today training workshop.

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



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## 2nd Indigenous Peoples Forest Network steering committee meeting



**Phnom Penh, 09 June 2016:** Indigenous Peoples Forest Network (IPFN) of the NGO Forum organized 2nd steering committee meeting at the NGO Forum office. During meeting representatives of IPFN members bring a common interest on how to manage Prey Lang by participatory approach in order to give an opportunity for local people to involve in Prey Lang management system and benefit to their livelihood as well. In sub decree No 74 issue on 9th May, 2016 Prey Lang area for all four respective provinces have been included into one of Prey Lang territory with 431, 683 ha.

Prey Lang Network has been invited to take part in National workshop on Prey Lang issue, Prey Lang Preah Vihear has strong suggestion from Prey Lang Working Group (PLWG) would be included into Prey Lang zone. As a result the Minister of MoE agrees and sub decree also approved 4 target provinces formed as Prey Lang area and called Prey Lang Wildlife Sanctuary onward.

Since Prey Lang classified as a wildlife Sanctuary...” Prey Lang representatives express that if there is possible co-management system should be applied for Prey Lang management approach, participatory management with local people are very important and share core value among local community and specialized government department.

This is a delegation of land management among target group and multi-stakeholders at local level and they can fully participate in managing, monitoring and sharing information at ground, solve problem encountered among local people with meaningful participation. During the meeting they also concern and consider avoiding land grabbing and forest illegal logging the as the same as Siema Wildlife Sanctuary.

More than this the USAID representative expressed her position not only focus on Prey Lang but also consider a whole picture such as watershed management, soil erosion, ground water and biodiversity in surrounding and low zone of Prey Lang Area. She said that USAID commits fund 2 million USD for 5 years project cover on natural resource management around Prey Lang area.

During 3 month in first quarterly, NGOF and its network members actively involved in various advocacy activities such as their patrol routine, activists from all four provinces traveled through Prey Lang patrol to monitor and suppress the illegal logging that is destroying Prey Lang forest. During the forest patrol their confiscated many cubic meters of wood, 35 chainsaws, and other materials involved in logging activities.

During the meeting most of participants consider on picture of co-management system and how to set up as a whole system, till now they still unclear direction and the way of co-management approach. NGOF should find out specialist consultant to design a guideline and organize workshop to introduce, share feedback, comment and edit for better implementation at ground.

**Read more <http://bit.ly/2bjZDvD>**

## Launch of Reform Inventory Initiative Information Portals



**Phnom Penh 30 June 2016:** Dr. TEK Vannara, Executive Director of the NGO Forum on Cambodia participated and presented keynote on the Launch of Reform Inventory Initiative Information Portals at Himawari Hotel. Reform Inventory Initiative (RII).

The Reform Inventory Initiative (RII) was

initiated by The Asia Foundation to improve the public's understanding of the most impactful reforms in Cambodia, through a systematic method of desk research followed by an extensive consultation process. The RII Portal is intended to be a window for current information and insight on the government's progress on reform and serve as the basis for the review process that will be employed to identify and publicize the top reforms each year. The inventory of reform efforts found here are by no means to be considered official. Although RII has sought information by each ministry and reviewed and validated that information by experts, all official and final information is understood to reside with the ministries them-

selves. The detailed methodology of how the information is gathered is given. For the 12 of the 27 ministries that RII was able to collect information for, the inventory covers three broad categories: social services, public administration, and economic development sectors.

“RII, start in year 2015, profound the top reforms on poverty reduction and policies. This initiative, to address the problem, guide the definition for us, when we look at launching on the pages, it is collection of effort posting on gathering document from Government Ministries through website and facebook. We are planning collected reform inventory information portals among 27 ministries”. Mr. Silas Everett, Country Representative of The Asian Foundation said.





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## Meeting Between Budget Working Group and Ministry of Economic and Finance



**Phnom Penh, 21 June 2016:** The NGO Forum on Cambodia coordinates meeting between Budget Working Group (BWG) and Ministry of Economic and Finance, there are seven members of BWG to meet with H.E Dr. Hel Chamroeun, Deputy General Secretariat of Public Financial Management Reform Steering Committee of Ministry of Economic and Finance.

BWG establishes to coordinate role of NGOs, build capacity to members, enhancing public awareness through the public financial management reform and policy, and good channel link between national level to grass root level and bring concern issues from grassroots level to national level.

This meeting aims seeking good cooperation with Ministry of Economic and Finance as proposed activities below:

1. Exchange information between BWG with Ministry of Economic and Finance
2. Request resource persons for any upcoming workshops and training organized by BWG
3. Capacity building on program budgeting for BWG members
4. Cooperation for Open Budget Survey on increasing the budget transparency score in Cambodia.

## Report Launching Workshop on Statistical Analysis of Economic Land Concession in Cambodia



**Phnom Penh, June 28, 2016:** The NGO Forum on Cambodia organized report launching Workshop on Statistical Analysis of Economic Land Concession in Cambodia, 2015. During the workshop there were 54 participants which including 12 women. The report launching workshop aims to disseminate the results of key finding of the research, the limitation of research methodology of the statistical analysis to all stakeholder, especially to the government officer, as well as to disseminate official research report is for public use. Furthermore, the workshop aims included in the following:

- Better understanding how the ELCs practices at the ground and processing of those ELCs granted.
- Assess the impact of granting economic land concessions on indigenous people communities, community forestry and community protected areas.
- To disseminate to stakeholders about the key findings of report, so that they can develop more effective strategies for advocacy to policy dialogue.

While the report launching workshop stated, Dr. Tek Vannara, Executive Director of the NGO Forum welcome and thank to all panels, speakers and participants both national and international . In his speech he raised four main points such as A) the means of ELC granting which stated in the Article 2 of sub-degree on economics land concession issued by the government in

2005, it defines the objective of the ELCs granting to be used for agricultural and industrial agricultural exploitation, serving economic purposes. The industrial agricultural exploitation included cultivation of food crops or industrial crops, including tree planting to be tree plantation, raising of animals and aquaculture, construction included plant or factory and facilities for the processing of domestic agriculture, produce raw materials, and combination of some or all of the above activities". B) The maximum size and duration of ELC grating stated in land law 2001, it defines that the maximum size of ELC granting is 10,000 ha and maximum duration is 99. C) Briefly quoted about the land condition for ELC granting stated in article 4 of sub-degree on economics land concession, it has five criteria such as the land has been registered and classified as state private land, a land-use plan for the land has been adopted by the Provincial-Municipal State Land Management Committee and the Land Use is consistent with the plan. A land has been environmental and social impact assessments with respect to the land use and development plan for ELC projects, a land that has solutions for Resettlement Issues, a land for which there have been public consultations, with regard to ELC projects or proposals, with territorial authorities and residents of the locality. C) He raised that started year of ELCs granting is in 1995 later on in the year of 2012 government issued directive 01 to improve the effective of ELC managing and for suspend on ELC granting and other mechanisms. D) The moving right of ELC control from MoE to MAFF , at least there are 73 ELCs mover from MoE to MAFF and The RGC canceled licenses of 23 ELCs, reducing the duration from 99 years to 50- 70years. E) He talk briefly about the Key finding of the research such as from started year ELC granting to 2015 there are 267 ELCs are proceeding in 18 provinces of Cambodia.

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



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## 47<sup>th</sup> meeting of technical working group on forestry reform



**Phnom Penh, June 27, 2016:** Dr. Tek Vannara, Executive Director of the NGO Forum on Cambodia participated in the 47th meeting of technical working group on forestry reform at Forestry Administration.

The main agendas of this meeting are:

1. To discuss on Policy and Strategic Management Dialogue,
2. To present the National Forestry Program and Progress on the implementation of NFP Work Plan 2016, and update of the NFP work plan 2014-2018, Update of the progress of TWG-FR JMI 2014-2015 and Progress TWG-FR JMI 2016-2018, Community Forestry Strengthened and increased, reforestation on non-forest and or heavily degraded forestry areas, establishment of protected forests and wildlife conservation areas, sustainable forest financing program, update revising CF guideline),
3. Protected Areas Management,
4. Flooded Forest Management and other agendas.

## Training Workshop on Information Communication Technology and Case Study Development



**Phnom Penh, 25-26 May 2016:** The NGOs Environment and Climate Change Alliance (NECA), The NGO Forum on Cambodia together with Cambodia Climate Change Network (CCCN) under funding supporting by DanChurchAid/CristainAid (DCA/CA) and Southern Voice on Adaptation; the two days training workshop on “ICT Information Communication Technology and Case study Development” conducted at NGOF office in order to build the network member’s capacity to use much more effective modern communication medias for better communication and advocacy and ability to write the Case Study Development, and knowledge of IEC material production in context of climate change, as well as to exchange knowledge and experiences of NGO members in Cambodia in the area of community-based Climate Change.

There were 22 CSO members (6 Females) from NECA and CCCN participated in this training workshop. This training workshop aims at providing participants of CCCN and NECA’s network members the knowledge, skills on effective using ICT and ability of writing and capture the Case Study Development.

Specific Objectives:

- To provide the knowledge and using skills on ICT and ability for writing Case Study

Development in context of CC.

- To provide the skills of using effective digital camera for better photograph in order to use in Medias and other relevant usages.
  - To provide skills of using ICI and Case Study into appropriate media channel for advocacy.
  - To share good experiences of using ICT and case study development from the practitioners.
- After two days training workshop, we expects that
- The participants from NGO members will be equipped and gain more knowledge and skills on ICT and Case study development on context of climate change.
  - The participants have ability to use ICT, and Case Study for effectiveness communication and advocacy.
  - The participants have been knowledgeable and skilled with better applying for daily work at their workplace and contribution/sharing to NGOs members.
  - JPA principles will be promoted through ICT and Case Study

Notice that ICT plays very important role in daily communication for individual, institutes and organization. With using appropriate media channels on communication for advocacy and sharing information in context of global climate Change and better informed to public and community, CCCN and NECA’s network members have required the knowledge and skills of using the ICT for better advocacy by sharing information to public, policy makers and community for well-informed on global warming, climate change and as well as integrated JPA for applying into practice by modifying communities ‘behavior change to address and response to climate change and adaption for better livelihoods and sustainable development.





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## Parliamentary Workshop on “Understanding of Macroeconomic Framework and Public Financial Policy for preparation of the Draft Law on National Budget Management 2017”



**National Assembly, 14 June 2016:** Representative of the NGOF, Mr. Tek Vanara, Executive Director and the budget working group members namely Mrs. Kim Natachia-CRRT, Mrs. Sawada Chan Krisna-Oxfam, Ms. Chhim Ratana and Mr. Pen Raksa-TIC, and Mr. Teng Samath-GADC participated the parliamentary workshop on “Understanding of Macroeconomic Framework and Public Financial Policy for preparation of the Draft Law on National Budget Management 2017” held on 14 June 2016 by the secretariat General of the National Assembly of Cambodia. The workshop is presided over by Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei Heng Samrin, President of the National Assembly. There are a wide range of participant in this workshop including Members of Parliament, Senators, Government Representatives, Development Partners and other related national and internal organization. This workshop provides information on draft law on National budget management 2017 and resilience of the macro-economic and finance in Cambodia presented by the MEF and World Bank representatives respectively. During this workshop the NGOF and BWG has distributed our publications to all the participants including the recent research finding of the Public Financial management mechanism and NGO engagement, Health budget analysis and updated guide to the National Budget. These reports intended to convey the finding issues and the recommendation to all the participants especially the policy makers. In addition, the distribution of our publication aims to increase the public awareness on the national budget and finding result.

## Bottom Up Consultation to Adaptation Fund Project



**Siem Reap 08-12 May 2016:** Under coordinating by Climate Change Policy Monitoring Project of The NGO Forum on Cambodia, our NGOs Environment and Climate Change Alliance (NECA) members and Department of Community Protected Area/General Directorate of Administration for Nature Conservation and Protection of Ministry of Environment conducted a bottom up consultation through field trips, community gatherings, participatory-rural appraisal and rapid-rural appraisal with project beneficiaries and other affected groups.

During a five-days trip, we visited to CPA intervention sites such as Chiork Beungprey, Chom Thlork, Skor Mreach (Beung Per Wildlife Sanctuary) locate in Presh Vihear and Kompong Thom Province, and Chop Tasok (Phnom Kulen National Park) in Siem Reap Province with aiming 1) to learn about general situation project implementation, community's participations in project cycle management 2) to learn about approach, key achievements, impact, challenges and lesson learns of projects and perspective of direct and indirect beneficiaries on projects and 3) to monitor the AF progress. There are 112 (47 Females) key informants was interviewed and consulted during this trip. Those are direct beneficiaries, indirect beneficiaries, AF Project team and local authorities.

Since 2013, the NGO Forum on Cambodia (NGOF) have been selected as Adaptation Fund NGO Network partner in Cambodia. It aims to inform the climate adaptation and climate finance community about the Adaptation Fund project in Cambodia as well

as to provide insight into the overall climate change policy landscape and civil society's perception on climate change issues in the country.

It is not a first time that NGOF as representatives of the AFN the ten partner organisations have talked to affected communities, particularly most vulnerable groups and communities in order to bring the issue of climate change adaptation into public debates and on national agendas in the past five years.

Not only in Cambodia but regional level; the regional hub on adaptation was conducted in Cambodia in order to build the knowledge of key members, partners and stakeholders about the relevant topics adaptation fund and CCA and to open up a space for civil societies to explore more on relevant discussions in order to enhance their engagement with the Government. The main objectives of the workshop were to launch the regional hub platform in South East Asia/Adaptation Fund NGO Network and influence the CCA policies and Strategies through increasing the knowledge on the CCA, and Adaptation Fund (AF), that help to open up a discussion space for civil societies to explore for further engagement opportunities with the Government and Development Partners (DPs), as well as to identify the feasible strategies to improve CCA implementation.

With their specific focus on the Adaptation Fund they have facilitated stakeholder discussions with national and multilateral implementing entities and in a critically and constructive manner brought forward project ideas and project implementation processes. After all, their lessons and experiences haven been fed into international discussions, inter alia at Adaptation Fund and Green Climate Fund (GCF) Board Meetings as well as official UNFCCC events such as COPs, with the result of rising international recognition and acceptance of the AFN's work.

**Read more at:** <http://bit.ly/2b9JZSE>





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## A Group of NGOs working on CSR in Cambodia meet Vietnamese cross-border agricultural investments in Mekong Sub-region



**Phnom Penh, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016 from 8:30-10:30 am at the office of the NGO Forum on Cambodia:** A group of NGOs and research team have shared experiences and challenges on “Vietnamese cross-border agricultural investments in Mekong Sub-region: Laos and Cambodia”.

The participants in the meeting were from NGO, BCV, CHRAC, Oxfam in Cambodia, Oxfam in Vietnam and Vietnam Chamber of Commerce. The main purposes of the meeting is to looking at impact of Vietnamese companies’ investment in agriculture in these countries and provide policy recommendation to Vietnam Chamber of Commerce.



## Meeting with minister of Ministry of Environment



**Phnom Penh, 03 May 2016, at the Ministry of Environment (MoE) office:** There are 13 civil society representatives which are CARITAS, CDPS-CPN, CEPA, CIPO, SEPY, NTFP-EP, ForumSyd, FACT, PDAO, PACT, Bridge for Peace, ICSO, Mlup Baitong and the NGO Forum on Cambodia facilitating by Dr. Tek Vannara, Executive Director of the NGO Forum on Cambodia dialogued with H.E Dr Say Sam Al, Minister of Ministry of Environment (MoE).

The aiming 1) discussion on the brief roadmap for forestry reform and water government under authority of the MoE and 2) Cooperation between MoE and Civil Society/NGOs in year 2016. At the end of the meeting, Dr. Tek Vannara has mentioned that the NGO Forum on Cambodia

as well as CSO members want to see good enabling environment in the cooperation between civil society, government, especially the Ministry of Environment, and other stakeholders to ensure sustainable environment and natural resources for Cambodian today and in the future.

Responses to issues raised by CSO/NGO, the minister has agreed to meet CSO/NGO representatives any times according to the requesting of the CSO/NGO, especially he has open spaces if CSO/NGO has any concerns or suggestions, they can send report to MoE than MoE will review and take action or cooperation for better improvement or solving any issues or concerns happening regarding to environmental issues or natural resources in Cambodia.



## Technical Working Group Meeting on Agriculture and Water



**Phnom Penh, June 30, 2016:** representatives of the NGO Forum on Cambodia participated in the Technical Working Group on Agriculture and Water at the Cambodiana Hotel, Phnom Penh.

The main agendas of this meeting are 1) discuss and endorse the template of result framework, 2) share the information

on the agriculture related issues with all member, 3) present the join FAO, OECD, UNCDF publication and in particular the case study findings and recommendations for Cambodia, 4) discuss the way forward and next steps of the initiative in Cambodia and 6) explore possible support for the implementation of the recommendations during the second phase of the project.







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## Indigenous Peoples Forestry Network (IPFN) meeting with Ministry of Rural Development



On 15 June 2016 Phnom Penh, Ministry of Rural Development: NGOs working on Indigenous Peoples Forestry Network (IPFN) to meet with Her Excellency Mrs. Math Mara, Deputy Secretary of Ministry of Rural Development. There were 33 participants (8 women) who are 16 persons from NGOs and 17 persons from to meet and discuss.

Dr. Tek Vannara, Executive Director of the NGO Forum on Cambodia, open remark and briefing the agenda of the meeting. He also brief the objectives of the meeting: 1. Update current IPFN member and its activities 2. Challenging on IP identification communal land process. 3. The preparation The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples 22nd that will be 09 August 2016.

H.E Math Mara, Deputy Secretary of Ministry of Rural Development, until now ministry got 115 communities registered. Ministry plan to register around 500 communities, at least 70-80%, because we already in placed policy since 2009 to engage 12 NGOs partners for contributed in identification communal land. Recently, Ministry announce for applicant in public gain more staffs in ministry. H.E Math Mara admire the IP youth have higher education, some of them got master and Ph.d degree which is great for human resource to develop in government. On the other hand, the preparation of international day of the world's indigenous peoples. We will organize and would request for participants to wear the traditional cloth for their culture. Lastly, Her Excellency agree on the regular technical meeting between NGOs and inter-ministry for every quarterly to add up on policy implement and share policy to rural area.

The result of this meeting are agree on:

1. preparation the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, and keep continue next meet to discuss on agenda and budget
2. preparation instruction and message from Prime Ministry for IP Day
3. Ministry appoint technical staffs to cooperate with Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction and CSO to target area (village/commune) and priority the resolution raise by stakeholders. This will accelerate the process to identification of communal land title.
4. Coordination mechanism meeting with inter-ministry (MRD & MLMUPC)

## Land and Resettlement Housing Rights Network meeting with Ministry of Land Urban Planning and Construction



Phnom Penh: 10 June 2016, NGOs working on Land and Resettlement Housing Rights Network (LARiN) have discuss meeting with Mr. Suon Sophat, Deputy Director General of Cadastral and Geography of Ministry of Land Urban Planning and Construction (MLMUPC). There were 25 participants (2women) who are representative of LARiN member.

This meeting aim to present on summary action plan of LARiN, and present on summary main activities raise by each organization seeking cooperation with MLMUPC for resolution on land issues and housing rights in Cambodia.

Dr. Tek Vannara, Executive Director of NGO Forum, would like to thank H.E Chea Sophara, Minister of MLMUPC for giving floor to NGOs to discuss and update on current situation of LARiN. He add more on the NGO Forum three year action plan (2015-2017) that active participate in promote communities awareness and regulation on land dispute resolution, and collected comment and inputs for contributed on draft law and policies which related to land and natural resources. On the other hand, we organized workshop on land registration on communal land titling (CLT) and system land registration which is plan for co-organized with MLMUPC, NGOs/CSOs, donor and partner. This workshop aim for share information which reliable and evidence-based for advocacy.

Mr. Suon Sopha, Deputy Director General of Cadastral and Geography of MLMUPC response to the issues of systematic land registration at Tum Nup area which challenging on land boundary plotting in three communities, and Ministry already announce in June for registered on that land, now we not yet make decision as we wait the minister approval. He said the communal land registration is go on plan, it is not

late as NGOs mention. Another discussion related to the implement of Directive 01, he said that directive 01 is not yet nullity, we still implement until invalidate. Some location in plan of directive 01, ministry keep continue to register. Lastly he will bring the requesting of NGOs to be a part of land resolution committee to minister for giving comments and supporting.

Reflection and conclusion to the meeting  
The working group on LARiN reflection and evaluation during the meeting with MLMUPC were fruitful discussion. We have following positive points:

- NGO facilitate meeting which identify topic agenda that similar to the activities and responsibilities of MLMUPC
- The representative of ministry on technical of land dispute resolution, systematic on land registration and indigenous people communal land is arbitration
- Ministry is more open and good cooperation with NGOs
- The response of ministry meet to the points
- Ministry give some good feedback for correction and reflection

### Recommendation

- Participant in meeting should be clear
- News and documents related to national strategic of RGC are posted on MLMUPC's website and facebook.
- NGOs meeting members need to inform to ministry in advance one week before, if there some leaders NGOs absent should give representative person to join meeting
- In case of add more agenda, please inform to ministry before the event take place that show we are honestly and meeting more fruitful.

### Next action

- NGOs will have discussion meeting with MLMUPC on requested for developing primary mapping in indigenous communal land, and conduct research study on communal land titling.

Lastly, LARiN members and partners happy to the facilitation by NGO Forum which get more results during the meeting, even we have a few mistakes, but we are keeping continuous improving. The meeting end 12:00 AM.



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**Topic:** Workshop on the outcome of the "It's our Forest too" Initiative by Prey Lang Community Network

**Location:** Phnom Penh Ecumenical Diakonia Centre

**Date:** 29 June 2016

**Speakers:** Dr. Tek Vannara, Executive Director of NGOF

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**Topic:** The Modernization of Cambodia on "The Role of CSOs on Climate Change Adaptation"

**Location:** BlueMedia Cambodia

**Date:** 23 May 2016

**Speakers:** Dr. Tek Vannara, Executive Director of NGOF





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**09 July**

National Arbor Day

**12-13 July**

Regional Workshop on "Agriculture Land Law"

**18-19 July**

Regional Consultation Workshop on "Agriculture Land Law"

**19-20 July**

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

**21 July**

Annual General Member Meeting

**02-05 August**

National Workshop on adaptation fund ASEAN Peoples' Forum /Civil Society Conference organizing in Dili, Timor-Leste

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The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples 22, 2016

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