

## Draft Minutes of Members Bi-Monthly Meeting

**Meeting Date: 1 April 2014**

**Meeting Time: 7:30am to 12:00pm**

**Meeting Venue: KSSA/ICF Center**

**Recorded By: KEO Phalla**

## **Members Bi-Monthly Meeting**

The bi-monthly meeting for member organizations of CCC was organized on 1 April 2014 to bring the over sixty leaders and senior managements of member organizations together to share and discuss on CCC's By Law amendment, progress of program implement, and national development progress and challenges. The meeting was organized into four sessions such:

- Session 1: Update on progress of CCC Governance Hub Program (GHP) and the CCC by-laws amendment.
- Session 2: Social Accountability Framework which was presented by H.E Cheam Pe A, Deputy Director General of General Department of Local Administration & Director of M&E Division Ministry of Interior (MOI).
- Session 3: Update on National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP) by H.E Poch Sovannndy, Deputy Director of Planning Ministry of Planning
- Session 4: Civil Society Organization's Future Outlooks which discussed on CSO Green Paper: Key issues/ challenges, proposed strategies, and key roles to play for 2014 and beyond. This session have divided participants in 9 small groups to discussion three questions:
  - 1) What are key challenges/ key priorities need to be added or removed?
  - 2) What are key strategies to address these key challenges?
  - 3) What are the roles and responsibilities of local and international NGOs, and working groups/sub-committee to respond to these priorities?

It was not only share and update on these topic sessions but participants are also encouraged to build networking and collaboration among CSOs among the total 60 participants from CCC's member organizations joined this meeting. In the meeting members were actively sharing and learning on the update information on the progress of CCC Governance Hub Program (GHP) and the CCC by-laws amendment; Social Accountability Framework which was presented by H.E Cheam Pe A, Deputy Director General of General Department of Local Administration & Director of M&E Division Ministry of Interior (MOI); and the update on National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP) by H.E Poch Sovannndy, Deputy Director of Planning Ministry of Planning. During the meeting, members were also actively discussed and identified the key priorities and the roles of members in addressing key challenges in 2014 based on the finding of Civil Society Organization's Future Outlooks which discussed on CSO Green Paper. Last, members have requested CCC to keep them updating on social accountability framework, follow up the final National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP), and continue to discussing about civil society organization future outlook, and discuss on the recent situation of human rights and democracy space in Cambodia for the next bi monthly member meeting.

## Detail Results of the Meeting

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<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b>	<p><b>Ms. Nop Vanthy</b> CCC EXCOM Member</p> <p>Ms. Nop Vanthy warmly welcomed honor guest speakers from Cambodian Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Planning and members. She was very grateful to them for the continuous support CCC activities in the development of the Cambodia country. She said, 2013 has passed with the several achievements according to CCC presented at the annual general meeting on March 5. Those results could be not happened without the active participation from members. And now it's the time for us to reflect and prepare for future of the five year strategic plan 2014-2018. CCC will seek more inputs from members and stakeholders for improvement the quality of its services and speed of information sharing through work with members, government, civil society organizations, private sectors, and development partners in Cambodia. Rather than focusing the advocacy for policy change about development issue, CCC has also committed to advocate for institutional development on the professional practice among non-government organizations toward the sustainable development for Cambodia. Ms. Nop Vanthy was proud and very pleased to work with CCC and has strongly encouraged CCC members to maintain the commitment to be more active with CCC for the cause of solidarity and cooperation work.</p> <p>Finally , on behalf of the Executive Committee and the staff of the CCC , she sincerely thank all donors and CCC members who continue to support CCC and announced the opening of the meeting, and at that time she wished the meeting doing well with the fruitful results.</p>
<b>Introduction to new members</b>	<p>Four more organizations approved by Executive Members to become full member of CCC in this first quarter 2014 where Kone Khmeng (KK) is an local organization and the three other: Promoting Education emPowering Youth (PEPY) and Louvain Coopération au Développement (LD), and EWSA Social Services (ESS) are the international organizations. Each or new member was allowed to present a briefs about their organizations mandate and main activities. But this meeting there are only two organizations (PEPY &amp; LD) conducted presentation. For ESS and KK will conduct the presentation in the next bi monthly member meeting in June.</p>
<b>Session 1: Update on progress:</b> a) CCC Governance Hub Program (GHP) b) Announcement to the CCC by-laws	<p><b>Mr. Soeung Saroeun</b> Executive Director, CCC</p> <p>Final version of Bylaws was presented at AGM and up to now CCC received 88 votes from members, 87 endorsed the changes, and only one disagreed to the changes (of course during AGM we got about five disagreed but later</p>

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<p>amendment Question and Answers</p>	<p>on during email vote they changed decision). Several comments received to keep the same logo with three languages – EXCOM endorsed the comments. However, CCC needs some more votes from the rest of members in order to get 2/3. CCC expected to have final version with endorsement from 2/3 of members and approval from EXCOM by June 2014. The implementation of the new bylaws will be from July 2014.</p> <p>Therefore, member is call for faster vote during this week before Khmer New Year. Then CCC will seek approval from Excom and Submit to MOI.</p> <p><b>Some key progress of GHP program against indicators in 2014:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Applicant CSOs received GPP certification well increased and some of them are being in the assessment process.</li> <li>- Learning forum on ICT conducted and team are preparing for upcoming HR forum for members. A five day training courses on GPA with 20 participants conducted and partnership MoU between CCC and RUPP developed.</li> <li>- Roadmap and key interventions on LANGOs developed and implemented and inputs from members for DCPS and NSDP provided to CDC and MoP.</li> <li>- Eight partnership agreement signed between CCC and API, seven provincial NGO networks, green CSOs paper drafted, and CCC became to Asia Regional Coordinator for Beyond 2015.</li> <li>- CCC four new members approved by Excom to be full members. However, 10 of them will be withdrawn and at this quarter there were 25 new applicant NGOs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key events for Quarter 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Engage member to be active participate in learning forum</li> <li>- Routine events (learning forums, assessments, dialogues, feasibility study, research study, etc)</li> <li>- A workshop on CSO integrity and neutrality</li> <li>- Continue to have further consultation on CSO Green Paper</li> <li>- Support 7 signed provincial NGO networks</li> <li>- Facilitate consultations on LANGO, Union Law and Cyber Law</li> <li>- Facilitate CCC new online database</li> <li>- Promote application of NGO GPP – Standards of Good Governance and Professional Practice.</li> </ul> <p>For slide presentation, please find in CCC website at <a href="http://www.ccc-cambodia.org/resources/events-archive/406.html">http://www.ccc-cambodia.org/resources/events-archive/406.html</a></p>

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<p><b>Session 2:</b> Social Accountability Framework</p>	<p><b>H.E Cheam Pe A</b> Deputy Director General of General Department of Local Administration &amp; Director of M&amp;E division Ministry of Interior</p> <p>The National Program for Sub-National Democratic Development (NP-SNDD) has been formulated while the RGC is strengthening the roles and responsibilities of institutions at all levels towards achieving good governance, development and poverty reduction. In this respect, the RGC's goals for sub-national democratic development are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Create a culture of local participatory democracy, accountable to the citizens;</li> <li>- Improve public services and infrastructures;</li> <li>- Bring about social and economic development;</li> <li>- Contribute to poverty reduction.</li> </ul> <p>To achieve these goals, great efforts by all national and sub-national levels are required, as well as effective cooperation between them. In this reform process, there is a need for equal opportunity for all citizens to participate in local development and to demand better and more comprehensive public services to meet citizen's needs, leading to poverty reduction and focusing on the most vulnerable groups, particularly the indigenous peoples, women and children.</p> <p>The government is strongly encouraging to the civil society organization to involve and contribution for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promote transparency and the convenience of access to the information on the standard of budgeting work implementation.</li> <li>- Facilitate the monitoring activities on the citizenship participation and the public services in the sub-national level.</li> <li>- Build capacity and awareness to citizen on the budget</li> <li>- Support to each development actors and provide capacity development to those actors in order to facilitate the citizen's participation and the implementation of social accountability framework.</li> <li>- Documentation the success story from community intervention and integrate these lesson into the national policy and strengthening the civil society organizations.</li> </ul> <p>Therefore, government calls for attention from CSOs to contribute to achieve the goal of social accountability framework but during the meeting <b>H.E Cheam Pe A</b> commented that the COS shall more priority on the development issues in Cambodia rather than create NGO for advocacy for the government. NCDD strongly believed that the participation from CSOs is</p>

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	<p>very importance. By the way, there CSO representatives (CCC, VSO, MEDiCAM), and three development Partners representatives selected to involve in the program in order to ensure the implementation of the system is functioned well with high quality.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is there any strategy to address the health issues in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CSO is the main actor to empower the citizen to involve</li> <li>- RGC also raise awareness but might be not enough</li> <li>- Of course, in commune council investment plan seems still lack of prevention plan. Therefore, we should have common agreement and join effort together.</li> <li>- Now another tool is called "Information for Community (i4C)" which it is also a part of promoting social accountability.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Is there any mechanism/strategy for CSO to organize event (free event) in order to promote social accountability? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Of course, government is very support. However, it has some issue that it still lack of cooperation. I recognized that because we are also still lack of procedure guideline on how to organize it. So CCC such a membership organization should have some kind of discussion on "procedure" of how we work together;</li> <li>- Call me if you met any lack of cooperation from sub-national level;</li> <li>- CSO and government should join organize this kind of event together because we have the same end goal is for the improvement the situation of Cambodian citizen;</li> <li>- Through event we have learned lot of things from the reality in the communes;</li> <li>- But if we see the reality there were over 1000 events organized to gain inputs or for listening to the citizen issues.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. If the government has any plan to increase commune budget for next coming year? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Up to now, government has not prepared this plan.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>For detail information please find in CCC website at <a href="http://www.ccc-cambodia.org/resources/events-archive/406.html">http://www.ccc-cambodia.org/resources/events-archive/406.html</a> or CNCC at <a href="http://www.ncdd.gov.kh">www.ncdd.gov.kh</a>.</p>

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<p><b>Session 3:</b> Update on National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP)</p>	<p><b>H.E Poch Sovannndy</b> Deputy Director of Planning Ministry of Planning</p> <p>H.E Poch Sovannndy presented to the latest information of National Strategic Development Plan of the Cambodian Government. He informed that the NSDP 2014-2018 consisted seven chapters. The contents of this plan is the consolidation of the inputs from widely consultation with all relevant develop actors including technical level and political level of government ministries, development's partners, and civil society organizations. However, NSDP 2014-2018 is not yet gets approval for implementation until now. So the next step that government are going to take action are:</p> <p>Next step:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Request for endorsement from Council of Minister</li> <li>- Seeking endorsement from Senate and National Assembly</li> <li>- Seeking for approval and signature from the King of Cambodia for officially implementation.</li> <li>- Publish and distribution to all implementer and stakeholders in national and sub-national level.</li> <li>- Conduct ongoing monitoring, midterm evaluation, and final evaluation.</li> </ul> <p>H.E Poch Sovannndy responded "YES" toward the question from participant, if the NSDP have integrated Global Development Goals (GMDGs) and Global Development Agenda beyond 2014. He added even though the GMDGs seem more priority on the social issues but the government also localized and integrated it into national development plan.</p> <p>For slide presentation, please find in CCC website at <a href="http://www.ccc-cambodia.org/resources/events-archive/406.html">http://www.ccc-cambodia.org/resources/events-archive/406.html</a></p>
<p>CSO Green Paper: Key issues/ challenges, proposed strategies, and key roles to play for 2014 and beyond.</p>	<p><b>Dr. El Sotheary,</b> Head of Program, CCC</p> <p>Green Paper for Civil Society used already discussed in the Annual General Meeting of CCC in march to collect the inputs and feedback from members, provincial partners, donors, and government. But during that time, members suggest for further discussion on this issue that is why this topic is taken to discuss in the bi monthly member meeting. Before discussion, Dr. Sotheary has presented briefly once again to the members on methodology and the</p>

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	<p>results from the assessment on the development priorities for 2014 and beyond. In the presentation, Dr. Sotheary has mentioned about the key issues/challenges and proposed recommendations which collected from the assessment on the nine theme where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theme 1: Socio-Economic Development</li> <li>Theme 2: Governance, Anti-Corruption and Inclusive Partnership</li> <li>Theme 3: Legal and Judicial Reform</li> <li>Theme 4: Access to Information and Media</li> <li>Theme 5: Land, Housing and Eviction</li> <li>Theme 6: Environment and NRM</li> <li>Theme 7: Enabling Environment and Demo. Space</li> <li>Theme 8: Electoral Reform</li> <li>Theme 9: Human Rights, Human Development and Social Inclusion</li> </ul> <p>After presentation, Dr. Sotheary divided members into the small groups and conducted plenary to discuss on the three following questions: 1) What prioritized issues and recommendations need to be added or removed? 2) What are the roles of CCC's member NGOs to address these key issues? And 3) Shall we have working groups/sub-committees to respond to these priorities? How?</p> <p>In common members support with the key finding from the assessment and members support the incentive idea in establishing the technical working groups among members consistence with the government. The action points, CCC will classify members by the sectoral based and organize the separate discussion with members to address the key challenges within each sector or address the operation problem with the relate government ministries. So the other extra meeting will be organized to discuss with members.</p> <p>For slide presentation, please find in CCC website at <a href="http://www.ccc-cambodia.org/resources/events-archive/406.html">http://www.ccc-cambodia.org/resources/events-archive/406.html</a></p>
<b>Conclusion and closing remark</b>	<p><b>Mr. Ernst Jürgensen</b>  <i>CCC EXCOM Member</i></p> <p>Excom member expressed his pleasure with the results of the bi monthly member meeting which it's gone well with lively participation from member</p>

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	<p>participants in discussion and share following the agenda on the update information on the progress of CCC Governance Hub Program (GHP) and the CCC by-laws amendment, Social Accountability Framework, the update on National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP).</p> <p>Mr. Ernst mentioned if he highlighted one important thing about today is Green Paper which the way forward of CSOs to work together for the better development of Cambodia. Thus, as a membership organization CCC is going to play the importance role to facilitate organization's outlook happening for the sustainable development. Finally, Mr. Ernst expressed his thankful to participants and announced to close the meeting at that time and date.</p>

### General Feedback of Participants:

Participants were requested to give a score for general preparation of bi monthly meeting following the table below as they appreciated. The score are from 1–5 which 1=don't know, 2= poor, 3 = fair, 4 = good, and 5=very good. Participants expressed their appreciation to the general organizing of the meeting as attached table.

Descriptions	1	2	3	4	5
Overall rating of this meeting	--	2%	25%	63%	10%
Contents of the meeting	--	2%	18%	70%	10%
Facilitator/resource persons	--	2%	35%	48%	15%
Organizing of the meeting	--	--	15%	74%	11%

### General Comments from participants:

- When invite government to presentation CCC should be give more time for member to question to government
- CCC should be inform to the guest speaker about the time for presentation
- It is good for NGOs meeting, it can build strategic and one voice of NGOs
- Time it not enough for panel discussion about civil social organization's future outlook
- Many topic but time limited for participants and don't wait for late participants
- The document for presentation should be in Khmer and CCC should be prepare document for panel discussion in Khmer
- There should be prior reading before group discussion very limited document provided for the discussion
- The voice noisy from translator
- Should give handle in advance

The next Members Bi-Monthly Meeting: **will be held on 3 June 2014** at the same place KSSA/ICF Center meeting room, Phnom Penh.

***Topic proposed by members for the next bi-monthly members meeting:***

- Social accountability framework
- Follow up the final National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP)
- Continue to discussing about civil society organization future outlook
- Human right and democracy in Cambodia
- Critical thinking & decision making and communication skills