

Background Paper: Breakout Session 8: Multi-stakeholder Engagement

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Multi-Stakeholder Engagement¹ are structured processes that are used to ensure participation on a specific issue and are based on a set of principles, sometimes inspired by the rights-based approach to development. They aim to ensure participatory equity, accountability and transparency, and to develop partnerships and networks amongst different stakeholders.

The belief and commitment of CCC towards Busan Agreement on Effective Development Cooperation² and the Leave No One Behind Principle of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDGs) have sharpen one of its working approaches as Multi-stakeholder engagement and Inclusive partnership³.

At the national level, CCC engages in various related platforms at both national and sub-national levels such as the Development Cooperation and Partnership Strategy (DCPS)⁴, the Technical Working Group (TWGs), the Cambodian Development Forum (CDF), the Corporate Social Responsibility (CRS) platforms and others.

The efforts of CCC will be made to ensure the space to influence and engage in policy debates with **the government, development partners, civil society and private sector**. At the sub-national level, CCC participates in promoting the Implementation of Social Accountability Framework (ISAF)⁵ and advocates for having the multi-stakeholder forum in place to help ensuring that all development actors have the inclusive space to talk about their own agendas as well as to share some perspectives to overcome any common development challenge.

Based on the Busan Agreement of Effective Development Cooperation, all development actors need to highlight a set of common principles for development including ownership, a focus on results, partnership, transparency and shared responsibility.

¹ <https://www.undp.org/content/dam/aplaws/publication/en/publications/capacity-development/drivers-of-change/accountability/multi-stakeholder-engagement-processes/Engagement-Processes-cp7.pdf>

² <https://www.oecd.org/dac/effectiveness/Busan%20partnership.pdf>

³ <https://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/librarypage/poverty-reduction/what-does-it-mean-to-leave-no-one-behind-.html>

⁴ http://www.cdc-crdb.gov.kh/cdc/twg_network/twg_network_november_2013/workshop_report.pdf

⁵ http://ncdd.gov.kh/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/implementation_plan_i-saf.pdf

However, there are some barriers in Multi-stakeholder Engagement process that weaken all the development actors to fully participate. Those include the new emerging policy and legal framework, the inadequate resources to fulfill the basic needs, and the collaboration and commitment of actors in sustainable development.

Besides the challenges, there are also the achievements, and lesson learned that will be shared throughout the following questions:

1. What do you see key progress of Multi-stakeholders engagement/initiatives in Cambodia?
2. What are key challenges Cambodians faced in promoting Multi-stakeholders engagement/initiatives in Cambodia?
3. What are your recommendations/ suggestions for Multi-stakeholders engagement/initiatives in the next few years for Cambodia?

Guideline for the Breakout Discussion on Multi-stakeholder Engagement		
<p>*Discussion Lead: Ms. Kristen RASMUSSEN Country Director of DanChurchAid (DCA)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What do you see key progress of Multi-stakeholder engagement/initiatives in Cambodia? 2. What are key challenges Cambodians faced in promoting Multi-stakeholder engagement/initiatives in Cambodia? 3. What are your recommendations/ suggestions for Multi-stakeholder engagement/initiatives in the next few years for Cambodia? 		
Activity	Details Actions	Time
Section 1: Introduction	<p>*Discussion Lead will introduce the panelists.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speaker 1: Ms. KIM Natacha, Responsible Business Coordinator, CSR Platform - Speaker 2: Mr. Hironori SUZUKI, Counsellor, Embassy of Japan - Speaker 3: Dr. Ieng Sotheara, Founder of Ieng Group 	10 Minutes

<p>Section 2: Discussion Lead and Discussion</p>	<p>*Based on Background Paper and key questions below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What do you see key progress of Multi- stakeholder engagement/initiatives in Cambodia? 2. What are key challenges Cambodians faced in promoting Multi-stakeholder engagement/initiatives in Cambodia? 3. What are your recommendations/ suggestions for Multi- stakeholder engagement/initiatives in the next few years for Cambodia? 	<p>30 Minutes</p>
<p>Section 3: Questions from Audiences</p>	<p>*Open the floor to audiences for first-round of questions and clarification.</p>	<p>20 Minutes</p>
<p>Section 4: Conclusion</p>	<p>*Result of the discussion.</p>	<p>10 Minutes</p>