

**Concept Note**  
**National Consultation on**  
**“Post-2015 Development Agenda and Partnership with Civil Society”**  
**23 May 2014, Himawari Hotel**

**I. Background**

The Cooperation Committee for Cambodia (CCC) is the largest and longest established membership based organization in Cambodia. CCC has played a unique role since 1990 in strengthening the cooperation, professionalism, accountability, governance, and development effectiveness of CSOs in Cambodia.

Back in 2012 CCC was selected to take the lead in the national deliberation on the Post-2015 development agenda at Asia sub-regional level with CONCORD. CCC has brought Cambodian experiences and voices to feed into global discussions on the Post 2015 Development Agenda on various occasions including the CSO preparatory meeting on 23-24 March and Stakeholder Outreach Day on 25 March with the High Level Panel on Post-2015 Development Agenda in Indonesia.

Moreover, CCC is a co-convener of the newly established Asia Development Alliance (ADA), to continue to debate on Post 2015 Development Agenda at national, regional and international levels. Recently, CCC has been selected as the Asian Regional Coordinator for Beyond 2015 which is a global civil society campaign, pushing for a strong and legitimate successor framework to the Millennium Development Goals.

Year 2015 is approaching and MDGs are coming to an end. Global efforts have been made by various organizations including UN agencies, national governments, development partners and civil society organizations to track progress and challenges of the MDG implementation and to develop new goals for the Post-2015 era.

In this context and at country level in 2013, CCC conducted current CMDG review and cooperation with CSOs community and UN agencies conducted the consultation on CSOs’ perspective on Post-2015 Cambodia Development Agenda at two levels: two regional consultations and one national consultation. Most of the participants were the representative of civil society coming from about 12 provinces located in two Northwest and Northeast being involved within this process. Perspectives obtained from these two regional consultations were brought to be discussed at a national multi-stakeholder consultation on “CSO Perspectives on Cambodia Development Framework Beyond 2015” which was organized in May 2013 in cooperation with NGO Forum and UNFPA. From this consultation, five thematic areas were defined as framework for Post-2015 Cambodia development agenda. Those include: 1) Social inclusion, Population dynamic and development, 2) Economic growth & development, 3) Climate change and environmental degradation, 4) Institutional good governance and effectiveness, and 5) Human rights to development.

Under these five thematic areas, a lot of issues and challenges have been identified as the priorities for development. Those related to reducing poverty and inequality, improving social justice, strengthening good governance, improving accountability and fighting against corruption, promoting

environmental sustainability, enhancing inclusive partnership, fostering employment and economic growth, fostering an enabling environment for civil society, ownership, localization, participation, etc. All of the issues required significant consideration from all relevant stakeholders. These provide an implication that the inclusive partnership needs to be employed so that all development actors as such government, NGOs, Trade Union, private sectors, parliamentary, citizen, development partners need to work together on Post-2015 Cambodia development agenda to make long term sustainable change in Cambodia.

Within this context, strengthening the engagement of civil society in the implementation of the post 2015 development agenda is imperative. Building on the experience in implementation of the CMDGs, it is opportune that the dialogues with civil society will evolve from a ‘consultative’ phase to a ‘partnership for implementation’ of the post 2015 agenda for more transformative and visible results. This “political partnership for implementation” between the State and civil society and between the communities and civil society is expected to result in positive gains for society, is respectful of human rights and sustainability, and ensures and enhances transparency and accountability of the actors involved.

The overarching objectives of the dialogues with civil society are (1) to stimulate an inclusive and participatory discussion on the effective implementation of post-2015 development agenda and (2) to enhance the process of consultative dialogue between the actors involved, including finding common purpose, building trust, and fostering constructive working relationships.

CCC works in partnership with UN Country Team (UNCT) to conduct two regional consultations in the Northwest province on 12 May in Siem Reap, and Northeast provinces on 20 May 2014 in Kratie. The national consultation will be held on **23 May 2014, at Himawari Hotel in Phnom Penh.**

## II. Objectives

- Enhance the influence and inclusive partnership of civil society in shaping Cambodia positions in the post-2015 intergovernmental process;
- Enable civil society to contribute substantively to shaping key policies related to means of implementation for the post-2015 development agenda;
- Stimulate public mobilization, advocacy and support in favour of these policy changes amongst civil society at national level;
- Reflect on Civil Society partnerships with the Government in order to generate concrete examples of what is and what is not working
- Enhance multi-stakeholder partnerships arrangement for Post-2015 Cambodia development agenda
- Strengthen mechanisms to periodically review the implementation of the partnership between the Royal Government of Cambodia and the Civil Society to promote transparency, accountability and dialogue throughout the post-2015 development agenda.

## III: Expected Outputs

- Reflected on the partnerships among development actors in implementing CMDGs with some concrete examples generated and documented on what went right and what needed to be improved.
- Defined a modality for an effective partnership among development actors for Post-2015 Cambodia development agenda.
- Defined effective mechanisms to for periodical review of the implementation of the partnership to promote transparency, accountability and dialogue throughout the post-2015 development agenda.
- Stimulated public mobilization, advocacy and support in implementing Post-2015 Cambodia development agenda.

#### IV: Expected Outcomes

- The document be used as inputs to inform development actors especially CSO-Government-Development partners to innovate partnership arrangement in implementing Post-2015 Cambodia development agenda. It can be used as input to the global meeting to be organized by the Royal Government of Cambodia in quarter three of 2014.
- The document be used as inputs to develop a civil society position in Asia on partnership arrangement and means of the implementation of post-2015 development agenda at the UN General Assembly in September 2014.
- The consultation outcomes fed into both the Open Working Group (OWG) report in July and the UN Secretary-General's report in October 2014

#### Agenda

Time	Sessions	Facilitator
7:30am-08:00am	Registration	CCC team
08:00am-08:05am	- Introduction - National Anthem	<b>Ms. Chhom Chakriya</b> , Research Officer of CCC
08:05am-08:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome remarks CSO representative</li> <li>• Key note remarks by DP representative</li> <li>• Opening Remarks by Government representative</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Sok Thim</b>, Chair of CCC's EXCOM and Executive Director of CHC,</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Claire Van der Vaeren</b>, UN Resident Coordinator</li> <li>• <b>H. E Leng Vy</b>, General Director of Local Administration, Ministry of Interior</li> </ul>
8:30am-10:00am	<b>Session 1: Situating MDGs and Post 2015 Development Agenda</b> 1. Key notes on CMDG achievement and way towards the Post-2015 Development agenda and SDGs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Poch Sovandy</b>, Deputy Director of Planning Department, Ministry of Planning.</li> </ul>

Time	Sessions	Facilitator
	2. CSO Post 2015 process and results from the two regional consultations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Soeung Saroeun</b>, Executive Director of CCC</li> <li>• Moderator: <b>Dr. El Sotheary</b>, Head of Program of CCC</li> </ul>
10:00am - 10.20am	Break	All
10:20am-12:00pm	Parallel Workshop: Partnership arrangement and means of implementation for Post-2015 Cambodia development - Government Representative - DP Representative - Private Sector Representative - CSO Representative	<b>Mr. Sam Ly</b> , CAN Manager of CCC
12:00pm-1:30pm	Lunch	All
1:30pm-3:00pm	Plenary session: wrap up from the thematic discussion A representative from each group will be invited to share their short report of their thematic session to the plenary.	Group representative
3:00pm - 3:30pm	Presentation on drafting communiqué	<b>Dr. El Sotheary</b> , Head of Program of CCC
3:30 - 3:45pm	Break	All
3:45pm-4:30pm	Finalize communiqué	<b>Dr. El Sotheary</b> , Head of Program of CCC
4:30pm-4:40pm	Conclusion and Closing remark	<b>Ms. Keo Keang</b> - CCC EXCOM Member

NOTE: The agenda might be adjusted according to dynamics of the workshop.