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**ទស្សនវិស័យ:** ការអភិវឌ្ឍប្រកបដោយនិរន្តរភាពសម្រាប់ប្រទេសកម្ពុជា  
**Vision:** Sustainable development for Cambodia

## National Consultation on “Policies Development and Civil Society Organizations”

**Date: June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Venue: Tonle Bassac II Restaurant, Phnom Penh.**

### 1. Introduction

The legal framework and the recent trend of enforcement related to work of CSOs in Cambodia has posed some significant concerns for them, particularly on their common position towards those laws and their capability and affordability to stay complied with the laws, their common strategies towards the implications of the laws enforcement. For the recent trend, the Law on Associations and Non-governmental Organizations (LANGO) and the Taxation Law are two of the important legal frameworks which affect the operations, and enabling environment for CSOs as well as their livelihood. The LANGO was promulgated by the King of the Kingdom of Cambodia on 12 August 2015. Despite a raging few controversial provisions in its substance were addressed, the law, however, still contains number of provisions which generate gravity and concerns to all stakeholders, not only among NGOs and associations, but also the other types of civil society and other stakeholders.

In addition to LANGO, the issues around the compliance status of CSOs towards Taxation Law come as another big gravity for them. There are still limitation of understanding on how and what the law counts on the taxation obligations from civil society sector and preferential treatment in the law and how well CSOs could address their compliance capacity/affordability, particularly the technical issues in the law and financial burdensome. A very new arrival of mandatory obligation on the enforcement of the new enacted law on accounting and auditing and new report template also another new challenge for CSOs.

Aside from the above legal framework, In September 2015, world leaders adopted a Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in which they agreed to begin a critical shift away from the current unsustainable and unjust development models to a more just, equal, inclusive and sustainable model. The SDGs, set out a global agenda for ending poverty, and achieving dignity and equality for all, in a world that is peaceful and sustainably managed.

The goals and Targets of SDG are indivisible, global in nature and universally applicable. However, it is recognized that each government will be required to set its own national targets as well as indicators to adapt differing national circumstances, capacities and priorities, and consistent with internationally agreed standards, but guided by the global ambition in the SDGs. The principle of universality of the SDGs means translating the aspirational global targets into actionable, measurable, and achievable country-specific targets. In Cambodia, Ministry of Planning (MoP) facilitate the localization and adoption the SDGs goals into Cambodian Sustainable Development Goals (CSDGs) and then Cambodia will implementation the CSDGs now onward to ensure the sustainable development of Cambodia.

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In order to understand how well CSOs in Cambodia are aware of the development of policy in term of legal compliance and perhaps their implication towards civil society organizations in Cambodia in the current climate and its impact and how to prepare for and mitigate the possible and unpredictable risk and engage in development process, CCC in cooperate with other civil society organizations and relevant ministries will conduct a **National Consultation** on **“Policy Development and Civil Society Organizations”** which will be convened on **29 June 2018** at **Tonle Bassac II Restaurant**, Phnom Penh.

## 2. Objectives

- To update the related Legal Frameworks relevant to the operation of Civil Society Organizations
- To update the progress, contents and way forward of CSDGs
- To discuss the key challenges faced by CSOs with regard to law enactment
- To debate with relevant ministries with regard to the issues faced by CSOs
- To identify ways forwards for CSOs to be responsive/complied with the laws.
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## 3. Draft Agenda

Time	Topic	Facilitator / Speaker
7:30 – 8:00 AM	Registration	<b>Mrs. SAN Vattanakvatey</b> , CAN Assistant of CCC
8:00 – 8:05 AM	Introduction of the Aim of the National Dialogue and National Anthem	<b>Mrs. CHAN Somaly</b> , Member and Networking Specialist of CCC
8:05 – 8:15 AM	Key note remarks and update on the related Legal Frameworks relevant to the operation of Civil Society Organizations in Cambodia	<b>Mr. SOEUNG Saroeun</b> , Country Director of CCC
08:15 – 8:30 AM	Key note remark from Development Partner	<b>Mr. George Edgar</b> , EU Ambassador (tbc)
8.30-9.00 AM	Welcome and Opening Remark to be given by representatives from GDT or MOI	<b>Representative of Mol or GDT (tbc)</b>
9.00-9.45 AM	Presentation on the Brief Findings and Challenges of CSOs collected from the Four Regional Learning Forums and Field Visits to provincial NGOs/associations in the Provinces.	Mr. <b>YOEURNG Sotheara</b> , Legal Support Specialist (LSS) of CCC
9.45-10.00 AM	[Group photo] Refreshment	<b>All</b>

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10:00 – 12:00 AM	<p>Panel Discussion on “Policies Development and linkage with Civil Society Organizations”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- LANGO</li> <li>- Taxation</li> <li>- Accounting &amp; Auditing</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the requirements of these laws to the CSOs?</li> <li>2. What are the challenges facing by CSOs in complying with these laws?</li> <li>3. What key asks/recommendations in respond to challenges?</li> </ol> <p>Question and Answer</p>	<p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Dr. El Sotheary</b>, Head of Program of CCC</p> <p><b>Speakers: (tbc)</b></p> <p><b>Representative of MoI</b></p> <p><b>Representative of GDT</b></p> <p><b>Representative of NAC</b></p> <p><b>Representative of MoFA</b></p>
12:00 – 1:30 PM	Lunch (will be provided)	All participants
1:30 – 2:30 PM	<p>Panel Discussion on CSDGs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update the progress and content of “Cambodia Sustainable Development Goals” CSDGs</li> <li>- Sharing progress and preparation for Voluntary National Review (VNR)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Moderator: Mr. Mi Nac</b>, Component Manager of CCC</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p><b>Representative of MoP (tbc)</b></p> <p><b>Representative of UN Country Team (tbc)</b></p>
2:30 – 3:30 PM	CSO’s intervention through “ <i>Do No Harm and Conflict Sensitive Programming</i> ”	<b>Mrs. Luy Theary</b> , Do No Harm Project Coordinator of CCC
3:30 – 3:45 PM	Refreshment	All participants
3:45 – 4: 45 PM	Presentation on “ <b>CBO’s Guideline</b> ” and tool for Community Based Organizations	<b>Ms. Keo Pouleakhena</b> , CBO Specialist of CCC
4:45 – 5:00 PM	Conclusion and closing remark	<b>Mr. SOEUNG Sareoun</b> , Country Director of CCC

**Note:** Organizer reserves the right to change the agenda!

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