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Vision: Sustainable development for Cambodia

Minutes of Members Bi-Monthly Meeting

Meeting Date: 5 August 2014
Meeting Time: 7:30am to 12:00pm
Meeting Venue: KSSA/ICF Center
Recorded By: KEO Phalla

Members Bi-Monthly Meeting

This 05 August meeting is viewed as an important event for CCC members, that CCC expects Executive or senior representative of each member participated in this meeting as it was more focusing on strategic discussion related to the development and policy aspects.

This meeting aims

- To update on the progress of Governance Hub Program (GHP) including introducing new members on their profiles and key activities;
- To discuss on reactions of CSOs and next steps on post-2015 development agenda (goals, targets, and mean of implementation);
- To update on general progress on communication and advocacy strategies to the 7 draft laws and how to turn the strategies into action; and
- To generate inputs and comments on the current political movement to ensure that concerns of CSOs and citizens are highly reflected in their reform agenda.

The 5th bi monthly member meeting participated by 90 participants from local and international member organizations. As the settle agenda, the participants have been shared the update information on the key achievements of implementation the GHP including introducing the progress of voluntary certification system, leaning and capacity development, CCC's public relation, and the increasing of member organizations. Members were also updated about the general progress on communication and advocacy strategies to the 7 draft laws and how to turn the strategies into action. The post-2015 development agenda have also put in discussion with members in order to find way forward on the common goals, targets, and mean of implementation. One of the important agenda have discussed in this meeting, CCC and its members have launched **action/2015 Cambodia "iMove against corruption for poverty reduction"**, which marks a 514-day countdown to the Millennium Development Goal deadline, and will continue through 2015. And the last of the meeting, CCC generated the inputs and comments on the current political movement to prepare a joint statement to CNRP and CPP political parties to ensure that concerns of CSOs and citizens are highly reflected in their reform agenda.

Detail Results of the Meeting

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<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks</p>	<p>Mr. Richard Winterton, Vice-Chairperson of CCC EXCOM</p> <p>Mr. Richard Winterton started with warmly welcomed to the members and expressed his appreciation to members that always keep working together for poverty reduction and as well as always worked in solidarity to promote democracy and human rights in Cambodia. Mr. Richard has alerted the participants on the key agenda to be discussed during a full morning member meeting and he called for active participation from participants to share their inputs and comments to make the meeting results with good outputs and outcomes. Lastly, on behalf of the Executive Committee and CCC's Colleagues, he expressed sincerely thank to members attended the meeting and announced to start the formal meeting.</p>

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<p>Introduction to new members</p>	<p>Two more new members were invited to introduce about their profiles and main activities to the old members during the meeting. Two of them were international NGOs. One was EWHA Social Services (ESS) located in Phnom Penh city (Regional office at South Korea). Through this membership, ESS expected to have a great opportunity to learn more about the best practice on project implementation, improve capacity of staff by learning forum, and be a good network with other member organizations. To learn more about ESS, please visit its website at www.ewhacambodia.org.</p> <p>One more new member that also introduced itself to the meeting was Louvain Coopération au Développement (LD) that has its headquarters in Belgium and a national office in Phnom Penh. LD has mission to create innovative solutions tailored to specific developmental problems. For Louvain Coopération, development is a continuous process of societal change, in which the full cooperation of the different parties (the NGO, the university and its local partners) is necessary in order to build a more just society. To learn more about LD, please visit at www.louvaincooperation.org</p>
<p>Session 1: Update on progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CCC Governance Hub Program (GHP) ▪ Announcement to the CCC by-laws amendment 	<p>Mr. Khorn Bunthong Head of Operation, CCC</p> <p>Session 1: CCC updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduction to new members (EWHA and LD) He thanked to all new member's donors such as KOICA that supported to its partners to become a member of CCC. He strongly encourage all those donors to continue support their partners to become a member of CCC in order to build the biggest NGO family in Cambodia. ▪ Implementation CCC's Bylaw It was already got endorsement from 2/3 of our members and it is now seeking endorsement from all ExCom members and submitting to Ministry of Interior (MoI). The implementation of the new Bylaw will be after getting approval and stamp from MoI. <p>One highlighting from the revision Bylaw is an annual membership fee is charged based on the actual annual approved budget plan of members multiplied by 0.00225. The result is the annual fee which the member will pay, but not more than 12,000,000 Riel or USD \$3,000.</p> <p>So there is no barrier anymore that all NGOs can become CCC's members. Last time, some NGOs had barrier of payment on fee since they have not much budget to allocate on this. Now they can become CCC's member (it can be only \$10 or \$20 based on actual calculation). In</p>

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	<p>this regards, CCC would like to appreciate funding partners/donors to encourage other NGO partners to become CCC's member. Thus, participants can also circulate this information or encourage your friends/peers to become CCC's member. It is the opportunity for all of us to come together to have collective voice for the sack of development in Cambodia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>▪ Online NGO Database</p> <p>In general, online NGODB has two main benefits: 1) Sharing information among NGOs and NGOs on their program, beneficiary, partners,... and 2) Reflecting the participation from NGO sector into the development of Cambodia. However, the information from all NGOs is not yet 100% completed, So CCC would like to request all NGOs to upload their data (about their program, budget, partners, ...) into the NGODB Or send their information to CCC Member Service Unit so that they can update on the NGODB.</p> <p>Everyone who interested can request the ID and Password to use NGODB. However, members can access to most of information related to NGOs, networks in 25 provinces, registration, projects, and beneficiaries. But for non-members can access to only few information on contact details (address, telephone numbers). Both members and non-members are not allowed to access to NGOs budget and staff.</p> <p>▪ NGO Code and Voluntary Certification System</p> <p>A new revision NGO Code has been developed as a result of wider consultation and other participatory approaches, and was endorsed by NGO Community and NGO Code Compliance Committee in Nov 2013. It aims to improve the quality of VCS system and effectively respond to the demands of CSOs, government, DPs, and in line with NSDP, and international principle such as Istanbul principles for CSO Development Effectiveness. The standards, guidelines and indicators in the new version aim to protect all forms of corruption, child protection and participation, gender and minority equity, environmental friendly, financial sustainability, and more accountability to beneficiaries, etc.</p> <p>CCC trusts that CCC members can add a lot values to this system by actively participating and supporting the Code and VCS through:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sharing and building awareness on the Code and VCS with their partners and the people they work with; 2. Partnering with CCC GPP to use this NGO Code and VCS as a tool for conducting pre award assessment and selecting their funding partners;

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Using it as a tool for capacity assessment and capacity development toward the certain standards, and certification; 4. Providing financial support directly to applicant NGOs in order to meet certain standards such as global financial audits, and organization and program evaluation; 5. Considering the certification as one of the funding criteria; 6. Encouraging their partners (both local and international NGOs) to comply with the NGO Code and participate in the VCS process.
<p>Session 2: Post-2015 Development Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Updated from CSOs consultation on post-2015 Development Agenda ▪ Update on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) ▪ Launching of Action/2015 iMove campaign 	<p>Dr. El Sotheary Head of Program, CCC</p> <p>Session 2: Post-2015 Development Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Updated from CSOs consultation on post-2015 Development Agenda Several consultation workshop and dialogue for all levels have been conducted to discuss on Post-2015 Development Agenda, Action/2015 Campaign (iMove), Post-2015 Partnership Arrangement and Means of Implementation, and CSO dialogue on the accountability for post-2015 Development Agenda and implementation. <p>Regarding to iMove, in the representative of CSOs in Cambodia selected the topic “iMove Against Corruption for Poverty Reduction” for Action/2015 Cambodia campaign.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Update on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Good Governance and Inclusive Partnership is remaining considered as a key issue among other problems for Post-2015. In this responding, It needs a policy and regulatory environment that will enable civil society to fulfill its potentials as a development partner. By that way, government, CSOs, and private sectors work together as the strategic partners to promote the electoral reforms and the cooperative social responsibility. CSOs to promote law enforcement and support group advocacy. ▪ Launching of Action/2015 Cambodia <p>Mr. Soeung Saroeun, Executive Director, CCC</p> <p>He has introduced briefly about iMove as follow:</p> <p>A centerpiece of the action/2015 Asia campaign is "iMove" events: "iMove Against Injustice, Inequality and Insecurity". The iMove tagline can also be adapted by local and national campaigns. For example, Cambodia has adopted "iMove against corruption for poverty reduction" to suit with its own context.</p> <p>action/2015 Cambodia was launched on 05 August, which marks a 514-</p>

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	<p>day countdown to the Millennium Development Goal deadline, and will continue through 2015.</p> <p>CCC with its partners will organize wider campaign in 2015. All interested organizations, networks, alliances, youth groups, communities and others are invited to come on board and contribute to the event. The campaign will be following Three provincial campaigns (mass bike riding) in September 2014 in Kampong Chnang, Kampong Thom and Preah Vihear, e-campaign through facebook and website, photograph contest through facebook, Joint statement (petition), public forum, dialogue among development actors, and other events. The expectation to achieve through this campaign:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Put mass public pressure especially from the youth groups and local communities on Governments to create a Post-2015 sustainable development framework that tackles the social and structural dimensions of poverty and corruption issues. b) Generate change at provincial and national levels. c) Promote popular awareness of the Post 2015 Framework so that it is used by citizens to hold governments accountable to their promises. <p>This session was ended by official launched with the together “Let’s move from now! Everyone Moves for action/2015! Everyone Moves Against Corruption for Poverty Reduction in Cambodia.”</p>
<p>Session 3: Presentation on Advocacy Plan: CSO's responses to the seven draft laws:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3 judiciary related laws ▪ Trade Union law ▪ Agricultural land use and management law ▪ Cybercrime law ▪ NGO law 	<p>Ms. Sin Putheary Head of Communication and Membership Development, CCC</p> <p>1. Potential Impact on Seven Draft Laws</p> <p>Overall Analysis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ (Three laws related to judiciary) approval from the National Assembly, Senate, promulgated by the King. NO public consultation. ▪ Law on Associations and NGOs, Cyber Crimes, Management and Use of Agricultural Land, and Law on Trade Unions (some with consultations) ▪ Potential impact on benefits, democratic space, enabling environment, and rights of the Cambodian citizens. <p>2. Key intervention: Updated progress & Proposed joint activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Harmonization CSOs: Advocating for an improved legal, regulatory and policy environment CSOs in Cambodia. ▪ Influence policy & decision makers: transparent & accountable

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Conclusion and closing remark	<p>Mr. Soeung Saroeun Executive Director, CCC</p> <p>In the closing remark, Executive Director of CCC expressed special thank to all attended participants for great contribution the inputs through group and plenary discussion. The inputs from this morning meeting will be consolidated by CCC's colleagues and taken into action. However, would be widely distributed and effectively implemented unless we have actively supported from ExCom members and member organizations. Before announced to close the meeting, Executive Director has released 5 calling to the member organizations, where: (1) Called for apply to get NGO GPP certificate; (2) Called for sharing information for online NGO database; (3) Called for join solidarity to implement action/2015 Cambodia on iMove against corruption for poverty reduction; (4) Call for joining advocate for improvement the contents of the 7 laws; and last (5) Called for attention to monitor the political parties commitment on their political agenda plan.</p>																								

General Feedback of Participants:

In general, participants expressed their appreciation to the general organizing of the meeting as attached table especially the topic for panel discussion was very interested. The following table is the evaluation for the meeting managing.

Descriptions	Don't Know	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good
Overall rating of this meeting	--	--	15%	78%	7%
Contents of the meeting	--	--	9%	76%	15%
Organizing of the meeting	--	-	14%	76%	10%
Facilitator/resource persons	--	2%	7%	79%	12%

General Comments

- Interesting topic and good thanks for propose these ideas and meeting today some of presentations are interested also if possible should add more time.
- The topics that are assisted Cambodia in good living for our people
- The online database should be link with map such as NGO area, how many projects in this area..?

The next Bi-Monthly Member Meeting **will be held on 7 October 2014** at the same place KSSA/ICF Center meeting room, Phnom Penh. For that meeting, members proposed some important topics for discussion such as:

- 18 point continue (answer back from CCC) update about CCC activity and process group discussion about political and sharing group discussion
- Keep update of SDGs progress and MDG process
- Trend of CSO should focus and update more hot issue of CSOs
- Advocacy plan for seven draft law and follow up on the draft law.
- Invite representative from MOSVY, MOH, MOEYS to presentation on MOU process as I noted that the process is more and more complicated
- How can I move corruption in Cambodia?
- Youth employment skills to prepare them beyond 2015 speaker from ASEAN Committee
- Update the new political development and mean to address the them
- Agricultural/land to use and management law what impact to people in rural
- People voice for corruption in area and the way to help the people who meet the corruption in their area