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**Concept Note**

**The Public Law Talk  
On  
“Legal Framework Related to the Operation of Civil Society Organizations”**

Organize by: The CSOs Legal Hub, CCC  
Venue: Tonle Basac II Restaurant  
Time: 1:30 PM to 5: 00 PM

**1. Introduction**

The legal framework and the very recent trend and development 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 regulations as well as their capability and affordability to stay complied with the laws, their common advocacy for solutions towards the implications of the laws enforcement yet now well organized and addressed. 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 are significantly affecting the operations and enabling environment for CSOs’ operation as well as their financial challenges to the compliance. The new norms and the recent development trends moreless are touching their old practiced norms. The LANGO was promulgated in 2015 yet it is now putting for discussion for the possibilities of amendments between the MOI-led Inter-ministries commission and the representatives of CSOs.

About nearly five years of its promulgation, a number of cases related to the implications of LANGO have been reported and identified throughout the country previously. CCC, by its Bylaw-mandate, is actively advocated on the LANGO through the Stop and Consult Platform at the commencement of the introduction of the law, and now made proposal for the amendments.

In addition to the LANGO, the issues around the compliance status of CSOs towards the Taxation Law come as another big gravity for them. There is 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 compliance of the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) law on the two separate social security schemes and perhaps new arrival scheme “ the retirement or pension scheme” sooner to be introduced by 2020 and as well as the Labour law enforcement, particularly, the issues on seniority payment, work permit, employment book and so on, are posting required legal obligations and concern to CSOs and this comes as the burdensome for them.

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As said above, the new enacted law is now coming into force and overwrite the previous law and regulations related to the social security schemes, however, it is waiting for its reference sub-decrees or Ministerial Prakas to be implementable.

In order to understand how well CSOs in Cambodia are aware of the development of policy and legal framework, the recent development trend and perhaps their implication towards civil society organizations in Cambodia in the current political climate and its impact and how to prepare for and mitigate the possible and unpredictable risk, CCC in cooperate with other civil society organizations and relevant ministries and government authorities will On Legal Framework Related to the Operation of Civil Society Organizations which will be convened a **half-day of 26 November 2019 at Tonle Basac II restaurant, Phnom Penh.**

## 2. Objectives

- *Update and discuss on the challenges of CSOs on compliance of related legal framework including the LANGO, Labour Law, NSSF Law, and Taxation Law.*
- Participate in promoting the related legal capacity related to the operations of CSOs in Cambodia
- *To assess and collect information and recommendations of CSOs on issues related to the challenges in implementation to comply with those laws and its regulations. The findings will be used as the basis for future advocacy strategies of CSOs and case reports to be submitted to the relevant ministries for consideration and address the problem.*

## 3. Participants

There will be around 150-200 participants from civil society organizations, associations, community based organizations, formal and informal groups and governments authorities. The honored guests, resource persons/speakers/ will be invited from NGO, Government and Private sector representative.

## 4. Agenda

Time	Topics/Issues	Facilitator/Speaker
1:30 – 1:40 pm	Registration	CAN Team (CCC)
1:40 – 1:50 pm	Introduction to the Public Law Talk for CSOs	<b>Mr. RY Sovanna,</b> Policy & Legal Specialist, CCC
1: 50 – 2:10 pm	Short Remark on the updating and development of Legal Framework and its Compliance on Civil Society Organization	<b>Mr. Soeung Sarooun,</b> Executive Director, CCC
2:10 – 3:10 pm	The Discussion on Labour Law, 1997 - The Sonority Payment and related issues	<b>Speaker:</b> <b>AN Nan,</b>

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	(Q&A)	Arbitrator of the Arbitration Council, and Field Consultant for the Worker Rights Consortium (WRC) <b>(Confirmed)</b>
3:10 – 3:30 pm	Short Presentation on the new enacted law on the Social Security Fund - Short Presentation on the generalization of the new enacted law on the Social Security Fund (Q&A)	- <b>Mr. YOEURNG Sotheara,</b> Coalition Building, Advocacy and Networking Manager ( <b>CCC</b> )
3:30 – 3:45 pm	Coffee Break	All
3:45 – 4:15 pm	- Updating on the new development of the LANGO and the CSOs' propose amendments - The Introduction of the new established CSOs Working for Partnership (Q&A)	<b>Mr. Soeung Saroeun,</b> Executive Director, CCC or <b>Mr. RY Sovanna,</b> Policy & Legal Specialist, CCC
4:15 – 4:45 pm	Continue to discuss on Questions and the challenges of implementation related to the Tax Law remain from morning session, if any. (Q&A)	Facilitator: - <b>Mr. YOEURNG Sotheara,</b> Coalition Building, Advocacy and Networking Manager (CCC)
4:45 – 5:00 pm	Include and Closing of the Public Law Talks	<b>Mr. Soeung Saroeun,</b> Executive Director, CCC

**Note:** Organizer reserved right to revise the agenda if necessary.

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