

MINUTES
CCC MEMBERS BI-MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting Date: 05 May 2022
Meeting Time: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm



Introduction

This 267th Bi-Monthly Members Meeting will be convened on **05 May 2022** at *DK Meeting Center (St. 330, near Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum)*. Based on CCC’s Bylaw, member meeting is designed for participants who are Country Representatives/Executive Directors and Senior Leaders/Managers of CCC members to attend and share knowledge and experiences, the common concerns on the development challenges and other key issues of CCC members to be addressed together.

This meeting with CCC members to share and discuss among CCC members and update of CCC progress and plan as well as sharing of member works and other legal compliance impacts on civil society work. Therefore, it can be better response the current rapid change and attack by COVID-19. This meeting is organized to achieve the following specific objectives:

- To welcome new members and appreciations for the CCC member and sharing of member works.
- To update the progress for the first quarter of CCC work with members and plan.
- To update the current status of civic space and other legal policies related to CSOs.
- AOB

There are 92 in which 48/17 female joint physical and 44 join online.

Detailed discussion

Welcome and opening remarks by Ms. Putheary, Executive Director of CCC

She briefly about history of CCC which established since 1990s that start with 24 organizations and we reach now 185 organization. There are have been changed over 32 years in services. Thanks for being together and appreciate such joint effort.

Today we would learn about our satisfaction survey, and hearing the presentative from our two new members from GRET and FFI, and legal regulations. Then she updated certain progress and challenges of the recent years of the changes and compliance, especially recently results from meet with the GDT.

- The concern for Tax registration, which GDT will encourage to get register without any penalty.
- Withholding tax still not the obligation of CSOs’ user, i.e. If getting the taxi previously will be our responsible to the service provider, but wait to get regulation from GDT to proof with auditor.
- Work better together to address issues of e-filing.
- Social protection is also a recent issue, and CCC have engaged on this social service support which intended to help for the poor and could try to make it fairly access.
- For Accounting and auditing is also another way to go.
- For Cyber issue and digital rights, we work together with other members and partners for better online space as well as internet gateway regulation being more consulted.

Thanks to our members, CCC could not make it without our members and our volunteer groups, and then announce to open the meeting.

To share and update from CCC members

- **Presentation of GRET by Ms. Keo Socheata**, Country Representative of GET

She had introduced about globally and locally work of GRET with totally 709 staff in globally and spend more than 32 million Euro with 224 interventions in 28 countries. 8 areas of work including: natural resource, local enterprise services, cities and housing, Employment, Nutrition, Food System, Local Governance and Inclusive fiancé and economy, but only three areas in Cambodia.

Since 1988 GRET work in Cambodia with two main offices in Phnom Penh and one in Siem Reap. These are the following program implementing.

- Developing sustainable agriculture for small famer in Siem Reap. Though many achievements but certain challenges, i.e. less participation from famers, and selling of farmer products.
- SPIN: Social Projection: Innovation for informal sector.
- Methodology: technical assistance for NSSF.
- WATSAN: Drinking water, sanitation and solid waste management.
- WAT4CAM TA-ISWM
- The SFF, Stone foundation which also focus on clean water where coordination support for loan access to manage clean water
- MRLG (Mekong Regional Land Governance). This limit support from GRET in Cambodia
- GI project (Geographical Indication Project) which support for Honey, Palm sugar and Salt
- Asset Project (regional project) main support from Lao



- **Presentation of FFI by Mr. Pablo Sinovas**, Action Country Director/ Flagship Species Manager of FFI

He briefs about the work of the organization which start in Cambodia since 1997 on species conservation, landscape conservation, Coastal and Marin work and capacity development. For conservation work is provided more support evident based work through population

monitoring and research, empower local resource, combat IUU fishing, and so on. For capacity development is to support the University capacity building (Msc in Biodiversity Conservation and Vocational, Cambodian Journal of Natural history and so on).
(Please see more in slide presentation).



Finally, there are seven new members have been provided letter of recognition as new member of CCC. Those organization include CIFA, COCD, EPC, FFI, GRET, Lifewater, TIC.



Sharing of member satisfaction survey by Sochoeun, MNSM

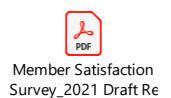
- This result is generated from 72 online responded organizations
- Finding from the survey had provide great positive of CCC services and interventions since sense of solidarity, information and networking, capacity and learning, funding opportunity, and so on.
- Highly expressed overall satisfactory level is 97.2 %.
- For satisfactory responsive from CCC is 95.8%.
- For overall changes/improvement is 97.2 % after engaging with CCC.
- For comments and suggestions which more related to:
 - Capacity development services and trainings
 - More meeting and exchange opportunities
 - Information, Communication and Technology
 - Funding opportunity
 - More legal supports and advocacy:
 - More coordination services, and others.

(Please see more in slide presentation).

Question & Answer:

Q: List contact of members is important and we could easier to fine and communicate each other, if the list could be shared?

A: With detailed information from our members, and the list could be used among CCC members with certain basic information, i.e. it could print into this survey result. For more detail can just email and will commonly get back to our member request.



Sharing and update on legal and regulations impacts to CSOs by Mr. Roern Bunheng and Colleagues, CEO & PARTNER-Accounting &Tax, REACHS &Partners Co., Ltd

CCC have agreement with REACH to support and intervention service to CCC member, this is not intended for profit but to get the right supporter in addressing the issue, and we delivery a very low fee and certain free of charge consultation for CCC members.

- Appreciate and encourage for us all be effort to be in legal context, not merely for non-profit but also for the profit sector as well.
- We are developing the App that could better engage and response to inquires which not only from members but from other public inquiry as well.
- Closing Accounting: Entities that established before the announcement and closing account beyond 31 December, is needed to submit request by 30 June 2022. For newly establish is treated for 3 months after the establishment.
- Language Use: For English prefer user beyond Khmer need to submit request by 30 April 2022, but hearing that the system not properly work and not hearing yet about updating though date due. For newly established is treated for 60 days after official registered.
- All update documents could be learned from access to page of REACH&PARTNER.
- The exclusive fee for CCC member also access into the price service fee.

(Please see more in slide presentation).

Question & Answer

Q1: Please more elaborate on request for language deadline and e-filing?

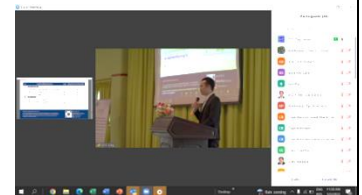
A1: System not yet complete for publicly use from last update yesterday but not yet official inform about the delay. However, we could try to improve our internal accounting and auditing. For request for using Khmer language is similar as it is associated with the system.

Q2: Why non-profit entity for social services need to declare?

A2: We need to declare as well even though any services and interventions which are not under tax compliance in order to proof ourselves.

Q3: Certain service transformed into level of income generation, what should be do for low income generation below the ceiling point? As well as deduct of WT as legal entity?

A3: Legal context mention, if having commercial activities need to have separate register into business activities. If donation, i.e. sixty thousand, so it is not tax obligation, but if the support is for training and further if trainer would make for income generation would be taxed. For donation is not associate with invoices but in term of services it is need tax invoice.



AOB, wrap-up and closing by Mr. Keng BunChhoeuth, Member of CCC ExCom, and Regional Manager of ERIKS, South-East Asia

- The important of our platform is our participation and learning from each other. What we have engaged today express out participation and learning from each other. WE have learn from MoEF representative during our AGM: restore, reform and resilience. We need to adaptive to the change and context.
- The body language is express one of the cooperation, as today which support from each other today to engage with REACH and PARTNER.
- Forward: 1 if any serious challenges can be raised for further action and together deal. If any compatible points if it is necessary to follow and adapted.
- Thanks for participation and hearing from new member experiences. We all need compliment each others, and CCC could be the connector, or horizontal connection among our members.



Note: - The meeting will be available interpret in Khmer and English languages. Organizers reserve the right to alter the agenda depending on time constraints and the availability of speakers. Some of the pictures and key ideas will be quoted and shared in public through the organizers' social media and website. <http://www.ccc-cambodia.org/en/resources/event-archives>
www.facebook.com/CCCSince1990 www.youtube.com/CCCambodia