

## CONCEPT NOTE

# CCC MEMBERS 278<sup>TH</sup> BI-MONTHLY MEETING ON "EXPERIENCING NGOS JUMPING IN SOCIAL ENTERPRISE AND COMPLIANCE" AND CONSULTATIVE WORKSHOP TO COLLECT INPUTS FOR THE 6<sup>TH</sup> FORUM ON PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA & CSOs

**Date:** 25 November 2024 (Time: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm)

**Venue:** Hotel Cambodiana

### Introduction

The Cooperation Committee for Cambodia (CCC) is the largest membership-based organization within Cambodia with around 200 members (Domestic and Foreign NGOs). CCC plays the important roles to monitor, coordinate and advocate to strengthen Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) by providing them with an improved enabling environment and democratic space.

CSOs in Cambodia, in recent years, have witnessed the challenges of funding supports for their respective organization operation and raised concerns on what could be the solution. The emergence of the concept of integrating social enterprise model with Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) work presents a compelling opportunity to enhance their impact and financial sustainability. As the demand for social services grows and traditional funding sources become increasingly competitive, NGOs must explore innovative avenues for funding. Social enterprises enable NGOs to harness their unique expertise to address social issues while generating income, which can be reinvested into their missions.

However, there are areas to consider and get prepared for the NGOs that want to start up their social enterprise. Those include the need for capacity building for the NGOs to be compliant within the legal framework in Cambodia, such as taxation, auditing and accounting, and labor. In addition, the separate registration of unrelated business activities of associations and NGOs is legally required by law.

In response to these needs and to enhance the understanding among CCC's members on how to establish a social enterprise, CCC will conduct the sharing sessions with members in its 278<sup>th</sup> Bi-Monthly Meeting on 25 November 2024. The meeting will include the sharing of NGO members on their experience in operating the social enterprise and how they have complied with laws of Cambodia.

Furthermore, following the recent notification letter by the Ministry of Interior (MoI), dated 8 November 2024, on the 6<sup>th</sup> Forum on Partnership between the Royal Government of Cambodia and CSOs on 11 December 2024, at Hall "S" at the MoI under the theme «Freedom of Associations and NGOs in the context of the rule of law in the Kingdom of Cambodia», it is very good opportunity CCC will conduct the consultative workshop to collect inputs from members (what challenges and suggestions they wish to raise and seek the support and collaboration from MoI) in order to give a better enabling environment for CSOs within Cambodia to operate their programs with a supportive climate from relevant authorities of all levels.

Based on CCC's Bylaw, a member bi-monthly 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.

## Objectives

- 1) To welcome new members, networking and sharing of member works,
- 2) To reflect and extract lesson learnt from NGOs practicing the social enterprise and the role model NGO to comply with regulation's framework,
- 3) To collect inputs for the 6th Forum on Partnership between the Royal Government and CSOs in December.

## Meeting Agenda

Time	Key Agenda	Facilitator
<b>Morning Session</b>		
8:00 am – 8:30 am	<b>Registration and networking</b>	CCC and All
8:30 am – 8:35am	<b>National anthem</b>	MC
8:35am – 8:50 am	<b>Welcome and key opening remarks</b> - Update from CCC	<b>Ms. Sin Putheary,</b> Executive Director of CCC
8:50am – 9:20am	<b>Sharing from new members</b>	
9:20am – 9:30am	<b>Coffee break and networking</b>	<b>All participants</b>
9:30am – 11:50am	<b>Listening to 360-degree experience from social enterprise organizations and one role model NGO to comply with law's framework.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social enterprise – Case 1: SALASUSU</li> <li>• Social enterprise – Case 2: CRDT</li> <li>• Social enterprise – Case 3 : PSI Cambodia</li> <li>• Social enterprise – Case 4 : API</li> <li>• Legal compliance shared by CCC's member: ERIKS Development Partner</li> </ul>	<b>Guest speakers</b>
11:50am – 12:00pm	<b>Wrap up and Closing remark</b>	<b>Mr. Chan Pheakdey,</b> Country Representative of Caritas Australia and EXCOM Member of CCC
<b>Solidarity lunch together at the venue</b>		
<b>Afternoon Session</b>		
1:30pm – 2:00pm	<b>Registration</b>	<b>CCC</b>
2:00pm – 2:10pm	<b>Introduction</b>	<b>Mr. Chea Vibol,</b> Head of Communications and Member Development of CCC
2:10pm – 2:30pm	<b>Rational of the 6<sup>th</sup> Forum on Partnership between the Royal Government of Cambodia and CSOs on 11 December 2024</b>	<b>Mr. Chea Vibol,</b> Head of Communications and Member Development of CCC
2:30pm – 4:00pm	<b>Discussing and Collecting Inputs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>What key issues you wish to raise with Mol</b></li> <li>• <b>What suggestion and collaboration you want to raise with Mol?</b></li> </ul>	<b>Ms. Luy Theory,</b> Head of Program of CCC
4:00pm – 4:30pm	<b>Wrap up &amp; Closing</b>	<b>Ms. Luy Theory,</b> Head of Program of CCC

**Note:**

- Interpretation will be available in Khmer and English languages. The organizer reserves 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 organizer's social media and website. <https://www.ccc-cambodia.org/en/resources/event-archives> [www.facebook.com/CCCsince1990](https://www.facebook.com/CCCsince1990)  
[www.youtube.com/CCCambodia](https://www.youtube.com/CCCambodia)

- Link to register your participation:

Morning session: <https://www.ccc-cambodia.org/en/resources/event-calendar/2024-11-25/ccc-bi-monthly-meeting-on-experiencing-ngos-jumping-in-social-enterprise-and-compliance>

Afternoon session: <https://www.ccc-cambodia.org/en/resources/event-calendar/2024-11-25/ccc-members-278th-bi-monthly-meeting-afternoon-collecting-inputs-for-the-6th-forum-on-partnership-between-the-royal-government-and-csos>

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