

Awareness Workshop on

Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG)

30 September 2025, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Venue: Cambodiana Hotel, Phnom Penh

Introduction

As Cambodia prepares to graduate from Least Developed Country (LDC) status by 2029, the importance of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) frameworks has become increasingly evident. ESG is no longer a peripheral concern—it is a strategic necessity for sustainable development, responsible investment, and inclusive growth. This workshop convenes key stakeholders from civil society and the private sector to explore how collaboration can accelerate ESG adoption and monitoring across Cambodia.

Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) have emerged as vital actors in shaping Cambodia's ESG landscape. Their grassroots networks, policy expertise, and advocacy capabilities position them to educate communities, monitor corporate behavior, and facilitate dialogue among diverse stakeholders. Over the past year, CSOs have organized ESG trainings, developed monitoring tools, and submitted policy recommendations to both government and industry. These efforts are supported by platforms such as Fair Finance Cambodia, which includes Oxfam, CCC, NGO Forum, ActionAid, STAR Kampuchea, NPA, etc.

At the same time, Cambodian businesses are transitioning from philanthropic CSR initiatives to structured ESG strategies. Sustainability reporting is on the rise, particularly in the financial sector, and companies are beginning to engage in ESG forums and adopt scoring models that reward human-centered contributions. However, challenges remain: ESG awareness among SMEs is low, standardized guidelines are lacking, and access to reliable data is limited.

As Cambodia moves toward a more resilient and inclusive future, ESG must become a shared responsibility. This workshop is a step toward that vision—bringing together voices from across sectors to build trust, share knowledge, and commit to sustainable practices that benefit all.

Objectives

This workshop aims to:

- Raise awareness among CSOs and private sectors in Cambodia on ESG

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- Update the global trends on ESG and share the ESG implementation in Cambodia.
- Create dialogue between CSOs and private sector on the effective ESG implementation and monitoring.

Participant:

- Approximately **100 participants** from CCC Members, Partners, Provincial NGOs Network, and YEAC members, who are working and interested in ESG, CSR, and Sustainable Finance, will attend the workshop.

Tentative Agenda:

Time	Agenda	Facilitator
8:00-8:40	Registration and Welcome Coffee	CCC team
8:40-8:50	Introduction and Objectives of the Workshop	Ms. Phok Sreypich Network Strengthening Specialist of CCC
8:50-9:00	Welcome remarks by YEAC	Mr. Sim Dara Deputy Director of YEAC
9:00-9:10	Open remarks by CCC	Ms. Sin Putheary, Executive Director of CCC
9:10-9:45	Presentation 1: What is ESG or HREDD?	GIZ (TBC)
9:45-10:00	Presentation 2: National Employment Outlook in Cambodia	Representative of the Ministry of Labor and Vocational Training (TBC)
10:00-10:20	Group photo and Break	All Participants
10:20-12:00	Panel Discussion 1: Global Trends and ESG Implementation in Cambodia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESG trends and EU SCDDD • Case Sharing: ESG or HREDD Practice in Cambodia 	Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EuroCham (TBC) • YEAC (TBC) • FFC Moderator: Ms. Prak Keokongkea PLA Specialist, CCC
12:00-2:00	Lunch Break	All Participants
2:00-3:30	Panel Discussion 2: CSO & Private Sector Engagement in the effective implementation of ESG	Panelists (TBC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EuroCham

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YEAC • ODC • GIZ <p>Moderator: Ms. Luy Theary Head of Program, CCC</p>
3:30-4:00	Wrap-up and closing	Ms. Sin Putheary, Executive Director of CCC
4:00	Coffee Break and Networking	All Participants

*Note: This workshop is available in **English and the Khmer language**. 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.*

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