

CONCEPT NOTE

CCC MEMBERS 284TH BI-MONTHLY MEETING ON " BLENDED FINANCE MODALITY FOR CSOs RESILIENCY"

Date: 29 September 2026 (Time: 8:30am - 12:00pm)

Venue: Cambodiana Hotel

Introduction

The global development landscape is undergoing significant transformation. In recent years, the international funding environment has become increasingly constrained as major reductions in official development assistance, shifts in foreign aid priorities, and growing competition for limited resources have challenged civil society organizations worldwide including Cambodia while the need from community people is still high. Development assistance is becoming increasingly competitive, while donor priorities continue to shift towards humanitarian crises, climate action, geopolitical concerns, and innovative financing mechanisms. At the same time, Cambodia's economic transition and its aspiration toward upper-middle-income status are expected to influence the availability and nature of traditional development assistance in the years ahead.

In this evolving context, there is an interest in alternative and sustainable financing models that can complement conventional grant funding and enable CSOs to diversify their resource base for building organizational resiliency. One such approach is blended finance, referring to the strategic use of public, philanthropic, and development funding to mobilize additional private capital for projects and initiatives that generate both social impact and financial returns. It brings together different sources of capital, each with varying levels of risk tolerance and return expectations, to address development challenges that would otherwise struggle to attract investment and is mechanism for accelerating towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Increasingly, development actors are exploring how civil society can engage more effectively in blended finance ecosystems while maintaining their core values, accountability, and commitment to social impact. In Cambodia, several organizations have begun experimenting with market-based approaches, social enterprises, agricultural value chain investments, financial inclusion initiatives, and innovative partnerships that combine grants with commercial capital. Yet, many CSOs remain unfamiliar with blended finance concepts, opportunities, risks, and practical entry points.

Cooperation Committee for Cambodia (CCC) will host its **284th Bi-Monthly Members Meeting on 29 September 2026**, focusing on **"Blended finance modality for CSOs Resiliency"** on 29th September. The meeting will bring together representatives from CCC member organizations to engage in meaningful dialogue, strengthen professional networks, and exchange experiences of blended finance initiatives through valuable insights and effective practices that can support their organizations in navigating financial challenges and advancing sustainable development in Cambodia.

Objectives

1. To share the modality of resiliency by using the blended finance concepts, approaches, and their relevance to the sustainability of civil society organizations in Cambodia.
2. To showcase of resiliency through practical experiences and lessons learned from organizations implementing blended finance and innovative financing models that generate both social impact and financial sustainability.

Meeting Agenda

Time	Key Agenda	Facilitator
8:00am - 8:30am	❖ Registration and networking among members	CCC and All
8:30am - 9:00am	❖ Opening remarks and welcome new member	Ms. Luy Theary , Interim Executive Director, CCC
9:00am – 09:50am	❖ Presentation on Impact Investment: Experience in Blended Finance and Financial Inclusion • Introduction of Good Return organization • Overview of the Impact investment fund program • Loan Guarantee Scheme ❖ Q&A	Mr. Bun Chanvannak , Cambodia Country Manager, Good Return Mr. Hoy Saksa , Cambodia Program Officer, Good Return
09:50am – 10:20am	❖ Coffee break	All
10:20am - 11:00am	❖ Presentation on the experience from IDE • Market-based development approaches • Spinning off successful social enterprises such as Tunsai Water/Hydrologic • Social Impact Bond for rural sanitation and latrine • Investing in enterprises that generate social and environmental impact ❖ Q&A	Mr. Kevin Robbins , Country Director, International Development Enterprises
11:00am - 11:25am	❖ Presentation of CamboJA's business and services • The initiative to supporting civil society organizations with practical services.	Mr. Nop Vy , Executive Director, CamboJA
11:25am-11:55pm	❖ Introduction to the toolkit on "Philanthropy and Merger"	Mr. Chea Vibol , Head of Communication and Membership Development, CCC
12:00 pm	❖ Solidarity lunch together at the venue	All

Note:

- The meeting will be available in Khmer and English languages. 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