

# **Cambodia Development Resource Institute**

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# **Our vision**

Inclusive and sustainable  
development through  
independent policy research  
and developing capacity.

## **Our mission**

To contribute to Cambodia's sustainable development and the well-being of its people through the generation of high quality policy research, knowledge dissemination and capacity development.

## **Agriculture**

To explore agriculture and socioeconomic issues

## **Economics**

Exploring economic trends and their effects on different sectors of society.

## **Education**

Research and Policy Dialogue Program on Cambodia's Education Reforms, focused on Professional Education and Training (TVET) and Higher Education.

## **Environment**

Improve knowledge about climate change adaptation and mitigation

## **Governance**

State capacity and the accountability, responsiveness and service delivery in decentralisation and deconcentration (D&D) reform

# **Funding**

SIDA

IDRC

DAFAT

SDC

USAID

LANCANG MEKONG PROGRAM

# Think tank networks

- North East Asia Development Cooperation
- ATT Network (ADB)
- South Asia TT Initiative (IDRC)
- Silk Road Global TT Network (DRC-China)

# **Cambodia , Sustainable and inclusive growth and the SDGs**

Strengthening state institutions, governance and the rule of law, building a competitive qualified and trained workforce, improving coordination between government, national and international development partners remain a challenge.

Sustainable and inclusive development is recognised by all stakeholders as the foundation for lasting peace and stability. All the steps towards realising these bigger development ideals are indeed envisioned in the SDGs. But how will Cambodia attain those goals?



SDGs: Too many goals (17) and too many targets (169) if one considers the Cambodian capacity to analyse, formulate, implement and monitor policy that reflects every single SDG goal.

- Despite the challenges, there are many opportunities
- China Belt and Road Initiative and Silk Road Fund, new sources of funding are available for regional infrastructure development.
- These funds and foreign direct investment represent a flow of capital that will fuel economic growth in the years to come.
- Nevertheless, with growth come potential negative impacts on the environment and livelihoods, especially of the poor.

Policy coordination at the national, regional (ASEAN Economic Community, Greater Mekong Sub-region, Mekong Lancang Project, *One Belt One Road Initiative* , *Silk Road Fund*) and global scale is a major challenge

# *North-East Asia Development Cooperation Forum*

is a unique opportunity to  
share experience and to  
learn from each other.

# **Greater Mekong Sub-region Network (IDRC , Canada)**

In 2015, CDRI launched a competitive research  
8 research projects from regional think tanks  
and NGOs.

To address the effects of fast-paced economic  
growth on jobs.

To examine current policies and practices to  
upgrade skills and improve working conditions  
for young, low-skilled workers, mainly women,  
and those belonging to ethnic communities.

# **Enhancing China-Mekong Research and Policy Dialogue Program (China/CASS)**

2 main objectives:

- to conduct policy research that is relevant to participating countries, and
- to enhance people-to-people connectivity through joint research and China-Mekong policy dialogue.

2 components:

Research on agricultural value chains and Mekong countries' development agenda.

Policy dialogue scholar exchange between China and Mekong countries.

*Thank you!*