

Workshop on
Supporting Cambodia in meeting the challenge of resource mobilization for achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Programme

5-6 November 2018

Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Venue: Tonle Sap Room, 2nd Floor, Hotel Cambodiana

(As of 1 November 2018)

Day 1	5 November 2018
08:30 – 09:00	<i>Registration</i>
09:00 – 09:30	<p>Opening session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introductory Remarks by Dr. Oliver Paddison, Chief, Countries with Special Needs Section, MPFD, ESCAP - Opening Remarks by Ms. Pauline Tamessis, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative, Cambodia - Opening Address by H.E. Dr. Ly Thuch, Senior Minister, President of National Committee for ESCAP, Royal Government of Cambodia
09:30 – 10:30	<p>Session 1. Financing needs of Cambodia</p> <p>This session will review the current and forecasted financing needs of Cambodia with regard to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable development. The discussion will focus on the evaluation of these needs and on the identification of the concerned sectors. The session will also highlight the financing gap already existing in Cambodia and its impact on the Cambodian economy.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Masato Abe, ESCAP <p><i>Presenter:</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Kim Veara, NC-ESCAP Consultant <p><i>Discussants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Theng Pagnathun, Delegate of the Royal Government of Cambodia in-charge of Director General of Planning, Ministry of Planning - ADB (tbc) <p><i>Open discussion</i> <i>Summary by the Moderator</i></p>
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Session 2. Resource mobilization in Cambodia</p> <p>This session will review the current state of resource mobilization in Cambodia. A comprehensive picture of the sources of revenue will be discussed and subjects such as fiscal policy, the use of official development assistance (ODA) and financial markets in Cambodia will be discussed.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Dr. Meas Bora, Deputy Secretary-General of National Committee for ESCAP, Royal Government of Cambodia <p><i>Presenter:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Kim Veara, NC-ESCAP Consultant <p><i>Discussants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Ky Sokkim, Senior Economist, Ministry of Economy and Finance - Nick Beresford, Country Director and/or Richard Marshal, Economist, UNDP <p><i>Open discussion</i> <i>Summary by the Moderator</i></p>
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 - 15:00	<p>Session 3. Infrastructure financing challenges of Cambodia</p> <p>Cambodia has an infrastructure deficit in comparison to some of its neighbours. For instance, the country has experienced significant delays with regard to the access to electricity. Overcoming the infrastructure deficit will require increased financing from a variety of sources. This session aims to explain this challenge and recommendations to address it for Cambodia.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Ku Bunnavuth, Deputy Secretary-General of National Committee for ESCAP, Royal Government of Cambodia <p><i>Presenter:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Shuvojit Banerjee, ESCAP <p><i>Discussants:</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Vasim Sorya, Director General of Administration and Finance, Ministry of Public Works and Transportation - Dr. Phim Runsinarith, Senior Researcher, Institute of Academic Research and Development, Paññāsāstra University of Cambodia <p><i>Open discussion</i> <i>Summary by the Moderator</i></p>
15:00 - 15:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:30 - 16:30	<p>Session 4. Challenges for Cambodia as a Least Developed Country</p> <p>Despite having reached middle-income status, Cambodia is still designated as a least developed country (LDC) due to the significant structural impediments to sustainable development that it is facing. This session aims to explain how being classified as a LDC can impact the country’s development and what transition from this category, which could happen by 2027 for Cambodia, could look like.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Phim Runsinarith, Senior Researcher, Paññāsāstra University of Cambodia <p><i>Presenter:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Oliver Paddison, ESCAP <p><i>Discussants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Nou Keosothea, Head of Training, Parliamentary Institute of Cambodia - Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation <p><i>Open discussion</i> <i>Summary by the Moderator</i></p>

Day 2	6 November 2018
09:00 – 10:00	<p>Session 5. Strengthening the private sector capabilities (MSME)</p> <p>Similarly, as with most developing countries, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) play an important role in Cambodia’s economy. However, these enterprises face a number of difficulties, including notably access to finance. Consequently, this discussion will aim to analyse the challenges faced by MSMEs in Cambodia when it comes to financing their growth. Possible solutions such as mobile banking and microfinance institutions (MFIs), which are already broadly used in Cambodia, will be discussed.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Kim Veara, NC-ESCAP Consultant <p><i>Presenter:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Masato Abe, ESCAP <p><i>Discussants:</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ministry of Industry and Handicrafts - Oknha Sear Rithy, Chairman of WorldBridge Group <p><i>Open discussion</i> <i>Summary by the Moderator</i></p>
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:30 – 11:30	<p>Session 6. Public Expenditure Efficiency Over the past few years, Cambodian public spending has significantly increased. This session will discuss the Public Expenditure Efficiency of spending and challenges and possible solutions. The session will also highlight governance challenges and opportunities in Cambodia.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moderator: Dr. Shuvojit Banerjee, ESCAP <p><i>Presenter:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Maki Kato and/or Mr. Kimsong Chea, UNICEF <p><i>Discussants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Chhun Dalin, Deputy Director, Ministry of Economy and Finance - Dr. Cheng Savuth, Government Budget Analyst, Ministry of Economy and Finance <p><i>Open discussion</i> <i>Summary by the Moderator</i></p>
11:30-12:30	<p>Closing session This session will be devoted to identifying the key messages for the draft 2018 <i>Cambodia Sustainable Development Resource Mobilization Policy Paper</i> which was a background document to this meeting. The session will also provide insights about the strategies and policy recommendations for resource mobilization to guide the preparation of the 2019 <i>Cambodia Sustainable Development Resource Mobilization Policy Paper</i>.</p> <p><i>Breakout session</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 Groups of 6 participants <p><i>Summary of workshop and closing remarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Oliver Paddison, Chief, Countries with Special Needs Section, MPFD, ESCAP - H.E. Dr. Korm Ribaun, Secretary-General, NC-ESCAP, Royal Government of Cambodia
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