

TERMS OF REFERENCE

FOR MEETINGS BETWEEN THE CLIMATE CHANGE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

1. Background

Cambodia's climate change response is guided by the Cambodia Climate Change Strategic Plan (2014-2023). Fourteen ministries and agencies have subsequently developed strategic plans and action plans in their respective sectors.

The creation of a Technical Working Group for Government institutions involved in the climate change response (ccTWG) was approved by the National Council for Sustainable Development (NCSD) on 31 August 2016.

Following the first meeting of the CCTWG on 20 February 2017, its composition and mandate have been detailed in a Prakas dated 5 May 2017 from the Minister of Environment and Chair of NCSD. The CCTWG brings together 19 Government ministries and agencies. One of the key functions of the CCTWG is to *“Participate in resource mobilization for an effective response to climate change through regular policy dialogue and coordination with donors, private sector and civil society organisations”*.

In order to deliver on this aspect of its mandate, the CCTWG will meet development partners on a regular basis.

2. Objectives

CCTWG meetings with development partners focus on the following main objectives:

- Provide a forum for dialogue on key policy initiatives in relation to climate change;
- Promote alignment, harmonization and coordination of resources in support of national climate priorities;
- Identify issues requiring a cross-sectoral approach and facilitate appropriate solutions;
- Monitor progress in the implementation of the Cambodia Climate Change Strategic Plan (2014-2023), NSDP's climate change targets and international commitments (Nationally Determined Contribution, Sustainable Development Goals), and facilitate action to address any gaps.

The CCTWG may organize meetings focused on a specific sector or theme, with concerned members from Government and Development Partners.

Note on the role of sectoral Technical Working Groups (TWGs)

Climate change is a cross-cutting issue in Cambodia's National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP), and sectoral Technical Working Groups have a lead role to play in integrating climate change in their respective sectoral strategies and budgets. The CCTWG meeting with development partners provides a mechanism to monitor the implementation of the climate change response across Government and to strategically address any implementation issues, in cooperation with concerned ministries and sectoral TWGs. It is

recommended that sectoral TWGs include their respective ministries' climate change focal point in their TWG membership. The Department of Climate Change is available to provide information or technical quality assurance services to TWGs when required.

Note on informal development partner coordination mechanism

NCSO is aware that informal development partners' meetings on climate change are currently held every two months, and encourages climate change partners to maintain this arrangement in order to share information and seek synergies on their respective initiatives. Any strategic issues emerging from these informal meetings can be submitted to the chair of the CCTWG for inclusion in the agenda of the next CCTWG meeting with development partners. The CCTWG meeting with development partners will not normally be used to present individual projects, but rather focus on policy or programming issues of common interest.

3. Frequency

Meetings with development partners will normally be held twice a year. The agenda is proposed by the Chair, taking into consideration recommendations from the Secretariat and members. It is shared with all members at least ten working days in advance.

The chair of the CCTWG may convene *ad hoc* meetings.

4. Participants

Participants include:

- CCTWG members and chair (NCSO Deputy Secretary General);
- Representatives of donors and technical cooperation agencies supporting the climate change response in Cambodia;
- Representatives of NGOs and civil society (two members representing local NGOs and two members representing international NGOs, with possibility for the chair to invite additional NGOs for specific topics)
- Upon invitation by the Chair for specific topics, representatives of the private sector and academia

5. Secretariat

The Department of Climate Change of the General Secretariat of NCSO will act as secretariat for the meetings.