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**Launching of “Cambodia’s Updated Nationally Determined Contribution”**

The General Secretariat of the National Council for Sustainable Development (GSSD) has the honor to inform the public, national and international media, NGOs, relevant ministries/institutions, and all stakeholders that it launched the report “Cambodia’s Updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)” on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2021 at the Ministry of Environment.

The Cambodia’s Updated NDC report presents the commitments of Cambodia to achieve the goal of the Paris Agreement on climate change which was adopted on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015, and the Kingdom of Cambodia signed the agreement in New York, USA, on 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2016. The parties to the agreement, including Cambodia agreed to limit global warming to well below 2, preferably to 1.5 degrees Celsius, compared to pre-industrial levels and to significantly reduce the risks and impacts of climate change. The Cambodia’s updated NDC report sets clear target for emissions reductions of 64.6 million tCO<sub>2</sub>e/year by 2030 (41.7% reduction, of which 59.1% is from the Forestry and Other Land Use sector). The report includes 86 adaptation actions proposed by line ministries.

**H.E. Vann Monyneath**, Secretary General of the GSSD stated that Cambodia, as a Party to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and as a signatory of the Paris Climate Agreement, has prepared and submitted her Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) in 2015 and Updated NDC on 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2020. This is following the announcement of **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, to submit the report by the end of the year 2020 given at the virtual Climate Ambition Summit on 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2020.

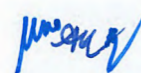
**H.E. Björn Häggmark**, Swedish Ambassador to Cambodia expressed his appreciation for the Updated NDC of Cambodia with commitments to reducing national emissions and building resilience to the impacts of climate change in his key note speech. He also congratulated the Ministry of Environment for the comprehensive update process conducted and mentioned that Sweden has supported the process through the Cambodia Climate Change Alliance Programme. He also highlighted that the NDC commitments of Cambodia aim not only to reduce emissions but also to reduce vulnerability to climate change, ensure gender equality and improve climate justice.

**H.E. Say Samal**, Chair of the National Council for Sustainable Development and Minister of Environment, highlighted that “Cambodia has always been a strong supporter of multilateral action

on climate change. As a country particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, we understand the urgency of ambitious climate action and aim to lead by example, in line with **“Cambodia’s capacities and responsibilities”** under the UNFCCC. **H.E. Say Samal** added that the updated NDC report demonstrates Cambodia’s commitments and needs for the next decade, in order to become a low-carbon and resilient society.

The report launching event was attended by representatives from parliament, senate, key ministries, development partners, NGOs, media, and the private sector. The development of the Updated NDC was contributed by key stakeholders at the national and sectoral level and the process was particularly supported by the Cambodia Climate Change Alliance Programme (funded by the European Union, Sweden and UNDP), the World Bank, GGGI, FAO, and the NDC Partnership. The Cambodia’s Updated NDC report can be downloaded from the NCSd’s website, please find below the link to the report:

[https://ncsd.moe.gov.kh/resources/document/Cambodia\\_Updated\\_NDC](https://ncsd.moe.gov.kh/resources/document/Cambodia_Updated_NDC)



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