



## Press Release

Phnom Penh, 26 September 2024: The National Council for Sustainable Development (NCS)/Ministry of Environment, Cambodia and UN-Habitat will launch an Adaptation Fund Project called “Increasing Climate Resilience through Small-Scale Infrastructure Investments and Enhancing Adaptive Capacity of Vulnerable Communities in Kampot and Koh Kong Provinces in Cambodia”. It is a 4-year project with US\$ 10 Million of financial support from the Adaptation Fund.

The overall objective of the proposed project is to support climate resilient and adaptive development and increase capacity for climate variability/change adaptation of target communities living in Kampot and Koh Kong Provinces. This objective will be achieved through the following specific objectives:

- To implement concrete adaptation actions that support climate resilient infrastructure in Kampot and Koh Kong Provinces to adapt to current impacts of climate change, in particular, extreme hydro-meteorological events.
- To reduce the impacts of coastal climate hazards by recovering coastal ecosystems (Ecosystem-Based Adaptation) and minimizing related socioeconomic impacts on communities.
- To enhance institutional capacity at the provincial and local level, relevant Government entities, and communities for decision-making and management of the implementation of adaptation measures/actions to address climate change and variability in Kampot and Koh Kong Provinces.

The project is structured around the following three components:

- Component 1:** Increasing coping capacity by promoting climate-resilient small-scale infrastructure,
- Component 2:** Adapting to current impacts of climate change through recovery of coastal ecosystems, and livelihood improvement and diversification, and
- Component 3:** Building capacity and knowledge sharing to reduce vulnerability to climate change.

To officially commence project implementation, UN-Habitat, in partnership with the NCS/MoE and local authorities (Kampot and Koh Kong Provinces) will organize an inception workshop in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The objectives of the workshop are 1) to disseminate and discuss the project implementation workplan, 2) to review and consult on the project modality and substantive scope of the project implementation, and 3) to review and discuss the roles and responsibilities of various stakeholders in the project implementation.

The workshop will be presided over by **H.E. Dr. Chuop Paris**, Secretary of State, Ministry of Environment, and **Ms. Oddy Angelo**, Programme Management Officer, UN-Habitat Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. Participants of around 170 people will be invited, with representatives from key ministries, development partners, UN and NGOs, Kampot and Koh Kong provincial administration.

### For more information, please contact:

**Mr. Long Sona** Deputy Director of Department Administration, Planning and Finance /Ministry of Environment, and National Project Manager Email: long.sona@moe.gov.kh; Tel: +855 12 256 869

**Mr. Sok Vanna** UN-Habitat Cambodia, Email: vanna.sok@un.org; Tel: 017 662 787