

PRESS RELEASE

“Eco Mobility Project” to Be Considered under Cambodian NAMAs



On 6 December 2013, the Climate Change Department of the Cambodian Ministry of Environment conducted a study session on Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs) in the transport sector in collaboration with the Overseas Environmental Cooperation Centre (OECC) of Japan. During the session, a Japanese-funded project entitled “Angkor Wat Electric Vehicle Project” (or “Eco Mobility Project” in short) has been considered as the second candidate (the first candidate is biogas digester) for NAMAs due to its potential to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emission and many co-benefits such as reducing local air pollution and health risk, improving safety and traffic flow, and reducing impacts on ecosystems. The project preparation phase started in early 2010 and is expected to be launched in April 2014 as a public-private partnership. It aims at promoting sustainable public transport (affordable and accessible mobility) and at promoting eco vehicle industry development and job creation. Globally, the transport sector contributes to approximately 13% of total GHG emission, which highlights the importance and potential of the sector in GHG mitigation reduction efforts.

As a least developed country party to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, Cambodia has no commitments to reduce its GHG emissions. However, it can voluntarily participate in GHG mitigation projects, including via NAMAs, which support its sustainable development objectives. NAMA, which was first put into the discussion in the 13th Conference of the Parties (known as CoP-13) in Bali, Indonesia in 2007, refers to a set of policies and actions that countries can undertake as part of their commitments to reduce GHG emissions. As part of the agreed outcome of CoP-17 in 2011, developing country parties will undertake NAMAs in the context of their sustainable development, and if they are supported and enabled by technology transfer, financing and capacity building from developed countries.