



**On the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011,  
H.E. Mr. Hor Namhong,  
Deputy Prime Minister  
Delivered a key speech at the  
66th Session of the General  
Debate at the General  
Assembly of the United  
Nations.**

'He said climate change was becoming a constant threat, as drought and flooding had become more severe and frequent. He regretted that many promises made during the Copenhagen and Cancun meetings of the United Nations Climate Change Conference remained undelivered. The coming Climate Change Conference, in Durban in November, should not be another delusion, he said, but a venue to share the responsibility and to achieve a real breakthrough for facing climate change challenges. Cambodia had successfully launched the Climate Change Alliance to strengthen national institutions.

His country is also implementing numerous projects within the framework of the United Nations Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries (UN-REDD). Food and energy security were also major issues of global concern, with high fuel prices remaining volatile. Perhaps it was time to consider establishing a world body comprising major producers and consumers of fuel oil to ensure a reasonable price limit. A more holistic approach than the current one would be the transfer of relevant knowledge and technology to assist developing countries in exploiting alternative sources of energy. A balanced approach should be taken, he said, to address the "twin problem" of food and energy security. Cambodia was doing its part by intensifying rice production and trying to establish an association of rice exporters that, among other things, would contribute to stabilizing the food market and preventing speculation on food prices.'

(Excerpt from the speech taken from the General Assembly of the United Nations website - **To download the full speech :**

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