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CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION: IMPROVING THE LOCAL RESILIENCE STRATEGIES OF CAMBODIAN PROVINCES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

with political decision-makers from Cambodia

**from 25 to 31 May 2014
in Belgium, Germany and Poland**

hosted by the Multinational Development Policy Dialogue of Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

KAS European Office Brussels
11, Av. de l'Yser
B-1040 Brussels

List of participants

H.E. Leng Vy, Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Interior, Cambodia

H.E. Suy Serith, Deputy Provincial Governor of the Preah Vihear Province, Cambodia

Mr. Neak Sovannary, Governor of the Kampot Municipality, Cambodia

Mr. Pen Lynat, General Director of Provincial Administration for Investment and Planning of the Kratie Province, Cambodia

Mrs. Khem Phalla, Vice President of National Leagues of Commune/Sangkat, Commune Council of the Svay Dangcum Commune/Sangkat, Cambodia

Mr. Un Vanna, General Director of Provincial Administration for Investment and Planning of the Takeo Province, Cambodia

Mr. Chhun Bunnara, Deputy Director of the Management and Support Division of Cambodia's National Committee on Sub-National Democratic Development, Cambodia

Mr. Tep Kuntheara, Programme Analyst of the United Nations Development Programme, Cambodia

Sabina Wölkner, Programme Director, "Multinational Development Policy Dialogue", Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

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Mr. Samnang Sam, Interpreter

Context

Cambodia is located in a natural disaster prone region. Extreme events like storms, floods and typhoons regularly affect the country, especially during the monsoon period (June to November). The phenomena El Nino and La Nina have been also intensifying the frequency and intensity of severe floods and droughts. Unfortunately, climate change will increase the vulnerability of the country even more to extreme natural events. According to scientific research Cambodia is in the eighth position in a world ranking that assesses the countries most susceptible to natural disasters and climate change¹. Despite being a negligible emitter of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere (only 0,29 tonnes of carbon dioxide per capita per year) the country will suffer the consequences of global warming caused by excessive emission from other countries.

According to the Cambodian National Committee for Disaster Management 85 per cent of the land of the country lies within the lower Mekong basin and studies show that the Mekong River faces escalating risks of mass flooding if climate change follows current scientific predictions. In the past mass flooding used to hit the country about once a decade but recently this kind of climatic phenomenon has become an almost annual problem. In 2009 Cambodia was hit by Typhoon Ketsana, which killed 43 people and displaced tens of thousands of families. In 2011 intense rains - the worse in more than one decade - caused the death of 250 people, left thousands houses destroyed and affected more than 10 per cent of the country's crops (especially rice paddy fields). Currently it is estimated that 70 percent of losses in agricultural productivity in the country result from flooding. Climate change threatens to raise this number even more. It is expected that due to climate change the country will experience more severe water scarcity and more frequent floods, resulting in crop failures and food shortages. In addition climate change will accelerate loss of biodiversity and affect entire ecosystems. It will also lead to a rise in sea levels, which will affect coastal communities, leading to increasing internal migration. Moreover, higher temperatures and humidity will create conditions for increased incidence of malaria and dengue fever.

In spite of its limited resources the Cambodian government has been making visible efforts to improve the country's resilience to climate change. In 1995, Cambodia ratified the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and in 2002 signed the Kyoto Protocol. In 2006 the National Climate Change Committee (NCCC) was established, which comprises representatives of 19 ministries and government agencies. It is assisted by the Climate Change Department within the Ministry of Environment.

In October 2006 the National Adaptation Programme of Action to Climate Change (NAPA) was approved by the Cambodian Council of Ministers and submitted to the UNFCCC in 2007. The aim of the programme was to "provide a framework to guide the coordination and implementation of adaptation initiatives through a participatory approach and build synergies with other relevant environment and development programmes". The programme was elaborated in alignment with Cambodia's National Strategic Development Plan 2006-2010 (NSDP). More recently, climate change was recognised as one of the cross-cutting issues (with gender and disaster risk management) in the National Strategic Development Plan 2014-2018. In November 2013 the Cambodian government launched its first Cambodia Climate Change Strategic Plan 2014-2023 (CCCSP). The strategic plan aims at building synergies among existing government policies and at ensuring strategic cohesion to address issues like climate change adaptation, GHG mitigation and low-carbon development. The two main goals of the government's policy are to reduce Cambodia's vulnerability to climate change impacts and operate a shift towards a green development path by promoting low carbon development and technologies. Some of the strategic objectives of the CCCSP are: to ensure climate resilience of critical ecosystems (Tonle Sap Lake, Mekong River, coastal ecosystems, highlands etc), biodiversity, protected areas and cultural heritage sites; to

¹ Alliance Development Works (2012). WorldRiskReport 2012.

promote low-carbon planning and technologies to support sustainable development of the country; to improve capacities, knowledge and awareness for climate change responses; to strengthen institutions and coordination frameworks for national climate change response; to promote adaptive social protection and participatory approaches in reducing loss and damage.

In 2007 the European Commission launched the Global Climate Change Alliance, a platform for dialogue and exchange of experience between the European Union and developing countries – especially those most vulnerable – on climate change. Through this initiative the Commission provides financial and technical support to partner countries in their efforts to integrate climate change into their development policies. Cambodia was selected as a pilot country in this programme, which is supported by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). In this context, in October 2009 the National Climate Change Committee organised Cambodia's first National Forum on Climate Change, at which the Cambodia Climate Change Alliance (CCCA) was announced. The CCCA – formally launched in February 2010 – “aims at creating the enabling conditions required for Cambodia to respond to the challenges and opportunities posed by Climate Change”. Its prime objective is “to strengthen the capacity of the NCCC to fulfil its mandate to address climate change and to enable line ministries and CSOs to implement priority climate change actions”. The project co-financed by the European Union is expected to end in June 2014.

The Multinational Development Policy Dialogue of Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung would like to support the development of resilience strategies to climate change in Cambodia. In this context, it organises the dialogue programme “Climate Change Adaptation: Improving the Local Resilience Strategies of Cambodian Provinces and Local Communities” with the aim to present to a delegation of Cambodian local politicians some technical and administrative resilience strategies to deal with climate change adaptation at community level. The delegation will establish contacts with European communities in Germany and Poland which are confronted with similar problems associated with climate change and will exchange knowledge on best practices. The members of the delegation will also have the opportunity to meet representatives from the European Institutions and be informed about funding opportunities for projects in the area of climate change adaptation.

Programme

Sunday, 25 May 2014

10:25 Arrival of participants in Brussels with flight LX 778 and transfer to the Hotel

Radisson Blu EU

Rue d'Idalie 35
B-1050 Brussels

19:30 Transfer to the restaurant

20:00 Diner

21:30 Transfer to the hotel

Monday, 26 May 2014

08:00 Breakfast

09:00 Check-out

09:30 Transfer to the KAS European Office Brussels

KAS European Office Brussels

11, Av. de l'Yser
B-1040 Brussels

10:00 Welcome address from **Sabina Wölkner**, Programme Director, Multinational Development Policy Dialogue, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

10:15 Introductory presentation on the EU Institutional Framework from **Luis Blanco**, Research Associate, Multinational Development Policy Dialogue, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

11:00 Coffee break

11:15 Briefing about the programme for the week

12:00 Transfer to the Restaurant

Icones Restaurant

Blvd Charlemagne 80
1000 Brussels
Tel: 02 230 85 55

12:15 Lunch with

H.E. Hem Saem, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Cambodia to Benelux, Austria and the EU

Mr. So Soengha, Counselor, Embassy of the Kingdom of Cambodia to Benelux, Austria and the EU

Mr. Phay Kinthorng, Second Secretary, Embassy of the Kingdom of Cambodia to Benelux, Austria and the EU

13:30 Transfer to the Committee of the Regions

Committee of the Regions

Rue Belliard 101
B-1040 Brüssel
Tel.: +32 2 282 2124

14:00 Meeting with

Daniel Janssens, Secretary General of the Committee of the Regions
Thomas Wobben, Director for Horizontal Policies and Networks
Boris Essender, Member of the Private Office of the Secretary General

15:30 Transfer to DG DEVCO

DG DEVCO

Rue Joseph II 54
1049 Brussels

16:00 Meeting with

Ian Hoskins, Head of Sector for Myanmar Laos, Cambodia and Thailand, DG DEVCO, European Commission

Sibylle Koenig, Desk Officer for Cambodia, DG DEVCO, European Commission

Sami Zeidan, Desk Officer for Adaptation, Directorate for Mainstreaming Adaptation and Low Carbon Technology, DG Climate Action, European Commission

17:00 Transfer to Brussels Airport

18:30 Light dinner at the airport

20:50 Flight to Berlin (SN 2591)

22:10 Arrival at Berlin and transfer to the hotel

Hotel Pestana

Stülerstraße 6
10787 Berlin

Tuesday, 27 May 2014

08:00 Breakfast at the hotel

09:00 Transfer to the State Office of Environment, Health and Consumer Protection of Brandenburg

State Office of Environment, Health and Consumer Protection of Brandenburg

Seeburger Chaussee 2
14476 Potsdam,
OT Groß Glienicke

Tel.: +49 (0) 33201 442-102

10:00 Meeting with **Prof. Dr. Matthias Freude**, President of the State Office of Environment, Health and Consumer Protection of Brandenburg

12:00 Transfer to the restaurant

Ming Dynastie (tbc)
Tauentzienstr 9-12
10179 Berlin
Tel: +49-30-30 875 680

12:45 Lunch with

Dr. Beatrice Gorawantschy, Director for Asia and Pacific, Department of European and International Cooperation, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung
Dr. Christian Hübner, Coordinator for Environment, Climate and Energy Policies, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung
Caroline Kanter, Desk Officer for Southeast Asia, Department of European and International Cooperation, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (tbc)

13:45 Transfer to the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Academy

Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Academy
Tiergartenstraße 35 (Raum 226)
10785 Berlin
Tel.: +49 (0) 30 26996 3514

14:00 Meeting with **Dr. Diego Rybski**, Climate Impacts and Vulnerabilities, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research

15:00 Transfer to the hotel

Hotel Pestana
Stülerstraße 6
10787 Berlin

16:00 City Tour

18:00 Transfer to the hotel

Hotel Pestana
Stülerstraße 6
10787 Berlin

19:30 Dinner at the hotel

Wednesday, 28 May 2014

06:30 Breakfast

07:00 Check-out

07:15 Transfer to Erfurt

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Environmental Protection of Thuringia

Beethovenstraße 3
99096 Erfurt
Tel.: +49 (361) 3792142

10:45 Welcome from

Mr. Jörg Schmid, Head of Division for International Affairs, Provincial Administration of Thuringia

Mrs. Andrea Rosenbaum, Head of Division for Climate Change, Climate Impact and Renewable Energies, Provincial Administration of Thuringia

11:00 Introduction to the topic 'Climate Change and Adaptation to the Consequences of Climate Change' from **Mr. Reiner Demme**, Desk Officer for Climate Change, Climate Impact and Renewable Energies, Provincial Administration of Thuringia

12:30 Transfer to the restaurant

Hopfenberg

Am Hopfenberg 14
99096 Erfurt
Tel.: +49 (361) 2625000

12:45 Lunch with **Mrs. Hildigund Neubert**, State Secretary of Thuringia

13:45 Transfer to the Institute of Geography at the Friedrich-Schiller University Jena

Institute of Geography at the Friedrich-Schiller University Jena

Grietgasse 6
07743 Jena
Tel.: +49 (0)3641 948860

15:00 Meeting on "Analyse und Modellierung der Auswirkungen von Änderungen des Klimas und der Landnutzung auf regenerative Umweltressourcen sowie ihrer nachhaltigen Bewirtschaftung als Ökosystemdienstleistungen im Rahmen eines Integrierten Land- und Wasserressourcen Managements" with **Dr. Wolfgang-Albert Flügel**, Chair for Geoinformatics, Geohydrology, and Computer Modelling, Institute of Geography of the Friedrich-Schiller University Jena

16:30 Presentation on "Adaptation to Climate Change: Flood-Protection in the Federal State of Thuringia" from **NN**, State Office of Environment and Geology of Thuringia

18:00 Transfer to the hotel in Dresden

NH Dresden Altmarkt

An der Kreuzkirche 2
01067 Dresden

20:00 Dinner at the hotel

Thursday, 29 May 2014

- 07:00 Breakfast
07:50 Check out
08:00 Transfer to Wroclaw
09:00 Welcome from the Vice Governor of Lower Silesia
12:00 Lunch
14:00 Visit of projects for flood prevention in Wroclaw
16:00 Check in at the hotel

Hotel Orbis
Powstancow Slaskich 7
53-332 Breslau
Polen

- 19:00 Dinner at the hotel

Friday, 30 May 2014

- 07:00 Breakfast
07:50 Check out
08:00 Transfer to
- Brandschutz-, Rettungsdienst, und Katastrophenschutzzentrum
Dresden**
Scharfenbergerstraße 47
01139 Dresden
- 10:00 Meeting on "Preventive and control measures against floods" with
- Mr. Andreas Rümpel**, Municipal Director, Division of Order and Security,
Office of Fire and Disaster Protection, Dresden Municipality
- Mr. Uwe Friedrich**, Head of Department, Protection from Catastrophes,
Dresden Municipality
- Mrs. Agnieszka Olkuszniak**, Head of the Flood Relief Programme, arche
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- 12:00 Transfer to the restaurant
12:30 Lunch
14:00 Visit to the Firehouse
15:00 Transfer to Berlin
17:00 Check in at the hotel
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Hotel Pestana
Stülerstraße 6
10787 Berlin

18:45 Transfer to the restaurant

Restaurant Angkor Wat
Paulstraße 22
10557 Berlin

19:00 Farewell Dinner

21:00 Transfer to the hotel

Saturday, 31 May 2014

12:00 All participants check out of their rooms and store the luggage at the reception.

16:00 Transfer to the Airport Berlin Tegel

18:40 Departure with flight LX 971

Coordination and Organisation

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Security

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Accommodation

The hotels will require that you present a credit card upon check-in. If a credit card is not available, the hotel will ask you to deposit the amount of 50 EUR/day in order to cover possible expenses such as phone and mini-bar.

Breakfast is included. Please note that we will only cover for "bed and breakfast"; we kindly ask you to pay any other expenses (telephone, internet, bar or mini-bar etc.) before checking out.

Food

We have arranged meals for you during your visit; expenditures for food and beverages (water, soft drinks, beer and wine; tea and coffee) will be covered. In order to facilitate preparations, please inform us whether you have any dietary requirements.

Contacts

In case, you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact us:
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Other (maybe useful, but hopefully unnecessary) contacts during your stay in Brussels:

Emergencies	tel. 112
Ambulance	tel. 100
Police	tel. 101
Red Cross	tel. 105
Pharmacies	tel. 0900 10 500
24h-Emergency Medical Service	tel. 02 648 80 00
Directory inquiries	tel. 1204
VISA (lost or stolen)	tel. 0800 183 97
MasterCard (lost or stolen)	tel. 0800 150 96