



Policy Makers and Civil Society in Southeast Asia discuss Replication of Best Practices in Local Governance

Cambodian policy makers and civil society came together today (2-3 May 2012) in Phnom Penh to discuss best practice replication in local governance. The event is part of a series of workshop organised by DELGOSEA – a regional project supporting best practice exchange in local governance – implemented by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung. The workshops in Manila (The Philippines), Jakarta (Indonesia), Bangkok (Thailand) and Hanoi (Vietnam) were held between March and April 2012.

Focus of the discussion in Phnom Penh was on the outcomes of the replication process in two pilot cities: Kampot and Choam Chao. The draft policy recommendations was finalised during the workshop, as well as a roadmap on advocacy for the implementation of these policy recommendations.

The development of a strategy for sustainability of the best practice transfer, DELGOSEA website and secretariat were other important topics on the agenda to ensure continuous transnational platform for knowledge and information exchange within Southeast Asia.

"This workshop is also important to provide opportunity for Kampot Municipality and Choam Chao Sangkat to present their progresses and challenges throughout the pilot phase on Urban Environment and Street Vendor's Rearrangement Projects and turn them as NLC/S advocacy inputs and contributions for future's policy formulation process on functional re-assignment of sub-national administrations", said Mr Soy Kosal, Chairperson of the National League of Communes and Sangkats (NLC/S).

Participants in the workshop included policy makers (namely the Ministry of Interior, the Secretariat of the National Committee for Sub-National Democratic Development) and strategic partners of the DELGOSEA network: Representatives of the pilot cities and other selected sub-national administrations, civil society organisations, academia and media, selected provincial associations of Commune/Sangkat Councils (PAC/S) as well as the Delegation of the European Union.

DELGOSEA is a network of 32 cities from five Southeast Asian countries – Vietnam, Cambodia, Indonesia, The Philippines and Thailand – aiming to share knowledge and replicate best practices on good local governance for improving living conditions of the people. This network is supported by 11 LGAs, five partners and other stakeholders from government, civil society, academia and media. They all play a crucial role to make the process of replication a success. The network is managed by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, with financial support from the European Union and the German Ministry of Development Cooperation.

Results of the workshop will be available on the DELGOSEA website: www.DELGOSEA.eu

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