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**Regional Hub Workshop on the Adaptation Fund (AF) and  
 Climate Change Adaptation (CCA)  
 12-13 August 2015  
 SUNWAY Hotel; Phnom Penh, Cambodia**

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**Objectives:**

- To launch the regional hub workshop.
- To increase the knowledge on Climate Change Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and the Adaptation Fund.
- To share and discuss best practices and lessons learnt among key stakeholders related to climate change adaptation and the Adaptation Fund
- To identify feasible strategies for improving climate change adaptation implementation.

**Agenda:**

Day/Schedule	Discussion	Facilitator/Speaker
Day 1 12 August 2015		
Panel 1: Welcome and Open Session		
8:00-8:30	Registration	EP team
8:30 – 9:00	Introduction to the workshop	Ms. Chea Phallika NGO Forum on Cambodia
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome note	Tek Vannra (PhD) Executive Director NGO Forum on Cambodia
9:15 – 9:30	Welcoming remarks	Mr. Alpha Oumar Kaloga Germanwatch
9:30 – 9:45	Opening remarks	H.E Dr. Tin Punlork Secretary General, National Council for Sustainable Development/ Ministry of Environment
9:45 – 10:00	Group Photos and Morning break	Intern/NGOF team
Panel 2: Overview of the context Adaptation Fund Projects		
10:00 – 10:20	Perspective of UNEP on the Adaptation Fund support Project	Ms. Atifa Kassam GEF Climate Change Adaptation Unit Division of Environmental Policy Implementation (DEPI), UNEP (Skype)
10:20 – 11:00	Overview of the Adaptation Fund NGO	Mr. Alpha Oumar Kaloga



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	Network (AFN) Adaptation Fund Current state of the AFN What is the AFN doing? What might be future activities?	Germanwatch
11:00 – 11:30	Progress and challenges of the Adaptation Fund project on “Enhancing Climate Change Resilience of Rural Communities living in Protected Areas in Cambodia”	Mr. Ouk Navann, National Project Coordinator, Adaptation Fund Project in Cambodia, MoE
11:30 – 11:50	Adaptation Fund Project Beneficiaries Voices- How to ensure that the AF projects benefits local communities?	Mr. Chiv Chhorn Chiork Beungprey Community Leader
11:50 – 12:30	Question & Answer session	All
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch	
Panel 3: Climate Change Adaptation		
14:00-14:20	Project Update on Cambodia Community Based Adaptation Program (SGP-CCBAP)	Mr. Chon Ear, UNDP
14:20-14:40	Cambodia CSOs engagement on Climate Change Adaptation/Disaster Risk Reduction (CCA/DRR) and Policy brief on Climate Negotiations	Mr. Nop Polin DCA/CA
14:40-15:00	Community-Based Adaptation Processes and Policy Implications	Ms. Wanun Permpibul Climate Watch Thailand
15:00-15:30	Southern Voice on Adaptation and Joint Principle for Adaptation	Ms. Vositha Wijeneyake SVs-Adapt-Southeast Asia (Skype)
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break	
Panel 4: Best Practices Sharing and Lesson learnt on Climate Change Adaptation		
16:00-17:30	Cambodia CSOs Ethnic Minorities in Northern Mountainous Regions coping with Disaster and Climate Change Importance of Climate Forecast Applications on Climate Change Adaptation Climate Forecast Applications In Agriculture Lao PDR Myanmar Experience of CSOs in DRR/CCA: Climate Change Adaptation Project Progress Roles of CSOs in policy processes regarding involvement of vulnerable groups in CCA	Mr. Hoeun Hoeun; Our Objective Organization- Cambodia Mr. Ho Ngoc Son Agriculture and Forestry Research & Development Center (ADC)-Vietnam Ms. Jessica Dator Bercilla Christian Aid- Phillipine Ms. Hazel Tanchuling Rice Watch Action Network- Phillipine Mr. Thongdam Phongphichith, Sustainable Agriculture and Environment Development Association (SAEDA)-Lao PDR Mr. Nay Win Aung, KMMS,



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	Question and Answer Session	Myanmar
17:30-19:30	Solidarity Dinner on Boat	NGOF Admin
Day 2 13 August 2015		
8:30-9:00	Recap on Day 1 discussion	Volunteer
Panel 5: Development Partners' Perspective on Climate Change Adaptation in Cambodia		
9:00-9:30	CSOs engagement in Cambodia Community Based Adaptation Program (SGP-CCBAP)	Ms. Ngin Navirak, National Coordinator UNDP GEF Small Grants Program
9:30-10:00	Opportunities of CSOs engagement with SIDA on climate change in Cambodia.	Mr. Klas Rasmusson Counsellor of the Development Cooperation Section, Embassy of Sweden
10:00-10:30	Coffee Break	
10:30-11:00	Strategic Program for Climate Resilience "Mainstreaming Climate Resilience into Development Planning" Achievements Way forward How to involve CSOs and get their inputs	Mr. Ham Chantho  Senior Project Officer Asian Development Bank (ADB)
11:00-11-30	ASEAN Vision on Climate Change	Ms. Wanun Permpibul Director of Climate Watch Thailand
11:30-12-00	Mainstreaming CCA and DRR into planning and budgeting at the sub- national level	Mr. Kong Chanthan,  National Climate Change Planning Advisor, NCDM
12:00-14-00	Lunch Break	SUNWAY Hotel
Panel 6: CSOs Engagement Approach on Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) and Adaptation Fund (AF)		
14:00-14:30	Kick off of the South Eastern Regional Hub for the Adaptation Fund NGO Network (AFN)	Mr. Alpha Oumar Kaloga Germanwatch



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14:30-15:30	Identifying gaps and action points to influence government policies on CCA Key challenges and opportunities Identify the key policies and measures to solve the above challenges How will your organization engage and influence the processes in CCA?	Group Discussion Facilitated by Ms. Teng Rithiny Mr. Nop Polin Mr. Sou Socheath/NECA Steering Committee member
15:30-16:00	Coffee break	SUNWAY Hotel
16:00-16:30	Group presentation	Group Volunteer
	Summary of the key strategic plans for the South Eastern regional hub	Mr. Alpha Oumar Kaloga/SEY Peou
16:30-16:45	Summary of the workshop results	Tek Vannra (PhD) Executive Director NGO Forum
16:45-17:00	Closing remark	Representative of Ministry of Environment (TBC)

**Results of the Regional Hub Workshop on the Adaptation Fund and Climate Change Adaptation in Cambodia**

The Climate Change Alliance of NGO Forum on Cambodia (NGOF) has jointly with CSOs and stakeholders from Cambodia and the wider South East Asia region taken on the opportunity to convene a regional workshop in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The main objectives of the workshop were to launch the regional hub platform of the Adaptation Fund NGO Network in South East Asia and to influence Climate Change Adaptation policies and strategies, the latter being achieved by increasing the knowledge on climate change adaptation and the Adaptation Fund. This workshop should open up a space for civil society to talk and explore more in order to better engage with government agencies and development partners as well as to identify the feasible strategies for improving the implementation of climate change adaptation.

The workshop was conducted in Phnom Penh on 12th and 13th of August 2015 with about 40 participants from CSOs/NGOs from Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, Lao PDR, the Philippines and Myanmar; UNDP; UNEP; ADB; Plan International Cambodia; Forum Syd and DCA/CA. All participants contributed to the success of the workshop by sharing their excellent experiences and perspectives during the sessions. The workshop on “the Adaptation Fund and Climate Change Adaptation” might not have achieved these results without the support from the Adaptation Fund Project Team of the Ministry of Environment; Live and Learn, the Adaptation Fund NGO Network hosted by Germanwatch; Southern Voices on Adaptation; DanChurch Aid/Christian Aid and Charitable Foundation.



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The workshop schedule began with a number of field visits from August 9th to 11th that allowed delegates from Germanwatch, UNEP and NGOF get a better understanding of the concrete circumstances on-site of the Adaptation Fund project in Cambodia.



Field visit of the Adaptation Fund project in Cambodia.

On the first day, a representative from UNEP provided an overview of the current state of Adaptation Fund projects in the region, followed up by the corresponding perspective of the Adaptation Fund NGO Network presented by Alpha Oumar Kaloga. A discussion evolved about the challenges that the Adaptation Fund project in Cambodia is facing and how to ensure that this project benefits vulnerable local communities. During the afternoon session participants focused on climate change adaptation in the region and the role of CSOs participation in adaptation activities in Cambodia. Several speakers shared experiences and lessons learned from engaging in Climate Change Adaptation activities and related interaction with government bodies. Best practices and lessons learnt related to climate change adaptation and the Adaptation Fund were presented to the participants. These lessons learnt and adaptation strategies are not limited to a specific project and can be applied in different circumstances. However, one needs to adjust them in order to ensure that the proposed adaptation strategy is feasible and appropriate in the local context and specific site.

Below are the needs that were identified by the workshop participants during the two days with the objective of improving Climate Change Adaptation and the implementation of Adaptation Fund projects. These include:

- More discussions and comments as input for the further development of the Regional Hub Platform on the Adaptation Fund in South East Asia
- The Adaptation Fund NGO Network hosted by Germanwatch needs to develop the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Regional Hub in Cambodia.



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- Technical and financial support with specific timeframes needs to be addressed and discussed
  - Need to advocate that the issues of climate change and environment get incorporated in the ASEAN platform, especially in its vision for 2020.
  - Need to build up scientific evidence to inform planning and policy choices (especially on the synergies between Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction)
  - Increase the awareness and knowledge on Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reductions as well as on their solutions. This includes the understanding of local knowledge and science at the community level – documents in Khmer
  - Development of a Climate Information Center in each community to monitor, track, and record daily weather
  - Improve communication, collaboration and coordination at all levels (vertical and horizontal) including research and academic institutions
  - Mainstreaming Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction in the development plans at different levels - in particular on the local level - towards strengthening resilience of communities and ecosystems
  - Provide special support for poor and vulnerable households (validating ID poor households)
  - Change of mindset of community councils regarding investments (from physical infrastructure to needs of farmers/communities)
  - Publish and disseminate good practice guides and the climate change manual
  - Enhance community involvement in local plans – social capital
  - Deal with urgent needs and local priorities beyond physical infrastructure
  - Consider medium and long term planning with clear roles and the responsibilities of different stakeholders
- More investments for increased capacities, water resources, extension of services, early warning/forecast and market access



Group photo of workshop participants.



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On the second day, the main focus was to officially launch the Regional Hub platform on the Adaptation Fund in South East Asia. This would not have been successful without the active discussions, question, and contributions from presenters and participants.

The Regional Hub on the Adaptation Fund aims at the following:

- 1) Enhanced participation in National Adaptation Planning and Implementation;
- 2) A Coalition for Direct Access Modality (by encouraging the national government to accredit National Implementation Entities);
- 3) A community of stakeholders who share knowledge and Good Practices among them;
- 4) An inclusive participation of the most vulnerable communities in adaptation and climate finance;
- 5) A strong participation of CSOs in the monitoring and evaluation of adaptation projects and programs.



Panel discussion during the workshop.