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Country Highlights

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GMS Working Group on Environment
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Cambodia

1. Major outputs and outcomes in 2015

- ❖ NESAP formulation process began – Inception workshop in November 2015
- ❖ A country environmental safeguard strengthening - action plan was developed and two priority trainings are to be organized in November and December 2015
- ❖ A situational analysis for identifying potential green value chains was conducted
- ❖ A concept note on defining enabling condition on PES implementation in Cambodia was drafted
- ❖ Several other activities initiated - Industrial Pollution Projection System (IPPS), establishment of environment information and database portal, strengthen environment communication activities and preparation of State of Environment Report

2. Key priorities for 2016

- ❖ **NESAP 2016-2023** – stakeholders consultations, drafting NESAP to be endorsed by NCSD and formally approved by Government
- ❖ **EIA training at provincial level** – two more trainings to be conducted
- ❖ **Preparation for establishment of TBL** between Banteay Chmar Protected Landscape and Tapraya National park
- ❖ **Piloting the Industrial Pollution Projection System (IPPS)**
- ❖ **Establishment of national environment information and database portal at MoE** – using experience from Myanmar
- ❖ MoE staff to participate at training events organized through CEP regional climate change activities
- ❖ **Development of State of Environment report**



3. Challenges in 2016 and their solution and emerging opportunities for 2016

- ❖ MoE's restructuring completed and National Council for Sustainable Development (NCSD) established in 2015
- ❖ Institutional capacity strengthening of MoE and NCSD is urgently needed
- ❖ Environmental Code (EC) and NESAP formulation as a two-track approach and synergy and complementarity are crucially important
- ❖ Final draft of EIA law completed but awaiting for EC formulation
- ❖ Completion of NESAP in 2016 and prioritized sectors to be addressed in the action plan
- ❖ Conduct strategic environmental assessment in the energy sector

4. From the country perspective, how can CEP further engage in the RIF process?

- ❖ Implement the quarterly coordinating meeting between EOC and NSU
- ❖ Technical assistance from EOC/CEP on multi-sectoral planning – SPCR and CCCA and other overall national environment strategy and plan



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