



2013 DTIS UPDATE KICK-OFF WORKSHOP



PROGRESS OF PILLAR 3 ROADMAPS AND FUTURE RECOMMENDATION

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Content

- ❖ What are achievements of pillar's goal and reform areas?
- ❖ What are challenges and issues of implementing pillars roadmaps until now?
- ❖ What are key lesson learned to be considered for upcoming pillars roadmap update and implementation?
- ❖ Provide conclusion and recommendations for various stakeholders



Pillar III Goal:

Strengthening the capacity of the RGC and Cambodian Trade Stakeholders to implement, update and manage RGC's trade development agenda and to negotiate the country's interests in trade and trade-related investment forums

SO1

(Leading & Managing Change)

RGC's institutions can effectively integrate, coordinate and implement trade sector related reforms

SO2

(Developing and implementing policies)

An effective systemic approach to the development and implementation of trade policies is in place

SO3

(Establishing country systems)

Core institutional systems and skills ensure the effective development and performance of trade-related institutions

SO4

(Communicating Trade SWAp)

Wide awareness of Trade SWAp opportunities and results amongst stakeholders

SO5

(Negotiating Trade Forums)

Designated RGC institutions can effectively represent and negotiate Cambodia's interests in trade at the bilateral, regional and multilateral forum

What are achievements of Pillar's goal?



Area 1: Leading and Managing Changes

RGC institutions can effectively integrated, coordinate and implement trade related reforms

Achieved

- ❖ Roadmaps adopted in beginning of 2012 and implemented
- ❖ Preparation to update the roadmaps is undertaking.
- ❖ SSC and IC became functioning committees providing on-going strategy and leadership.
- ❖ MoC is playing an effective and efficient role in managing and coordinating of the Trade SWAp.
- ❖ Line Ministries is actively contributing to trade development.



Area 2: Developing and Implementing Policies

An effective systemic approach to the development and implementation of trade policies is in place

Achieved

- ❖ MoC makes use of trade policy research to enhance trade. The researches including:
 - Value Chain study on rice, cassava, corn, pepper, rubber, fisheries
 - WTO trade policy review
- ❖ MoC is conducting 2nd DTIS update to define new trade strategies.



Area 3: Establishing Country Systems

Core institutional systems and skills ensure the effective development and performance of trade-related institutions

Achieved

- ❖ MoC capacity is enhanced in financial management, procurement, and M&E.
- ❖ Ongoing efforts are made by TDSP & EIF on building capacity of officials (MoC & line ministries).



Area 4: Communicating Trade SWAp

Stakeholders' awareness of Trade SWAp opportunities and results increases

Achieved

- ❖ Awareness of Trade SWAp opportunities and results increased in line ministries, private sector, provincial officials (incl. PDoCs), and international fora.



Area 5: Negotiating Trade Reform

Designated RGC institutions can effectively represent and negotiate Cambodia's interests in trade at the bilateral, regional and multilateral fora

Achieved

- ❖ Capacity of RGC institutions generally improved in representing and negotiating for Cambodia's interests:
 - Bilateral: China, US, ...
 - Regional: AEC 2015, GMS, ASEAN Plus
 - Multi: EU, ...



Challenges and Issues

- ❖ Members of pillar 3 has no capacity:
 - Formulating new trade proposal
 - Monitoring system for pillar 3
- ❖ Regularity of pillar 3 meeting due to lack of coordination resources and commitment of officials from line ministries
- ❖ Sustainability of projects under pillar 3 is under question.
- ❖ Fund availability (its cycle and amount) is an key constraint for initiating sustainable projects;
- ❖ There is no specific donor focal point (shepherd) for pillar 3.



Key Lesson Learned

- ❖ Pillar 3 secretariat is playing important role in assisting pillar team leader to coordinate with pillar members and implementation agencies.
- ❖ More than secretariat, technical support and coaching is needed while pillar WG is still fragile.
- ❖ Stakeholders need to implement process of proposal endorsement in which any new proposal need to screen by Pillar WG. This will ensure ownership and sustainability, but also to strengthen SWAp institutions.
- ❖ Having right membership is critical for commitment and full participation to pillar activities.



Conclusion

- ❖ Many pillar 3 priorities have been achieved or under implementation.
- ❖ There is good achievement in term of institutional capacity of SSC, IC, and MoC (incl. D/ICO).
- ❖ There are some areas needed to be considered for future priorities:
 - Role of PDoCs in Trade SWAp
 - Trade SWAp's M&E
 - Private sector engagement
 - Individual official capacity on trade.



Recommendations for Various Stakeholders

- ❖ Upgrading the road maps in the near future (less reform areas, better participation from line ministries and officials in general, alignment with trade inputs in NSDP and RS).



Thank You!

