

Key Notes of IC Meeting 21st, 10 July 2012

No	Comments and Views from IC members
*	<p>H.E PAN Sorasak: Before kick off the meeting, informing that IC meeting is a regular monthly meeting. As most aware, the IC committee in which I am a chairman was established by Royal Government of Cambodia decision No 76 of 14th December 2009. Here are the key information, Mr. Chhieng Pich requested for leave without pay for a year and Mr. Sim Sokheng, Deputy Director of Department of Intellectual Property, was assigned to work as Acting Director of DICO to continue the working process of DICO. Mr. Sim Sokheng has good experience and strong relationship with Implementing Agencies (IAs). On the other hand, H.E Sok Sopheak, Director General of International Trade was assigned by Ministry of Commerce as focal Point Senior Officer for the TDSP strategic proposal by MoC Prakas No 140 MoC/SM dated 21st June 2012.</p>
1	<p>Mrs. Mam Many: TDSP Progress Works: Reinforce the expense occurred and procurement done during 1st semester of 2012, as of 30 June 2012 has amount 101.84% for both goods and consultant services. Refer to the completion of the 3 projects of the TPD with remarkable achievement, but the Value chain unit project has some problems to be discussed later on. 4 Projects are in the pipeline to be considered by the TDSP. There are 6 projects will not be extended and 8 MoU were completely amended and 7 existing Projects are not requested for the new MoU adjustments. Mr. Suon Prasith took the floor to explain the progress of EIF Tier 1 where the progress of expense is much below as planned (27.95% of actual expense compare the budget for first semester of 2012). In terms of procurement process, the actual expense for 1st Semester 2012 is only 30.88% of procurement plan. Informed the progress work by 3 outcomes and 8 output fixed in the work plan. . Presentation on the ASYCUDA World System and open for discussion. With reference to the IC meeting 20th, asking for deep clarification between GDCE, WB and DICO, the 3 stakeholders have met on 19th July 2012, agreeing to have a duration of 18 months, cut off the request budget of UNCTAD request extension of the Viettel, with no contract with Web Fontaine contract in quickest possible, need to have justification for SSS method, cut off the 15% of Nal consultants due to direct contract, with strong justification of GDCE agreed to have TDSP support fully budget and drop the request for cut off 25% of maintenance to be responsible with other source.</p>
2	<p>H.E Sok Sopheak: Congradulation for the achievement of the IA successfully implementing its project. First issue As mentioned in the last IC meeting, I confirmed the necessary of the 3 pillars to have a meeting to work out on the budget. The second issue related to the 7 MoU still in pending status, asking for clarification weather there is any critical issues challenges.</p>

3	<p>Mr. Julian Clake, WB: In response to H.E PAN Sorasak's question on general expense, Mr. Julian explained confirmed that the 6.3 m\$ is basically the commitment budget under the MoU signed or likely to be signed, where the balance of 2.3 m\$ is going to allocate for the coming strategic proposal, included the World ASYCUDA System of 1.2 m\$ and the remaining will be for the rest of the strategic proposals. The new money of 4.5 m Euro (5.75 million USD) is not a concern and in the process to transfer from EU donor. He informed the conversation with the donor right now is how and when to accept the new money into the trust fund. The donor has already signed the contract with MEF and RGC.</p>
4	<p>Mr. Prak Tepvichet: Refer to the question on clarification of the 7 pending MoUs, Mr. Vichet informed the meeting that according M & E practice the past performance report shall submit to DICO for evaluation, enabling to consider for the extension the project, renewal of the MoU or not. For instance, the case of CDC Raising awareness project, there is a confirmation from CDC officer to complete and submit the report within this week. Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 had organized 2 meetings respectively to discuss on the pending issue, especially on the ASYCUDA meeting, but have not produce any report on the request for the budget of the remaining.</p>
5	<p>H.E Sok Sopheak: As to follow up the pillar meeting for the new proposals, suggesting to have meeting between 3 pillar under his leadership to work out on the new proposals and request for relevant Pillar members to update as quick as possible</p>
6	<p>GDCE: The contract of Web Fontaine/Viettel contract will be ended by 13 July 2012, requesting to have extension by 14 July to continue the work. To have extension as last confirmation, GDCE understand the options but confirm the favor of extension only with Rosovo only.</p>
7	<p>Mr. Long Kem Vichet requested GDCE to have clarification of the completion report of the Web Fontaine, leading to advise for two options: 1. renewal of the whole contract for Web Fontaine. or 2. Extension of the Resovo, sub contract of Web Fontaine, under the SSS procurement method. Even the PRC planned to meet on 13 July but technically we need IC/SSC approval and MOU as basic documents. In addition of this, it is necessary to have the GDCE direction confirmation. After long exchange view in the meeting, he informed the meeting that the proposed new contract must be procured on a Single Source Selection (SSS) basis to conform with the WB procurement guidelines. A pre-requisite for commencing the SSS process is that the existing contract must be completed in full (including Resovo's deliverables as a sub-contractor to Webb Fontaine), The justification for SSS will then be based on the need for continuation of previous consultancy support.</p>
8	<p>Mr. Julian Clake, WB: WB is ready for NoL if we get justification from GDCE. In parallel of endorsement of the IC and SSC by virtual mean, PRC can start work on 13 July 2012. As final position, WB totally agreed to Mr. Long Kem Vichet's suggestion on the new contract procurement process for the selection of the Rosovo.</p>
9	<p>H.E Pan Sorasak: Since by virtual communication of email by 09 July 2012, confirming that all IC members had no comments or objection, implying that IC endorsed virtually and now request DICO to make report to chairman of SSC and members by email again with expecting to get endorsement within 3-4 days.</p>

10	<p>Mr. Prak Tepvichet: Presented the Monitoring Report: Refer to 3 TPD projects, it is informed that the printed printed 18,000 books were disseminated to provinces and relevant institutes abroad. now left 8,000 books. CD burned 2000, left 800 in stock, website productmap was viewed by visitor around 400,000 pax. Refer to Value chain has a challenges in team assignment from MoC relevant departments and management of time participation even the International consultant in much motivate to build the value chain unit. As conclude the Value chain unit is face high risk to achieve the objective set. Therefore asking IC and MoC leaders to advise to adjust the value chain unit?</p>
11	<p>H.E Sok Sopheak: As found and presented from the Monitoring report, the lack of motivate from staff participation due to has no incentive and participatory sharing of information. Therefore, even additional fund for this project will not help to solve the solution, requesting to have clarification from consultant to initiate solution. In response to H.E Pan Sorasak's suggestion to have a solution for Value chain by advising in 3 phases: the short, medium and long phase to work on the existing of 3 sectors done and the 7 remaining sectors, H.E Sok Sopheak confirmed the understand the issue of the cooperation within unit which compose from various line ministries, and asking to TPD, DICO and relevant stakeholders to make adjustment or restructure for new proposal of Value chain unit with various alternative solution, then submit for IC consideration at next meeting.</p>
*	<p>Conclusion: After wrapping up the highlight issues have been elaborated, H. E Pan Sorasak has concluded as following: 1. Instructed DICO to coordinate to arrange a meeting between 3 Pillar working group to decide the budget remaining of 1.16 m\$ for the pillar strategic proposal at an appropriate time within a week. 2. Acknowledged the challenges face with high risk to obtain the project objective, advising precisely to Trade Promotion Department, DICO and relevant stakeholders to work on the restructuring or adjustment of the Value Chain Unit Project, then come up with alternative options for IC consideration at next meeting. 3. Since IC endorsed by virtual email and at reconfirm endorsement again at this meeting to the GDCE Strategic Proposal on Support ASYCUDA World System with the budget of 1,129,153.50 USD, advising the DICO secretariat to prepare in urgent the necessary documents to be approved by SSC through email within 3-4 days.</p>

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