



# Trade Sector Wide Approach (Trade SWAp) Retreat 2013



## Progress of Pillar 3 Roadmaps



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## 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

# Achievements of pillar's goal?

## The stated Goal

- ❖ Goal of Pillar 3 is to strengthen 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

## Achievement

- ❖ Pillars' roadmaps implemented and under updating.
- ❖ Increased capacity of RGC in formulating and implementing Trade SWAp.
- ❖ Strengthened Governance institution of Trade Swap.



## Area 1: Leading and Managing Changes

**RGC institutions can effectively integrate, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> DTIS update to define new trade strategies.

### **Future Intervention**

- ❖ Clear link of implementation and monitoring of trade policies at provincial level.
- ❖ Line ministries and partners able to deliver the required high quality trade policy research.
- ❖ Strengthened Value Chain Information Unit.



## 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).

### **Future Intervention**

- ❖ The PDoCs capacity to fully participate in the wider Trade SWAp M&E system and to support human resource management and development in support of the Trade SWAP.
- ❖ Line Ministries capacity in SWAp M&E and human resource management and development.
- ❖ Civil servants to receive a level of knowledge on trade and trade related issues appropriate to their position and role played.



## 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.
- ❖ Cambodian experience in Trade SWAp shared with LDCs.

#### Future Intervention

- ❖ Develop documentation on good practices, experiences and learning.
- ❖ Engagement of CCC and other BMOs in Trade SWAp.



## 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, ...

### Future Intervention

- ❖ National program for negotiating trade reforms.



# 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 is limited.
- ❖ There is no specific donor focal point (shepherd) for pillar 3.



## 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



# Thank You!

