



# ACTIVITY REPORT

## Cambodia

### CSO UPR strategy workshop

27 February – 1 March 2019

#### Timeline for UPR engagement in the current cycle





## 1. Summary

On 27 February – 1 March 2019, the Cambodian Center for Human Rights (CCHR), OHCHR in Cambodia and UPR Info organised the CSO UPR Strategy Workshop in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, which brought together some 60 representatives from national CSOs. The focus of the three-day event was on analysing Cambodia's 3<sup>rd</sup> Cycle UPR recommendations, and for the thematic working groups to develop action strategies demonstrating how civil society can contribute to implementation. On the first day, a civil society panel provided a debrief on the review by sharing their reactions and insights before inviting comments from the floor. Several participants noted that many of the recommendations that were proposed in the UPR Advocacy Factsheets had been made by Recommending states. Speakers also commended the government for leaving all recommendations pending until the adoption which will allow for a national debate on the status of the recommendations. The day continued with a session lead by Laura Sinner, UPR Info, in which she outlined how CSOs can transmit the UPR momentum created by the review in Geneva to the national level and support the government in the implementation process. Her presentation shared a wide range of good practices on how civil society across the globe has worked with governments to move pending recommendations to accepted, and their continued role in the follow-up phase. After lunch, Hans Fridlund, UPR Info, initiated the group work by introducing the template for the action strategy which contains activities, indicators and timelines. The working groups then spent the afternoon and the morning of Day 2 on clustering the recommendations in accordance with their thematic priorities before utilising the template to showcase how they can contribute to implementation. In the afternoon of the second day, the Group Rapporteur of each working group presented their action strategy and received feedback from CCHR, UPR Info and the plenary. This fostered a vibrant conversation between groups which proved especially helpful in strengthening the response to recommendations which contain more than one human rights topic. Next up, Laura Sinner, UPR Info, and Nimol Soth, Office of UN Resident Coordinator, offered a comprehensive overview of the mutually reinforcing dynamics of the SDGs and UPR recommendations, and how these strands can strengthen one another. The session was a timely exercise as the action strategy encourages CSOs to explicitly demonstrate the linkage between the development goals and UPR recommendations. On the third and final day, external speakers from the Embassy of Sweden and the Delegation of the European Union engaged with the participants to discuss their involvement in the UPR process. Before closing the workshop, participating CSOs unanimously adopted a Workshop Charter which lists actions that civil society can undertake to advocate for acceptance of pending recommendations and to support the implementation of UPR recommendations.

The CSO UPR Strategy Workshop builds on [previous activities](#) undertaken by the co-organisers in Cambodia.

## 2. Activity

### 2.1. Overview

The workshop was opened by remarks from Sopheap Chak, Executive Director at the Cambodian Center for Human Rights; Simon Walker, OHCHR Cambodia Representative a.i; and Hans Fridlund, Programme Manager, UPR Info. The speakers congratulated CSOs on their comprehensive efforts to advocate for relevant recommendations ahead of the review and expressed their readiness to continue to support CSOs in the follow-up phase. In the first session of the day, voices from national CSOs debriefed on Cambodia's 3<sup>rd</sup> review. Each participant was provided with a copy of the draft UPR Working Group report to familiarise themselves with the recommendations. The discussion highlighted that it was the first time that the state received recommendations on sexual orientation and gender identity, and that the efforts from civil society in pushing for these recommendations had been vital to the result. While some considered that too many recommendations were vague and that the review had painted a too positive picture of the human rights situation in Cambodia, others noted action-oriented recommendations on an enabling environment for trade unions; strong recommendations on education, health and civic space including the amendment of legislation. Participants also mentioned that the suggested recommendations contained in the UPR Advocacy Factsheets were visible in recommendations made, and that they had contributed to more detailed recommendations on a wide range of topics. Overall, it was underlined that the review demonstrated a global interest and increased awareness of human rights issues facing the country. Furthermore, the international spotlight in which the government had committed itself to the process, including recognising the role of civil society, provided useful levers for CSOs in their continued engagement with the mechanism.

In the following segment, UPR Info presented Cambodia's UPR timeline and shared good practices and concrete examples of how civil society groups can engage in the implementation process. Considering that all recommendations were left pending until the official adoption of the UPR Working Group Report at the 41<sup>st</sup> session of the Human Rights Council, the presentation offered insights on how CSOs in other countries have engaged with their governments and other stakeholders to build support for acceptance of recommendations. The complementarity between the UPR, the Special Procedures, the treaty bodies and the SDGs were stressed along with a reminder not to discount recommendations that will be noted. [Statistics](#) from UPR Info shows that 19% of noted recommendations in the first UPR cycle had been acted upon already at the mid-term stage, and it is therefore imperative that CSOs continue to monitor their implementation.

After lunch, UPR Info introduced the template that the thematic working groups would use to develop their respective UPR action strategy. The main objective of the document is to devise activities to be undertaken by civil society to support the government in the implementation of

recommendations until the next review. As an internal instrument, it provides a calendar over activities, indicators, and timelines; illustrates the advantage of coordination between thematic groups; and makes a distinct link between UPR implementation and the daily work of CSOs. The strategy illustrates that CSOs are constructive, cooperative and willing to work with national and international actors to foster an enabling environment for implementation. The strategy also lends itself as an advocacy and fundraising tool which should be presented to the diplomatic and donor community to showcase how CSOs foresee to engage in the follow-up. Moreover, it should be introduced to the government to identify synergies and areas of cooperation as a means to increase trust and transparency between national UPR actors.

UPR ACTION STRATEGY: Rights of the Child

Rec #	Recommendation/Recommending state	1. Corresponding recommendations from other mechanisms? 2. Corresponding SDG target	CSO action/activities contributing to implementation of the recommendation	Indicator to track progress of implementation of CSO activity (1 per action/activity)	Resources needed to accomplish this action	Potential partners	Timeframe (1 per action/activity)	Risks/Risk response (1 response per risk)
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11 thematic working groups clustered for them relevant recommendations into their respective action strategy before completing the corresponding rows:

1. *Gender/Women's Rights*
2. *Rights of the child*
3. *Sexual and reproductive health and rights & sexual orientation, gender identity and expression and sex characteristics (SOGIESC) rights.*
4. *Public health*
5. *Persons living with disabilities*
6. *Land and Natural resources*
7. *Elections*
8. *Khmer Krom rights*
9. *Labour Rights*
10. *Access to Justice*
11. *Fundamental Freedoms and Civic Space*

The action strategy provides a guide for CSOs to move beyond their traditional watchdog role to actively contribute to sustainable implementation of recommendations and utilises the combined human rights expertise of civil society. By including indicators, the strategy also allows for an evaluation over time of the effectiveness their actions. It also enforces the interconnectedness between human rights recommendations and the SDGs. The presentation stressed the need to integrate a gender analysis in the implementation process as well as considering if different approaches are needed to realise recommendations in urban and rural areas. Added emphasis was put on the need to anchor activities in first-hand credible evidence of the human rights situation on the ground.

The plenary presentations of the strategies informed about both outreach activities, discussions with policy and decision makers as well as concrete implementation efforts to support the realisation of recommendations. Several groups noted that the action strategy constituted a prime opportunity to translate vague recommendations into concrete actions to

further the human rights situation. Most of the groups included several actions to contribute to implementation of a recommendation and differentiated between short-term, medium-term and long-term activities. This is a good practice to ensure that activities cover the entire period between reviews and make use of goalposts such as the timespan between review and adoption as well as the mid-term stage. The SOGIESC group is preparing an infographic to provide an accessible overview of recommendations on the area and it was suggested that they share this tool with other groups so that this good practice can be replicated. In the final session of Day 2, UPR Info and Nimol Soth, Office of UN Resident Coordinator, co-facilitated a discussion on the interconnectedness between the SDGs and the UPR. The facilitators shared data and statistics to underscore the mutually reinforcing nature of the two arenas and encouraged CSOs to integrate the monitoring and implementation of the SDGs into their UPR follow-up activities. The discussion that ensued identified that several of the SDG indicators can be utilised to also track implementation of UPR recommendations. By enhancing coordination, it strengthens implementation across the agendas and eases reporting for civil society and governments alike.

Day 3 was opened by Ambassador Maria Sargren from the Embassy of Sweden to Phnom Penh. In her remarks she underscored that the work carried out by Cambodian CSOs within the framework of the UPR is of vital importance to the furthering of human rights in the country. The Ambassador also applauded the high quality of the UPR Advocacy Factsheets that were shared by CSOs prior to the review and had assisted Recommending states to make relevant recommendations to Cambodia. Simone Pieri, Head of Political Section, and Agata Nieboj, Programme Officer Governance & Human Rights, Focal Point for Human Rights Defenders, from the Delegation of the European Union to Cambodia provided a session on how the EU utilises the UPR in conversations with the government, the status of the Everything But Arms (EBA) tariff preferences for Cambodia, and available calls for financial support to CSOs. Their presentation resulted in a vibrant Q&A-session on the areas of EU's human rights priorities and the focus of their calls. Before closing the workshop, participating CSOs unanimously adopted a Workshop Charter (See Annex 2) in which each thematic working group contributed with actions that civil society can undertake to advocate for acceptance of pending recommendations and to support the implementation of UPR recommendations.

## 2.2. Achievements

It is critical that CSOs at the national and local level are made aware of the government's performance at the review, the recommendations made and how to get involved in the implementation phase. As such, the workshop proved a timely exercise to share the recommendations and debrief on the review. The workshop succeeded in:

- ❖ Sharing the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle UPR recommendations with national CSOs and grassroots organisations;

- ❖ Increasing national ownership of the UPR process by linking the efforts carried out prior to the review with a strategy for monitoring and supporting implementation of recommendations made;
- ❖ Identifying entry points for civil society involvement in the implementation process;
- ❖ Demonstrating the mutually reinforcing nature of SDG and UPR implementation;
- ❖ Establishing an agreement among national CSOs on a joint approach to the UPR implementation phase;
- ❖ Devising 11 thematic civil society action strategies to guide their contributions to the implementation of UPR recommendations;
- ❖ Adopting a Workshop Charter containing civil society priorities in the UPR;
- ❖ Gathering a cross-section of local civil society representatives from across the country (46% women, 54% men);
- ❖ Bringing together national CSOs with the donor and diplomatic community; and
- ❖ Further deepening the successful collaboration in the UPR process between CCHR, OHCHR in Cambodia, and UPR Info.

### 2.3. Lessons learnt

It will be important to translate recommendations to Khmer to facilitate wider dissemination of UPR recommendations and popularise them among the public.

## 3. Way forward

Each thematic working group will finalise their respective action strategy and submit to CCHR and UPR Info. CSOs that did not participate in the workshop will also be approached to provide input. The documents will then be consolidated into one coherent action strategy. It is crucial that CSOs make use of the action strategy and integrate the activities into their daily work to explicitly make the link with UPR implementation. Actions to move recommendations from pending to accepted is essential and will require a transparent dialogue with the government. Of equal importance is that the action strategy is a living document open for revision to respond to challenges and opportunities that will arise during the implementation phase. To boost awareness of the review and the workshop, the finalised version of the Workshop Charter will be circulated to UPR stakeholders.

Following the adoption of Cambodia's 3<sup>rd</sup> UPR Working Group report at the forty-first session of the Human Rights Council, it will be important that the government, civil society and other stakeholders engage in a robust conversation regarding the development of indicators to track implementation. In parallel, meaningful involvement of CSOs in rural parts of the country will be integral to an inclusive and sustainable approach to realisation of UPR recommendations.

## 4. Testimonies

Contributors have been guaranteed anonymity.

Thanks to this workshop, I learned more about the UPR and I benefitted from the sharing of experiences on the UPR within our thematic group. Each member contributed effectively in the drafting of our thematic action strategy. **We will integrate the implementation of labour-related UPR recommendations in our projects and fundraising activities. For my organisation, utilising the UPR is an effective way to advocate directly at the international level.**

The workshop was an opportunity to bring all thematic groups to work together on their action strategy. It was also useful to hear from the other groups and to share ideas for implementation. **The action strategy that we have developed at the workshop fits into our current advocacy activities. We will start with a social media campaign on SOGIEC issues as well as a raising awareness campaign on radio. The aim is to lobby for acceptance of UPR recommendations on SOGIEC issues and to show why these issues are crucial.**

The workshop helped me to learn more about the UPR process and the implementation phase. I also learned how to link UPR recommendations with the SDGs which is very important for my advocacy and monitoring work. **My first action will be to report to my colleagues what I have learned. We will try to reach out to international media to shed light on the specific recommendations that Cambodia received on minority issues. This will give more weight to our advocacy work.**

## Annex 1: Agenda

### Civil Society Organizations Strategy Workshop on 3<sup>rd</sup> Cycle Universal Periodic Review of Cambodia

27 February - 1 March 2019  
Phnom Penh, Orchidee Restaurant

Day 1 – 27 February 2019	
8 :30 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 9:30	<b>OPENING CEREMONY</b>
Objective	To welcome participants and to provide the rationale behind the workshop.
Opening Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sopheap Chak, Executive Director, Cambodian Center for Human Rights</li> <li>Simon Walker, OHCHR Cambodia Representative a.i.</li> <li>Hans Fridlund, Programme Manager, UPR Info</li> </ul>
09:30 – 10:30	<b>Session 1: Debrief on the review</b>
Objective	To provide participants with insights and reactions from civil society to the third UPR review of Cambodia. A panel of civil society representatives will start the discussion before opening the floor for an interactive dialogue.
Q&A/Interventions from the plenary	<b>[5 minutes each: Each speaker highlights elements from the review linked to the performance of the State delegation and/or on recommendations made]</b>
10:30 – 10 :45	Coffee Break
10:45 – 12:00	<b>Session 2: An introduction to the role of civil society in the implementation process</b>
Objective	To outline how civil society can harness the UPR momentum at the national level and support the government in the implementation of UPR recommendations. Specific focus will be put on advocacy strategies to move pending recommendations to be accepted by RGC.
Facilitator	
Q&A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laura Sinner, Programme Assistant, UPR Info</li> </ul> <p>30 minutes</p>
12:00– 13:15	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
13:15 – 14:15	<b>Session 3: Introduction - A civil society action strategy</b>
Objective	To provide detailed instructions on how to develop a CSO UPR action strategy containing activities, indicators and timelines. The goal is for participants to identify actions that organisations in their thematic working group can undertake to 1) move pending recommendations to be accepted by RGC 2) to support implementation of Cambodia's 3rd cycle UPR recommendations.

Facilitator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Hans Fridlund</b>, Programme Manager, UPR Info</li> </ul>
Q&A	<i>30 minutes</i>
<b>14:15 – 15:15</b>	<b>Session 4: Group work – Developing thematic action strategies</b>
Objective	<p>Each thematic group is provided with an action strategy template and a copy of Cambodia’s 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle UPR recommendations. The group will select which recommendations are relevant for their day-to-day work, insert them into the template and complete the corresponding templates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. <i>Gender/Women’s Rights</i></li> <li>13. <i>Rights of the child</i></li> <li>14. <i>Sexual and reproductive health and rights &amp; sexual orientation, gender identity and expression and sex characteristics (SOGIESC) rights.</i></li> <li>15. <i>Public health</i></li> <li>16. <i>Persons living with disabilities</i></li> <li>17. <i>Land and Natural resources</i></li> <li>18. <i>Elections</i></li> <li>19. <i>Khmer Krom rights</i></li> <li>20. <i>Labour Rights</i></li> <li>21. <i>Access to Justice</i></li> <li>22. <i>Fundamental Freedoms and Civic Space</i></li> </ul>
Facilitator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Hans Fridlund</b>, UPR Info</li> </ul>
<b>15:15 – 15:30</b>	<b>COFFE BREAK</b>
<b>15:30 – 17:00</b>	<b>Session 4 cont’d: Group work – Developing thematic action strategies</b>
	Break-out groups continue to develop their respective action strategy.
<b>End of Day 1</b>	

## Day 2 – 28 February 2019

Day 2 – 28 February 2019	
<b>9:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>Session 4 cont'd: Group work – Developing thematic action strategies</b>
Objective	Break-out groups continue to develop their respective action strategy.
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>10:45 – 12:30</b>	<b>Session 4 cont'd: Group work – Developing thematic action strategies</b>
Objective	Break-out groups continue to develop their respective action strategy.
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>13:30 – 15:00</b>	<b>Session 5: Plenary presentations</b>
Objective	Each group rapporteur presents on two priority recommendations in their action strategy and receives feedback from UPR Info CCHR and the plenary:
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Gender/Women's Rights</i></li> <li>2. <i>Rights of the child</i></li> <li>3. <i>Sexual and reproductive health and rights &amp; sexual orientation, gender identity and expression and sex characteristics (SOGIESC) rights.</i></li> <li>4. <i>Public health</i></li> <li>5. <i>Persons living with disabilities</i></li> <li>6. <i>Land and Natural resources</i></li> <li>7. <i>Elections</i></li> <li>8. <i>Khmer Krom rights</i></li> <li>9. <i>Labour Rights</i></li> <li>10. <i>Access to Justice</i></li> <li>11. <i>Fundamental Freedoms and Civic Space</i></li> </ol>
Facilitator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hans Fridlund</b>, Programme Manager, UPR Info</li> </ul>
<b>15:00 – 15:15</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>15:15 – 16:15</b>	<b>Session 6: Synergies between Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and UPR implementation</b>
Objective	<i>The objective of the session is to explore the mutually reinforcing nature of the SDGs and UPR recommendations, and how these strands can strengthen one another in the implementation of UPR recommendations.</i>
Facilitators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nimol Soth</b> , UN Coordination Specialist, Office of UN Resident Coordinator</li> <li>• <b>Laura Sinner</b>, UPR Info</li> </ul>
<b>End of Day 2</b>	

Day 3 – 1 March 2019	
<b>9:30 – 09:45</b>	<b>Session 7: Remarks from the Embassy of Sweden</b>
<b>Objective</b>	Opening remarks from the Embassy of Sweden in Phnom Penh. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ambassador Maria Sargren, Embassy of Sweden in Phnom Penh</b></li> </ul>
<b>09:45 – 10:15</b>	<b>Session 8: Preparation for the Workshop Charter</b>
<b>Objective</b>	Each of the 11 thematic working groups decides which two actions they want to contribute with to the Workshop Charter. Each action should be geared towards sustaining the UPR momentum in Cambodia; moving pending recommendations to accepted; or supporting implementation of recommendations.
<b>Facilitator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hans Fridlund, UPR Info</b></li> </ul>
<b>10:15 – 10:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>10:30 – 11.30</b>	<b>Session 8: An update from the Delegation of the European Union to Cambodia</b>
<b>Objective</b>	The EU Delegation gives an update on its role in the UPR process, and how it foresees to continue its dialogue with national stakeholders in the UPR process and in the broader context of promotion and protection of human rights. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Simone Pieri, Head of Political Section, Delegation of the European Union to Cambodia</b></li> <li>• <b>Agata Nieboj, Programme Officer Governance &amp; Human Rights, Focal Point for Human Rights Defenders, Delegation of the European Union to Cambodia</b></li> </ul>
<b>Q&amp;A</b>	30 minutes.
<b>12:00 – 13:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>13:00 – 15:00</b>	<b>Session 9: Adoption of Workshop Charter</b>
<b>Objective</b>	Each thematic working group contributes with two actions that can be taken in the immediate future to sustain the UPR momentum in Cambodia. Together, these actions form the Workshop Charter which is discussed and adopted by consensus in plenary. This way, the Workshop Charter demonstrates unity and solidarity among CSOs and can be invoked as an advocacy tool.
<b>Facilitator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hans Fridlund, Programme Manager, UPR Info</b></li> </ul>
<b>15:00 – 15:30</b>	<b>Session 10: Closing remarks</b>
<b>Objective</b>	To outline next steps in the UPR process and provide closing remarks.
<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sopheap Chak, Executive Director, Cambodian Center for Human Rights</b></li> <li>• <b>Bikram Batra, Head of Civil Society and Fundamental Freedoms Unit, OHCHR Cambodia</b></li> <li>• <b>Hans Fridlund, Programme Manager, UPR Info</b></li> </ul>
<b>End of workshop</b>	

## Annex 2: Workshop Charter

### CSOs UPR Strategy Workshop Phnom Penh, Cambodia 27 February – 1 March 2019 Workshop Charter

Cambodia's human rights record has been reviewed three times in the Universal Periodic Review (UPR). At its third review on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019, Cambodia received 198 recommendations from 73 States. All recommendations were left pending at the adoption of the Draft report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review. The Government of Cambodia will provide its final response to recommendations no later than at the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council in 2019. Cambodia has until the next UPR in 2024 to implement received third cycle UPR recommendations.

The UPR framework encourages the active involvement of civil society in the monitoring and implementation of UPR recommendations. The success of Civil Society Organisations' (CSO) engagement in the UPR ultimately depends on their ability to support implementation of UPR outcomes in cooperation with the Government and other UPR stakeholders. This Workshop Charter also recognises the pivotal role of partner organisations and donors to complement the actions undertaken by national CSOs in the realisation of UPR recommendations.

Since the beginning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> UPR cycle, Cambodian CSOs working on a broad range of topics have constructively engaged with the mechanism to contribute to action-oriented, specific and relevant UPR recommendations to the State. The CSO UPR Strategy Workshop was implemented in the immediate aftermath of the 3<sup>rd</sup> review of Cambodia during which CSOs convened to further deepen their partnership and to develop a CSO UPR action strategy. The strategy contains activities developed by CSOs aimed at contributing to the realisation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle recommendations, and corresponding indicators to track progress.

As a result of the three-day workshop, and based on the analysis of all the recommendations received by Cambodia, participating CSOs have agreed to prioritise the following set of actions to move pending recommendations to accepted and to support their implementation:

- ❖ Raise awareness of fair trial rights and access to justice through radio talk shows and social media campaigns;
- ❖ Compile cases of impunity and judicial harassment, through media monitoring, for evidence-based advocacy;
- ❖ Continue the dialogue with the Government's key ministries and the Cambodian Human Rights Committee on an action plan to address discrimination of LGBTIQ persons;
- ❖ Continue providing technical support to the School Health Department Technical Working Group, and ensure integration of LGBTIQ non-discrimination content and messages;
- ❖ Utilise access to decision-makers and donors to mobilise support and resources to the development, adoption and implementation of an anti-discrimination law;
- ❖ Build networks and collective action plans with potential partners such as Country Coordinating Committee Global Fund, WHO, National AIDS Authority, Embassies in Phnom Penh;
- ❖ Lobby and engage with the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Planning, and the Cambodian Human Rights Committee for acceptance and implementation of health related UPR recommendations;
- ❖ Form a Working Group consisting of trade unions and CSOs to address labour issues and advocate for the amendment of repressive legislation including the Trade Union Law;

- ❖ Conduct promotional and advocacy activities to influence the Government for the protection of labour rights;
- ❖ Hold a workshop to promote the implementation of the 2025 ASEAN Master Plan focusing on the welfare of persons with disabilities, inclusive of an economic, social and cultural perspective;
- ❖ Implement a community awareness campaign on disability inclusive employment;
- ❖ Launch the “Anti-discrimination” campaign on media platforms and social media to mobilise LGBTIQ activists and supporters;
- ❖ Disseminate a written statement to media, and follow up with national and international UPR actors, including Recommending States which made recommendations relating to the Khmer Krom, to raise awareness about their situation;
- ❖ Raise awareness among the public on the role and importance of the establishment of an independent National Human Rights Institution in line with the Paris Principles through local peoples’ forums, radio programmes and animation on social media;
- ❖ Lobby parliament and political actors to make parliamentary notes available to the public;
- ❖ Highlight cases of harassment against CSOs, labour activists, and political actors, including in national and regional media, with the aim of preventing further deterioration;
- ❖ Establish a CSO task force for legal review of LANGO and other legislation;
- ❖ Hold 24 provincial consultations to collect input from relevant stakeholders with the aim of amending the Law on Associations and Non-governmental Organisations, the Law on Political Parties and the Election Laws. Disseminate findings in weekly radio talk shows and video animations on social media;
- ❖ Conduct four meetings with sectoral or umbrella CSOs and Recommending States to seek solidarity, endorsement and support for the amendment of the LANGO;
- ❖ Issue a joint statement asking for the acceptance of the UPR recommendations related to gender mainstreaming in the form of gender responsive budgeting specifically requiring 5% of the national budget and 20% of the local budgets;
- ❖ Develop an illustrated brochure showing how the virtual 1 stop service centre process will work so it is easy to understand;
- ❖ Expand the membership of the Land Rights CSO Network and develop a policy paper on fair and just compensation in land conflict resolution and present it to the Ministry of Land Management and Urban Planning and Construction;
- ❖ Establish and educate a system of mediators in the Land Rights CSO Network at the provincial and national level to mediate between parties in cases of land conflict resolution;
- ❖ Submit one Joint Advocacy Statement to Ministry of Women Affairs and the Cambodian National Council for Children to convince the Government to accept and implement UPR recommendations related to violence against children;
- ❖ Conduct three policy dialogues with the National Assembly and relevant ministries to encourage amendment of the Law on Prevention of Domestic Violence and Protection of Victims and Articles 1045 and 1079 of the Civil Code;
- ❖ Continue monitoring violations of fundamental freedoms in law and in practice and compile a report, and share the findings with Recommending States;
- ❖ Raise public awareness through radio and social media to understand their fundamental freedoms, the UPR process and UPR recommendations so the public can contribute to push the Government to accept and implement Fundamental Freedoms related recommendations.

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