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Cambodia-Australia Water Policy Forum II



Water security and access are critical to meeting development needs as they underpin almost every aspect of healthy and thriving communities and economies. The water sector provides essential services to people, including our most vulnerable. It is a vital input to agriculture, supports industrial and services sectors and is the foundation of making our communities more liveable.

Increasingly, our water sectors are focused on how we can adapt and respond to climate change while continuing to improve the efficiency and quality of water services we provide. Not an easy feat as our water sectors are at the front line of extreme weather events and system shocks.

Since establishing diplomatic relations in 1952, Cambodia and Australia's bilateral relationship has grown from strength to strength. This is driven by the growing convergence of our political, strategic, security, development and economic interests.

As co-members of the East Asia Summit, the ASEAN Regional Forum and the Asia-Europe Meeting, our relationship enables us to engage on regional and global issues, while supporting domestic initiatives that benefit all Cambodians.

Australia maintains a strong commitment to Cambodia's development by working together on a range of strategic interests.

Australia's development partnership with Cambodia is based on 3 key pillars:

Pillar 1 – health security, that includes making it possible for one million Cambodians to connect to clean piped water, complemented by improvements to accessible and inclusive water, sanitation and hygiene services for the most vulnerable Cambodian women, children and men.

Pillar 2 – stability, including working together to generate ideas to refine and reform public policies and services.

Pillar 3 – economic recovery, including co-creating public-private partnerships with small and medium-sized businesses to make new infrastructure schemes possible while promoting improved household and industrial water management.

The Cambodian and Australian water sectors have collaborated for many years and achieved significant outcomes together. Our commitment to working together to address shared challenges and capitalising on opportunities is stronger than ever.

Australia's flagship AUD 51.7 million 'Investing in Infrastructure Program' (3i) has worked with nearly 80 private water operators over the past seven years that will provide treated piped water to rural households and access to clean piped water for more than one million rural Cambodians. Through 3i, Australia is proud to support the second Cambodia - Australia Water Policy Forum that aligns with the three key pillars of the Cambodia - Australia partnership.

Building on the inaugural Forum in 2020, Cambodia - Australia Water Policy Forum II will bring together key actors from across government and the water sector to discuss important topics including: the strategic priorities and financing needs of future water supply projects; effective governance of water supply agencies; the development of resilient and climate adaptive water supply systems; and gender equal participation and inclusion within the water sector.

The Forum will drive continued and collaborative policy discussions between the Cambodian and Australian water sectors as we continue to work together to address emerging regional and global issues, including water security and access to safe, clean and sustainable water supply.

I wish all participants a stimulating and productive Forum, and I look forward to reading the communiqué on the Forum's key discussion topics and next steps.

H.E. Pablo Kang

Australian Ambassador to Cambodia

Welcome Messages

The Cambodian Water Supply Association (CWA) is a Neutral Association, non-profit, and non-political organisation that brings together all private water suppliers in Cambodia and acts in the interest of the members of the Association. CWA is a local professional association that has expertise in water service supply, both in urban and rural areas of Cambodia. Currently, CWA has 300 members of which 270 are licensed private water operators—operating in 23 provinces.

The CWA sees itself as an essential agent of change and progress within the Cambodian water supply sector and an essential link between the governing Ministries and the water service suppliers operating throughout urban and rural Cambodia. The CWA allows for the effective two-way communication of challenges and needs experienced by private water operator members, as well as the widespread communication of effective new regulatory and policy initiatives released by the Cambodian Ministries throughout the Cambodian water sector.

The CWA is excited to continue its partnership with the AWA and to play a role in the facilitation of the Cambodia - Australia Water Policy Forum II; as it inspires water sector policy growth through sharing knowledge on water governance, climate resilience, promoting gender equity and participation, and new investment models to unlock increased access to piped water supply for all Cambodians.

Mr. LIM Minh

Executive Director

Cambodian Water Supply Association



The Australian Water Association (AWA) is Australia's biggest water network. Our purpose is to inspire and drive a sustainable water future. Aligned to this, AWA's International Program aspires to be an integral partner to the Australian government in water - connecting Australian expertise with need and opportunity overseas to drive a sustainable water future internationally.

AWA is proud to be facilitating the Cambodia - Australia Water Policy Forum in partnership with the Cambodian Water Association (CWA).

AWA and CWA have a long history of collaboration and this Forum is a continuation of our commitment to driving a sustainable water future for our sectors, our members and the people they serve.

The Cambodia - Australia Water Policy Forum provides a great opportunity for our sectors and key regional experts, to come together and share knowledge, experience and lessons learnt from our water journeys to help shape the future of water governance and management in the context of a changing climate, growing populations and increasing competition for water.

Across two days, we will explore various topics including water governance models and regulatory frameworks, water infrastructure prioritisation and investment models, the role of women in creating a sustainable water future and approaches to improving water resilience in a changing climate.

Moving forward, we will continue to build on our partnership with CWA and look for new collaborative opportunities to support the transfer of knowledge products and tools to inspire a sustainable water future and to support the Royal Kingdom of Cambodia's goals to achieve universal access to water and sanitation for its people.

Mrs. Corinne Cheeseman

Chief Executive

Australian Water Association



DAY 1 - THURSDAY, 16 JUNE 2022

Note: All times are Cambodia Standard Indochina Time (ICT)

8:30am	Arrival and Registration	Phokeethra 1
SESSION 1: Opening Ceremony Facilitated by Mrs. TOCH Sokunthea, Program Coordinator, Cambodian Water Supply Association		
9:00am-9:05am	Welcome and National Anthems of Cambodia and Australia	Mrs. TOCH Sokunthea Program Coordinator, Cambodian Water Supply Association
9:05am-9:10am	Welcome Remarks - Cambodian Water Supply Association (CWA)	Mr. LIM Minh Executive Director, Cambodian Water Supply Association
9:10am-9:15am	Welcome Remarks - Australian Water Association (AWA)	Mrs. Corinne Cheeseman Chief Executive, Australian Water Association
9:15am-9:20am	Welcome Remarks - Investing in Infrastructure (3i)	Mss. TIN Mola Chief Technical Adviser, 3i
9:20am-9:30am	Welcome Remarks - Australian Embassy	Ms. Sharon Ben-Porat Second Secretary, Development Cooperation
9:30am-10:00am	Welcome Remarks - Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology & Innovation (MISTI)	Representative of the Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology & Innovation
10:00am-10:30am	Morning Tea Break	
SESSION 2: Water Development Fund Facilitated by Mss. TIN Mola, Chief Technical Adviser, 3i		
10:30am-10:45am	Presentation 1: Update and Progress for the Cambodian Water Development Fund	Mr. Edward P. White Water Development Fund Consultant, 3i
10:45am-11:00am	Discussion of Presentation 1	All
11:00am-11:15am	Presentation 2: Delivering the Next Generation of Water Infrastructure for Australia	Mr. Malcolm Southwell Assistant Secretary, Policy, Science and Engagement Branch, National Water Grid Authority
11:15am-11:30am	Discussion of Presentation 2	All
11:30am-11:45am	Presentation 3: Lessons Learnt for The Philippines Water Revolving Fund (PWRF)	Ms. MATSUBAYASHI Miha Water Resources Group, Global Environmental Department, JICA
11:45am-12:00pm	Discussion of Presentation 3	All
12:00pm-12:30pm	Summary Discussion of Session 2	Facilitated by 3i
12:30pm-1:30pm	Lunch Break	La Coupole Restaurant
SESSION 3: Women in Water Facilitated by Ms. Sally Armstrong, Head of International and Industry Programs, Australian Water Association		
1:30pm-2:00pm	Presentation 1: Gender Representation in Cambodia's Water Supply Business and Strategies to Promote the Participation of Young Women in Water and Water Research	Ms. SIM Siemny Chief Executive Officer, Chamkarleu Water Supply Mr. SAO Davy Executive Director, Centre for Sustainable Water
2:00pm-2:10pm	Discussion of Presentation 1	All
2:10pm-2:30pm	Presentation 2: Towards Gender Equity in the Australian Water Sector - Experiences and Outcomes	Mrs. Corinne Cheeseman Chief Executive, Australian Water Association
2:30pm-2:40pm	Discussion of Presentation 2	All
2:40pm-3:00pm	Presentation 3: Gender Equality and Inclusion in Water Management: A regional perspective of evidence, tools and opportunities	Ms. Melita Grant Research Director, Institute for Sustainable Futures, UTS
3:00pm-3:10pm	Discussion of Presentation 3	All
3:10pm-3:40pm	Summary Discussion of Session 3	Facilitated by AWA
3:40pm-3:45pm	Day 1 Closing Remarks	Ms. Sally Armstrong Head of International & Industry Programs, Australian Water Association
6:00pm-8:00pm	Networking Evening - canapés and beverages	Phokeethra Sky, Sofitel Phnom Penh Phokeethra

DAY 2 - FRIDAY, 17 JUNE 2022

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8:30am	Arrival and Registration	Phokeethra 1
SESSION 4: Water Supply Governance Facilitated by Mss. TIN Mola, Chief Technical Adviser, 3i		
9:00am-9:05am	Welcome Remarks	Mss. TIN Mola Chief Technical Adviser, 3i
9:05am-9:20am	Presentation 1: Issues on Water Extraction Governance from the Private Perspective	Mr. LIM Minh Executive Director, Cambodian Water Supply Association
9:20am-10:05am	Presentation 2: The Multi-Ministry Approach to Water Extraction Governance for Piped Water Supply	Mr. KHUN Sakhoeun Director of PDOWRAM Prey Veng Mr. VAN Sopheap Director of DISTI Prey Veng Mr. CHAN Virak Water and Sanitation Specialist, World Bank
10:05am-10:30am	Discussion of Presentations 1 & 2	All
10:30am-11:00am	Morning Tea Break	
11:00am-11:20am	Presentation 3: Australia's Water Governance Journey, Lessons and Next Steps	Dr. Jane Doolan Former Commissioner, Productivity Commission
11:20am-11:30am	Discussion of Presentation 3	All
11:30am-11:50am	Presentation 4: The Governance Model of the Vietnam Water Sector	Ms. Ha Thanh Hang Head of International Cooperation Department, Vietnam Water Supply and Sewerage Association (VWSA)
11:50am-12:00pm	Discussion of Presentation 4	All
12:00pm-12:30pm	Summary Discussion of Session 4	Facilitated by 3i
12:30pm-1:30pm	Lunch Break	La Coupole Restaurant
SESSION 5: Water Resilience and Climate Change Adaptation Facilitated by Mr. RIEL Vira, Program Manager, Cambodian Water Supply Association		
1:30pm-1:50pm	Presentation 1: Cambodia's Opportunity to Develop Climate Resilient Water Systems	Mr. SRENG Sokvung Technical Department of GDWAT, MISTI Mr TITH. Nhim Senior Water Resource Management Specialist, WaterAID
1:50pm-2:00pm	Discussion of Presentation 1	All
2:00pm-2:20pm	Presentation 2: Planning for Resilience in the Face of Uncertainty: A Sydney Perspective	Mr. Ashraf El-Sherbini Director, Resilient Cities and Towns, Water Group, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
2:20pm-2:30pm	Discussion of Presentation 2	All
2:30pm-2:50pm	Presentation 3: Mainstreaming Water Resilience in Asia and the Pacific	Mr. Alessio Giardino Senior Climate Change Specialist, Water Sector Group at the Asian Development Bank
2:50pm-3:00pm	Discussion of Presentation 3	All
3:00pm-3:30pm	Summary Discussion of Session 5	Facilitated by CWA
3:30pm-3:45pm	Closing Remarks - Australian Water Association (AWA)	Ms. Sally Armstrong Head of International & Industry Programs, Australian Water Association
3:45pm-4:00pm	Closing Remarks - Investing in Infrastructure (3i)	Mss. TIN Mola Chief Technical Adviser, 3i
4:00pm-4:15pm	Closing Remarks - Cambodian Water Supply Association (CWA)	Mr. LIM Minh Executive Director, Cambodian Water Supply Association
4:15pm-4:30pm	Closing Remarks and Close of Forum - Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology & Innovation (MISTI)	Representative of the Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology & Innovation

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