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Opening Remarks

From the Mekong Future Initiative Director Mr Allen Dodgson Tan, the Australian Ambassador Pablo Kang, the US Ambassador Patrick Murphy, the British Ambassador Tina Redshaw and HE Dr Say Samal Minister for Environment.



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Scene Setting

COP26 UN Climate Change Conference presented by the COP26 Regional Ambassador for the Asia-Pacific Ken O'Flaherty, a discussion on the impacts of climate change in Cambodia between the Minister for Environment HE Dr Say Samal and the British Ambassador Tina Redshaw and the business case for climate action presented by Ms Rebecca Foster (Global Head of Quality and Compliance, Marks and Spencer).



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Cambodia's Transition Towards a Carbon Neutral Economy: The European perspective

A panel discussion on Cambodia's transition towards a carbon-neutral future where CEOs present their climate ambitions as well as difficulties and challenges that exist to help and inspire other companies in their sustainability journey. Opening remarks will be delivered by HE Dr Tin Ponlok and Mr Clemens Beckers (Attaché for Natural Resources and Climate Change, EU Delegation). Featuring expert panellists Dr Susanne Bodach (Managing Director, BEE Incorporations), Mr Thomas Hundt (CEO, Smart Axiata), Anne Ollivier (Corporate Affairs Director, Heineken Cambodia), Mr Prayag Chitrakar (Country Manager, DHL) and Mr Jorge Baigorri (CEO, Chip Mong Insee Corporation). Closing remarks by EuroCham Director Mr Tassilo Brinzer.



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Race to Zero

An introduction to the Race to Zero campaign and why it is beneficial for businesses to sign up for it, presented by BritCham Executive Director Ms Jane Wilding. Followed by a panel discussion with leading international brands around their Race to Zero experiences. Including expert panellists Mr Peter Ford (Country Manager, H&M), Ms Kerry Adams-Strump (Director of ESG, Prudential) and Ms Fiona Macklin (Race to Zero Campaign Coordinator at UNFCCC).



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The Role and Opportunities for Banks and ESG in Reducing Climate Impacts in Cambodia

A discussion amongst the senior leaders of the banking and finance sector in Cambodia on the leadership role the banks can play to promote sustainability, both within their own operations and that of their clients and the economy. Opening remarks from Mr Richard Chen (Director for the Sustainable Economic Growth Office, USAID).





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15.45 \ 16.30 **Accessing International Climate Investment flows for Cambodia**

International capital flows are rapidly shifting to prioritise climate as an investment requirement globally. Following the Paris Climate Agreement, substantial capital has been committed to help developing countries to manage the costs of a transition to lower carbon footprint. This panel will explore current plans to enable Cambodia and its economy to benefit from this capital flow. Moderated by Mr John McGinley (Founder & Partner, Mekong Strategic Partners) featuring expert panellists Ms Ophelie Bourhis (Country Director, Agence Francaise de Developpement) and Mr Colin Moore (Regional Carbon Advisor, WCS).



16.45 \ 17.30 **Accelerating Cambodia's Clean Energy Transition**

Australia's Ambassador to Cambodia will lead a panel discussion with the public and private sector on how Cambodia's clean energy transition can support economic and climate ambitions. Australia is supporting the Cambodian Government to develop a Renewable Energy Assessment and Integration Strategy. This strategy analyses the renewable energy potential in Cambodia and outlines pathways to integrate more variable renewable energy to support a sustainable, affordable and reliable electricity system.



17.45 \ 18.30 **Building the Next Generation of Sustainable Businesses That Matter**

Case Study: Establishing Cambodia's largest cassava starch processing factory operating in accordance with a strong inclusive and environmentally friendly value chain principles project. Presentation and panel discussion with key stakeholders Natharoun Ngo (Co-Founder & Director of Strategy, Platform Impact) Mr Wisal Hin (Co-Founder & Director of Innovation, Platform Impact), Mr Michael Tse (GreenLeader, Senior Advisor) Mr David Van (Public-Private Partnership Director, Platform Impact), Marc Eberle (Smart-Agro, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer) and Yannick Milev (Chamroeun Microfinance, Chief Executive Officer).



18.45 \ 19.30 **CCCS21 Youth Summit**

A presentation on Cambodian youths response to COP26 goals and the effectiveness of engagement across all sectors can turn climate risks into opportunities for improved resilience. Featuring the discussion from World Cafe and an interview with Cambodian people about their perception of climate change.



19.30 \ 20.00 **CCCS21 Oxfam Youth Panel**

A panel discussion with Oxfam supported youth environmental groups on the protection and management of natural resources and their contribution to climate change mitigation, together with panelists from Oxfam Mr. Soknak POR (Natural Resource Management Program Coordinator) and Ms. San SAR (Impact SME Project Manager) on how they engage and support youth leaders and the business sector to address climate change issues and promote green growth.





INTRODUCTION

On September 28, in the lead-up to the COP26 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, business leaders, climate change experts and public sector representatives came together in the inaugural Cambodia Climate Change Summit 2021 (CCCS21) broadcast live from Phnom Penh's Raffles Le Royal Hotel to showcase their shared vision of a sustainable future.

The day-long summit was organized by the Ministry of Environment and Mekong Future Initiative, a Singapore-based think-tank, in partnership with the British, Australian, and United States embassies, institutional policy-makers, and private enterprises and sponsored by HEINEKEN Cambodia & Smart Axiata.

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***-Allen Dodgson Tan
Director
Mekong Future Initiative***

Watching the broadcast live from across the nation, CCCS21 attendees gained essential insights into the latest climate-related policies and trends, including green investment initiatives and financing opportunities that will play a decisive role in ensuring Cambodia remains relevant to the future carbon-neutral global economy.

Mr Allen Dodgson Tan, Director General of the Mekong Future Institute, said the landmark summit was a chance to make real progress in Cambodia's transition to a green economy.

“This event has been an important platform for discussing key climate issues in the Kingdom,” he said. “The response has been incredible from the private sector, a key factor in moving beyond policy and to action.”

The summit enjoyed strong support both from private sector leaders and representatives of the international community. Minister of Environment HE Say Samal, who delivered key opening remarks on the urgency of global climate change action, was joined by British Ambassador to Cambodia Ms Tina Redshaw, the US Ambassador to Cambodia Mr W. Patrick Murphy, and the Australian Ambassador to Cambodia Mr Pablo Kang.

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***-US Ambassador W. Patrick
Murphy***

“This Cambodian summit reflects our commitment to addressing shared challenges and pursuing opportunities to green our respective economies,” said US Ambassador to Cambodia Mr W. Patrick Murphy. “The timeline for countries, corporations, and individuals to advance from climate ambition to action is both compressed and urgent, but achievable. I welcome summit discussions on bringing climate finance to Cambodia, led by our partner ‘Green Invest Asia’, and look forward to a youth-led conversation on expectations for COP26.”

Designed to complement the upcoming COP26 climate change discussions in the United Kingdom, the summit was organized along four themes reflecting a united approach to combating the climate crisis.



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The first, Collaboration, emphasized the urgency of both the public and private sectors working in concert with civil society to develop new strategies towards fulfilling national commitments to achieving the targets set in the Paris Agreement framework.

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***-Anne Ollivier
Corporate Affairs Director
HEINEKEN***

The second, Mitigation, highlighted leading efforts towards accelerating Cambodia's transition towards a net-zero economy. Adaptation showcased best practices in community and natural habitat protection and nature-based solutions to the climate crisis in addition to business opportunities to strengthen the growing green economy.

And Green Financing provided attendees with an in-depth look into upcoming investment opportunities in Cambodia's emerging green infrastructure and pathways towards unlocking private financing for business leaders.

Over the course of more than eight hours of lively panel discussions, one-on-one interviews and case studies, representatives of the public sector engaged with prominent civil society figures and leaders from the business community to explore sustainable strategies towards significantly reducing carbon emissions.

By focusing on the best practices of international brands and corporations, some of which had been greening their operations for years, attendees were presented with a path towards net zero emissions that was at once optimistic and practical, demonstrating through real, existing examples the great strides that can be achieved in transitioning towards a green economy. This approach-- putting visionary private sector leadership at the heart of any industry-wide action on climate change -- promises a more sustainable road to real action to curb the worsening climate crisis.

“Carbon neutrality is not new for HEINEKEN,” said Ms Anne Ollivier, Corporate Affairs Director for HEINEKEN Cambodia, one of the event's main sponsors. “We have been reducing our brewery energy consumption in Cambodia for a few decades already, and we started to invest in Renewable Energy solutions a few years ago as part of our Sustainable Development strategy -- Brew a Better World -- launched in 2010.

“At Smart, sustainability stays at the center of our business operation. We understand the immense responsibility we have towards protecting our environment ... we support the [CCCS21] where leaders and practitioners gather to discuss and lay out their visions for innovative solutions to some of the most pressing environmental issues in the Kingdom and beyond.”

***-Thomas Hundt
CEO
Smart Axiata***

INTRODUCTION



At CCCS21 (right to left) H.E Say Samal, Amb. W. Patrick Murphy, Amb. Pablo Kang & Allen Dodgson Tan

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Mr Thomas Hundt, Chief Executive Officer of Smart-Axiata, said the summit had been an unmissable opportunity for businesses to showcase the steps they had taken towards addressing the climate crisis. By offering attendees a vision of what real steps both the public and private sector can take to show leadership in this global struggle, the inaugural CCCS21 was a celebration of just this courage, and the practical actions that we can take in the fight that will shape what world we leave to future generations.

“At Smart, sustainability stays at the center of our business operation,” he said. “We understand the immense responsibility we have towards protecting our environment while continuing to deliver connectivity services to our customers. Therefore, we have focused on mitigating our environmental impacts by implementing and supporting both internal and external sustainability initiatives to address climate change.

That's why we support the Cambodia Climate Change Summit 2021, where leaders and practitioners gather to discuss and lay out their visions for innovative solutions to some of the most pressing environmental issues in the Kingdom and beyond.”

The mounting climate crisis remains the greatest challenge facing the global community, and it will take a global response to mitigate and adapt to its ravages. But this emergency, and the urgent steps required to meet it, doesn't just represent disaster, but opportunity -- an opportunity for the world's visionaries to invest in new technologies and practices that will require vast capital infusions, and deliver real rewards to businesses bold enough to lead the way. 🌱

SCENE SETTING

BY THE BRITISH EMBASSY



British Embassy
Phnom Penh



The day's discussions opened with a breakdown of the upcoming COP26 UN Climate Change Conference presented by the COP26 Regional Ambassador for the Asia-Pacific Mr Ken O'Flaherty, giving attendees a global view of the steps the international community needs to take in order to meet its commitments under the Paris Climate Accords.

For a more intimate discussion on the immediate and medium-term impacts of the warming world on Cambodia, Minister for Environment HE Say Samal spoke with British Ambassador to Cambodia Ms Tina Redshaw.

"I am delighted that Cambodia is holding the Climate Change Summit ahead of COP26," Ms Redshaw said. "Climate change is the single biggest challenge the world is facing and requires collaboration between the public and private sector both within Cambodia and across the world. The event will energize ambition and show the opportunities for positive climate action in Cambodia."

In a frank and open exchange, Ms Redshaw and HE Samal spoke about Cambodia's deep vulnerability to the effects of climate change -- and the urgent need to build up the necessary infrastructure and mechanisms to not only mitigate the worse effects of the global rise in temperatures, but to adapt its institutions to meet the need to transition to a green economy.

The discussion also gave HE Samal an opportunity to expand on the considerable progress that Cambodia has already made in encouraging investment in green financing and green technologies, giving attendees a clear assessment of where the government's priorities lay in the ongoing push to build a more sustainable and resilient economy.

The discussion was followed by a presentation by Marks and Spencer's Global Head of Quality and Compliance Ms Rebecca Foster, expanding the discussion from government policy to the clear need for private enterprise to play a central role in any government-led action to stave off the worst effects of climate change.

Scene Setting concluded with an exclusive video excerpt from world-renowned nature documentarian, Sir David Attenborough on issues of Climate Change in Cambodian and the greater Mekong region.

CAMBODIA'S TRANSITION TOWARDS A CARBON NEUTRAL ECONOMY: THE EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE



BY EUROCHAM



Ms. Anne Ollivier

Corporate Affairs Director
of HEINEKEN Cambodia



Mr. Prayag CHITRAKAR

Country Manager of
DHL Express Cambodia



Mr. Jorge Baigorri

CEO of Chip Mong Insee
Corporation (CMIC)



Mr. Tassilo Brinzer

Chairman of EuroCham
Cambodia



Mr. Clemens Beckers

EU Delegation to the
Kingdom of Cambodia



H.E. Dr. Tin Ponlok

Secretary of State of the
Ministry of Environment of
Cambodia



Dr. Susanne Bodach

Managing Director of
BEE Incorporations



Mr. Thomas Hundt

CEO of Smart Axiata



CAMBODIA'S TRANSITION TOWARDS A CARBON NEUTRAL ECONOMY: THE EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE



The European Union is not just a pillar of the global push for action on climate change, but the birthplace of countless international corporations that have extended their operations throughout the Asia-Pacific. This panel discussion on Cambodia's transition towards a carbon-neutral future allowed CEOs to present their climate ambitions as well as the challenges ahead to help inspire Cambodian and international businesses in their own sustainability journey.

Following opening remarks delivered by Ministry of Environment Deputy Director General HE Dr Tin Ponlok and EU Delegation Attaché for Natural Resources and Climate Change Mr Clemens Beckers, this session focused on a panel discussion between key business leaders including BEE Incorporations Managing Director Dr Susanne Bodach, Smart-Axiata CEO Mr Thomas Hundt (CEO, Smart Axiata), HEINEKEN Cambodia Corporate Affairs Director Ms Anne Ollivier, DHL Country Manager Mr Prayag Chitrakar and Chip Mong Insee Corporation CEO Mr Jorge Baigorri (CEO, Chip Mong Insee Corporation). Closing remarks were delivered by EuroCham Director Mr Tassilo Brinzer.

Speaking after the panel discussion, Mr Clemens Beckers, the Attaché for Natural Resources and Climate Change for the EU Delegation, said that the talk had been a positive step for Cambodia's pathway towards a carbon-neutral economy.

"We were hoping to see reinvigorated dynamics, that things that might be a bit stuck or don't move, that they become a bit more fluid by the exchange between the public and private sector," he said.

For Dr Susanne Badoch, the Managing Director of green building consultancy BEE Incorporations, one of the main takeaways of the summit had been the opportunity to draw together CEOs from different companies operating both globally and across Cambodia had been an invaluable one.

"The advantage is you get different points of views, and practical solutions," she said. "Because they just tried to find a solution to achieve corporate goals that fits to their operations here in Cambodia . What is most important is that we can also give the message that it's not only corporations coming from abroad that must change -- it's also the local business community that must start to understand this climate ambitions and set their own climate goals, going step by step. It has become now a must -- it's not just something additional like CSR [Corporate Social Responsibility], I would say."

As a major market for Cambodian exports, the EU has long played a critical role in Cambodia's economic growth and development. Now, said Mr Clemens, it was time to extend that same cooperation into the Kingdom's drive to build a green economy.

"The EU is hopefully a partner, an equal-level partner in supporting the country in reaping the new benefits, the new opportunities that come with this climate change challenge," he said. "So really it's to support a green economy approach, it's about forestry, it's about agriculture, it's about energy, it's about many sectors. Here in Cambodia we have many roles, but an important one is development cooperation, another one is a trade relation with the EU. So we want to better integrate this."

A number of the panellists emphasised the pressing need for Cambodia to create a secure regulatory framework to incentivise greater investment in green industries. Far from putting international investors off, Ms Bodach said, a clear and open stance towards environmentally friendly investment would offer Cambodia a chance to distinguish itself further from neighbouring economies, and even become an attractive hub for international corporations seeking out opportunities to invest in ambitious action to mitigate climate change.

"I think Cambodia has been doing very well in promoting itself as an investment-friendly country, but this word 'green', and 'sustainable', and maybe 'carbon-neutral' in a decade or two -- let's see," she said. "That would add value, because environmental and social governance will play more and more a role in investing."

RACE TO ZERO

BY BRITCHAM CAMBODIA



The global Race to Zero campaign brings together real economy actors -- including cities, businesses and investors collectively responsible for nearly a quarter of the world's carbon emissions and more than half of its GDP -- to build momentum towards a net-zero-emission economy by the middle of the century. In this session, attendees were given an introduction to the Race to Zero campaign and an in-depth discussion on why it is beneficial for businesses to sign up for it, presented by BritCham Executive Director Ms Jane Wilding.

The panel discussion pulled together leading international brands around their Race to Zero experiences, including expert panellists Mr Peter Ford, Programme Environmental Specialist at H&M, Prudential Director of ESG Ms Kerry Adams-Strump and UNFCCC Race to Zero Campaign Coordinator Ms Fiona Macklin.

Speaking on the sidelines of the discussion, Britcham Cambodia Executive Director Ms Jane Wilding outlined three practical steps that companies could take towards reaching net zero emissions.

“Just start,” she said. “It might seem like a very big target, but if you don’t start now you’re never going to reach that. So the key message from all of the participants was, you need to get started, and get started now. The second is collaboration -- speak to your peers, speak to your supply chains, your logistics, your partners, whoever it is who can assist you in coming up with your targets and pledges. And the third one was tracking -- to determine what tools and levers that are available to you to ensure that you’re on that path.”

By pledging to reach net zero greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible, and by 2050 at the latest, businesses can demonstrate their resolve to help build a more resilient and inclusive economy. More crucially, it ensures that companies are not left behind in the growing push for widespread decarbonisation.

“What was really interesting to see was how many people signed up to this summit today,” Ms Wilding said. “Cambodia is one of those countries possibly not that well-known for having these targets. It was really great to hear H&M’s regional actual policies and targets to reach net zero. The key message from Prudential was: it will only happen if we do it together. We really do have to support each other. So coming up with those collaborations, those peer groups, that help and assistance and guidance from those who have already done it is going to be key, because net zero by 2050 is only going to work if everybody’s in. So it is a race, and it’s a race to zero.”



THE ROLE AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR BANKS AND ESG IN REDUCING CLIMATE IMPACTS IN CAMBODIA



BY USAID



Mr. Richard Chen

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Senior Vice President
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Mr. Raymond Sia Say Guan

CEO and Executive Board
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THE ROLE AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR BANKS AND ESG IN REDUCING CLIMATE IMPACTS IN CAMBODIA



Any discussion on climate change action must be rooted in a frank assessment of just how the shift to a carbon-neutral economy can be financed. Real action to adapt to the threat of climate change will inevitably require a massive infusion of capital as new technologies flourish and private enterprises reorder their day-to-day operations to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

In this discussion, senior leaders of the banking and finance sector in Cambodia shared their thoughts on the leadership role that banks and other financial institutions can play in promoting sustainability, both within their own operations and that of their clients and the broader economy.

The opening remarks were delivered by Mr Richard Chen, the Director for USAID's Sustainable Economic Growth Office, and spoke about the rising opportunities for financing green projects. This was followed by a panel discussion moderated by Ms Olivia Snow, the Senior Financial Analyst at Mekong Strategic Partners and Sustainable Finance Advisor for USAID Green Invest Asia.

Expert panellists included Mr Soeng Phorn, Senior Vice President and Head of Credit Division at ACLEDA Bank, Mr Raymond Sia Say Guan, the CEO and Executive Board Director at Canadia Bank and Ms Sochinda Chan, Head of Business Development at the Association of Banks in Cambodia.

In his opening remarks, Mr Richard Chen said that while climate change discussions often focused on the likely devastating impacts of rising global temperatures and the accompanying destruction of fertile soil and freshwater on disadvantaged communities, it was also crucial to freely discuss the growing opportunities to fund initiatives that will serve as the building blocks for a renewed and renewable global economy.

“For climate-savvy investors and entrepreneurs, the planet is the biggest and ultimate shareholder, holding all the world's natural assets,” he said. “In the spirit of honouring that shareholder, we are in the middle of the largest global market expansion in history for green bond offerings. In addition, the market for carbon offsets is expected to multiply as companies and countries set ambitious goals for net-zero carbon emissions.”

By creating mechanisms by which companies and countries can not only offset their carbon emissions through market-based means but also for investing much-needed capital in both public and private sector actors putting in the work to create jobs founded on a green economy, financial institutions have an urgent role to play in pledging their support to a carbon-neutral future.



ACCESSING INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE INVESTMENT FLOWS FOR CAMBODIA



BY USAID



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ACCESSING INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE INVESTMENT FLOWS FOR CAMBODIA



International capital flows are rapidly shifting to prioritise climate as an investment requirement globally. Following the Paris Climate Agreement, substantial capital has been committed to help developing countries to manage the costs of a transition to a lower carbon footprint.

In this panel discussion, a group of experts explored ongoing plans that would enable Cambodia and its economy to tap into and benefit from this capital flow. Moderated by Mr John McGinley, Founder & Partner of Mekong Strategic Partners and Strategic Advisor at USAID Green Invest Asia, the discussion involved Agence Française de Développement Country Director Ms Ophelie Bourhis and Mr Colin Moore, Regional Carbon Advisor for the Wildlife Conservation Society.

Speaking ahead of the panel, Mr McGinley said that Cambodia was well-positioned to bring in international capital to finance its transition to a green economy.

“I think Cambodia has relatively fewer barriers than its neighbours,” he said. “And I think that’s a function of the government’s open-mindedness to work with different partners, whether it’s development of the business sector or the international community. Cambodia is miles ahead of its neighbours in terms of developing climate or carbon financing. So I see more reasons to celebrate the success and progress that’s been made in Cambodia when I look at other countries in the region that are miles behind, frankly.”

He said that summits such as this helped build cooperation and cohesion that was heartening to see.

“It’s awareness-raising, bringing in experts from different parts of interest groups, whether it’s development partners or investors, banks, government, and just reinforcing that message that there’s a kind of shared common interest in the topic, and that there’s not one particular industry partner that’s not here today, whether it’s a bank or a company or Heineken or a minister,” he said. “And I think it’s clear that there’s an agreed common concern or awareness of the risks and opportunities of the climate. So I think today if you’re looking at the stakeholders who came here that’s kind of aligned -- it’s not just development partners and the government, it’s a broad representation of banking and finance, investment and development and so on. So that’s good, that’s an outcome that I thought might be achieved.”

With Cambodia consistently ranked as one of the nation’s of the world most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, with increased droughts and flooding just one manifestation of the fast-unfolding effects of rising global temperatures, Mr McGinley said that Cambodia had achieved an essential unanimity on the need for action on the climate crisis.

“I think it’s probably underpinned by a shared understanding of vulnerability for Cambodia,” he said. “I think it became clear today by the different people involved that it’s acknowledged that Cambodia’s vulnerable. People realise what needs to be done to help and move forward and make Cambodia more resilient and people just seem to want to get on with it. They don’t play politics with it as much here. That’s the difference.”





Australian Embassy
Phnom Penh

ACCELERATING CAMBODIA'S CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION



THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY



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EnergyLab Cambodia



Mr. Richard Pullen

Representative of
TotalEnergies Renewable
DG Asia



ACCELERATING CAMBODIA'S CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION



Following on the heels of the People's Republic of China's announcement that it would no longer be funding overseas coal-fired power plants, Australia's Ambassador to Cambodia Mr Pablo Kang led a panel discussion with the public and private sector on how Cambodia's clean energy transition can support economic and climate ambitions.

"Through our development assistance, Australia works closely with the private sector, civil society, and government towards the goal of realising the potential of variable renewable energy while growing Cambodia's economy," he said.

Moderated by Mr Pablo Kang, the panel featured experts including Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Mines and Energy HE Victor Jona, Total Solar DG Director Mr Richard Pullen and Energy Lab Country Director Ms Bridget McIntosh.

In a convivial yet frank exchange, the ambassador expanded on Australia's support for the Cambodian government's development of a Renewable Energy Assessment and Integration Strategy that would analyse the renewable energy potential in Cambodia and outline pathways to integrate more variable renewable energy sources.

The panel praised Cambodia's impressive record on electrification throughout the countryside as well as its growing uptake of variable renewable energy. Total Solar's Mr Richard Pullen brought an invaluable private-sector perspective on the irreplaceable role of energy not only in addressing climate change but in alleviating poverty and propelling sustainable development. Mr Pullen advocated for encouraging the private sector to invest directly in solar systems, citing his own experience working closely with agricultural companies including CP and the Mong Reththy Group, as well as major players in the garment industry such as H&M.

Ms Bridget McIntosh was quick to emphasise that transitioning to clean energy was not just a matter of addressing climate change, but a rational economic decision to ensure Cambodians had access to cheap and reliable electricity.

"Cambodia depends on global action for climate change, but it can also take advantage of the activities and investment that have brought down the costs of technologies such as solar, wind and batteries, but also the activities relating to energy efficiency," she said. "We only ever talk about the economic benefits that clean energy can bring to Cambodia."

With Cambodia still shaking off the heavy economic toll of two years of global pandemic, she said, renewable energy provided an incredible opportunity for getting the country back on its feet.

"If Cambodia wants to build back better and grow out of COVID, then clean energy is an excellent economic stimulus, because solar and wind have no fuel costs -- you pay all of it up front. It's like pre-paying your energy for the next 20 to 30 years. You get all of that money into the economy now, it creates jobs, and it brings in much-needed investment."



BUILDING THE NEXT GENERATION OF SUSTAINABLE BUSINESSES THAT MATTER

BY PLATFORM IMPACT



Mr. Natharoun NGO

Representative of
Platform Invest In Impact



Mr. Wisal Hin

Co-Founder and Director
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Invest In Impact



Mr. Michael Tse

Representative of
Green Leader/Platform
Invest In Impact



Mr. David Van

Representative of
Platform Invest In Impact



Mr. Marc Eberle

Founder of SmartArgo
Sustainable Innovations
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Mr. Yannick Milev

CEO of Chamroeun
Microfinance Plc



BUILDING THE NEXT GENERATION OF SUSTAINABLE BUSINESSES THAT MATTER



To illustrate how the ideas and guidelines outlined in the day's discussions could be concretely put into practice, Platform Impact presented an in-depth case study on how financial institutions can connect with local communities to build a sustainable and significant contribution to the growing green economy.

The project focused on establishing Cambodia's largest cassava starch processing factory, operating in accordance with a strong inclusive and environmentally friendly value chain principles project. By working with a community of smallholder farmers trained in agriculturally sustainable cassava-growing practices, the project aims to re-home cassava starch processing within Cambodia rather than relying on carbon-intensive supply chains with Vietnam's processing facilities.

The presentation and panel discussion was led by key stakeholders including Mr Natharoun Ngo, Co-Founder and Director of Strategy for Platform Impact, Mr Wisal Hin, Co-Founder and Director of Innovation for Platform Impact, Mr Michael Tse, a Senior Advisor at GreenLeader, Mr David Van, Platform Impact's Public-Private Partnership Director, Marc Eberle, Co-Founder and CEO of Smart-Agro, Co-Founder and Chamroeun Microfinance CEO Yannick Milev.

Speaking ahead of the presentation, Mr Yannick Milev said that financial institutions were essential in scaling up projects aiming to build alternatives to carbon-intensive industry practices.

"There's a huge role [for financial institutions] -- it's complicated," he said. "If you just take Chamroeun independently, we've been wanting to do green financing for a while, but we finance smallholder farmers, low-income households with loans of \$500-800 -- how can we really get climate resilience and changes in terms of practices in agriculture by ourselves? It's very challenging."

Mr Milev called on Cambodia's entrepreneurs to take on a leadership role in investing in projects that rejected the idea of business as usual.

"The first are the business leaders -- you need them to take that initiative to say yeah that makes sense to sell cassava starch, instead of selling cassava to Vietnam we're going to produce it here, buy it here and make the starch here," he said. "But we're also going to do it in a way that strengthens the quality of the soil. So you need a visionary like that. And then as actors we can come in to support them in reaching that objective. But there's a lot of advocacy work to be done to get that leadership there."

The discussion gave attendees a crucial look at how some of the larger-scale concepts around decarbonisation and a transition to a sustainable economy could be realised at a grassroots level -- facilitated, of course, by strong public sector incentives and a clear regulatory framework.

"You can set up the policy, and that's fine," Mr Milev said. "But I think through that business innovation and commitment, that can bring change in policy and awareness in how to regulate that, what are the needs for these businesses to manage while at the same time enabling that conversion, those sustainable practices. It's multi-stakeholder. That's what makes it so challenging -- you need everybody on board."





SPEAKER PROFILES

In order of appearance



MEKONG
FUTURE INITIATIVE

ALLEN DODGSON TAN

DIRECTOR | MEKONG FUTURE INITIATIVE

Allen is a Cambodian-American entrepreneur, corporate leader, and product designer. He has more than ten years of experience in Cambodia, leading both organizations and companies. Currently, Allen is the Director of the Singapore-based think-tank, the Mekong Future Initiative (MFI); Director of Bluebell Cambodia, a subsidiary of the global luxury retail management giant Bluebell Group; Director of Business Development for WorldBridge Group (Cambodia) and strategic advisor to multiple companies based in Cambodia, Singapore, and the United States.



Australian Embassy
Phnom Penh

AMBASSADOR PABLO KANG

THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY

Pablo Kang has been the Australian Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia since December 2019. Ambassador Kang has also served as Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates (2012 - 2016) and Head of Mission to Vanuatu (2009-10), as Deputy Head of Mission and Counsellor to the Philippines (2006-08) and as Second Secretary in the United Kingdom (1999-2002).



British Embassy
Phnom Penh

AMBASSADOR TINA REDSHAW

THE BRITISH EMBASSY

Tina Redshaw became the first female British Ambassador to Cambodia in July 2018. Prior to taking up her role in Cambodia, she spent 18 months learning the Khmer language. Tina has extensive experience in Asia, having served twice in the British Embassy in Beijing (2000 to 2003 and 2007 to 2010), was Ambassador to Timor-Leste from 2003-2007, and most recently as the British Consul-General in Chongqing, South West China. She is a passionate advocate for gender equality and believes in enabling girls and young women to grow up with self-esteem and the power to shape the world around them.



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AMBASSADOR W. PATRICK MURPHY

US EMBASSY

W. Patrick Murphy was appointed Ambassador to Cambodia on August 8, 2019. He led the State Department Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs from 2018-2019 and was Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Southeast Asia from 2016-2018. He served previously as Deputy Chief of Mission and Chargé d’Affaires in the Kingdom of Thailand and Lesotho and has completed diplomatic assignments in Myanmar, China, Iraq, Guinea, and Mali. His prior Washington service includes Special Representative for Burma (Acting), Director of the Office for Mainland Southeast Asia, and desk officer for Burma and Laos.



H.E. SAY SAMAL

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT

H.E. Mr SAY Samal is currently the Minister of Environment and Chair of the National Council for Sustainable Development of the Kingdom of Cambodia. In this capacity, he has been working in close cooperation with relevant institutions and organizations to ensure not only environmental protection and biodiversity conservation but also sustainable development and inclusive economic growth for Cambodia. Prior to this position, he served as Deputy Secretary-General of the Royal Government of Cambodia, Office of the Council of Ministers and Permanent Vice-Chair and Secretary-General of Tonle Sap Authority. H.E. Mr SAY Samal received his Doctor of Philosophy from the School of Biological Sciences, Monash University, Australia in 2009.



AMBASSADOR KEN O’FLAHERTY

COP26 | FOREIGN & COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

Ken was appointed as Regional Ambassador for Asia Pacific and South Asia in March 2020. Ken has recently returned from a posting as Minister in Rome, and has experience in a number of Foreign Office Departments. He has previously served in the British embassy in Tokyo and Paris as well as the former UK Representation to the European Union. Ken has worked on a wide range of issues from climate change and energy to economic, EU cooperation, security, counter-terrorism and migration issues.



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MARKS & SPENCER

REBECCA FOSTER

**GLOBAL HEAD OF QUALITY AND COMPLIANCE
MARKS AND SPENCER**

Rebecca has worked for Marks and Spencer for almost 20 years, holding positions throughout the organisation in Product Technology and moved into the Sourcing Division 6 years ago. Throughout her career she has been responsible for different agendas on sustainable product and sustainable manufacturing as it underpins everything that they do as a business. She has travelled to over 20 countries where they manufacture and have knowledge of the different priorities in sourcing, Quality of Manufacture and Environmental issues of each country.




BritCham
Cambodia

JANE WILDING

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | BRITCHAM

Jane is a highly experienced commercial & marketing leader and has been in the role of Executive Director of Britcham Cambodia since March 2021. Her wealth of international experience and her energetic and enthusiastic style are ideal in raising the profile of Cambodia as a superb opportunity for investment and growth. Britcham Cambodia, established in 1995, provides support for UK-owned or UK-based companies who are looking to expand their operations and/or exports. They provide market assessment, advice and information, trade missions and events and identify export opportunities



RACE TO ZERO

FIONA MACKLIN

CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR | UNFCCC

Fiona leads the Race to Zero campaign within the High Level Climate Action Champions' team. Fiona joined the team in January this year, having worked with the UNFCCC Stakeholder Engagement Team prior to this role. She has worked extensively in stakeholder engagement and programme management, previously in higher education and more recently in the Emergency Services Team of the Red Cross in Australia.



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KERRY ADAMS-STRUMP

ESG DIRECTOR | PRUDENTIAL PLC

Kerry Adams-Strump is the Director of Group ESG at Prudential plc since April 2021. During 2020, Kerry developed the Group’s ESG strategic framework and she is now responsible for the ownership, delivery and embedding of the Group ESG Strategy and the Group’s ESG reporting. Kerry joined Prudential in June 2018 as the Chief of Staff to the Group CFO where she worked closely with the Group CFO and other senior executives to deliver the Group strategy. Prior to joining Prudential, Kerry spent almost 10 years in the Old Mutual Group, including three years in South Africa.



CLEMENS BECKERS

EU DELEGATION IN CAMBODIA

Clemens Beckers is attaché for natural resources and climate change at the EU Delegation in Cambodia. Previously, he was coordinator of development cooperation with different countries at the European Commission, and worked as policy advisor on environmental policies at the OECD. He started his career in development cooperation with GIZ (German Development Agency). He holds a master’s degree in economics from the Technical University in Berlin, and completed postgraduate studies on development policy at the German Development Institute.



JORGE BAIGORRI

CEO | CHIPMONG INSEE CORPORATION

Mr Jorge Baigorri, a Spanish national, has been the CEO of Chip Mong Insee corporation (CMIC) since July 15, 2021. Mr Jorge has 20 years of relevant experience in the building material industry, having held various roles in finance, strategy and general management in the Asia-Pacific, Europe, Africa, Middle East, and Latin America. Jorge’s last two roles have been as Head of Strategy and Business Development for the Asia-Pacific and most recently CEO of Holcim Ecuador.



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PRAYAG CHITRAKAR **COUNTRY MANAGER | DHL**

Prayag was born and raised in Nepal. He first arrived in Cambodia in 1999 and ever since has rooted himself in this country. With more than 20 years of experience with DHL Express Cambodia, Prayag witnessed how the country and DHL businesses evolved over the years. He started his career in sales and marketing and with his excellent people and leadership skills couple with successful business track records, he took over the role as Country Manager in 2012 and led the Cambodian team towards continuous double digits growth year on year.



DR SUSAN BODACH **MANAGING DIRECTOR | BEE INCORPORATIONS**

Dr. Susanne Bodach is an international expert on energy, climate and sustainability and has over 15 years of working experience with research institutions, development agencies and the private sector companies. She is Managing Director of BEE Incorporations in Cambodia, a multi-national consultancy company headquartered in Asia that delivers sustainability solutions for green and healthy buildings worldwide. Since 2020, Dr. Susanne Bodach is EuroCham Board Member and Chairwomen of the EuroCham's Green Business Committee.



THOMAS HUNDT **CEO | SMART AXIATA**

Having held key management positions in Siemens AG's Communications Division and at Nokia Siemens Network, Thomas has accrued vast experience in the telecommunications industry. He has been the CEO of Smart Axiata, Cambodia's leading mobile network operator, for over 13 years, and since January 2020, Thomas has also been the Group Executive Vice President for Technology at Axiata Group Berhad



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ANNE OLLIVIER

HEAD OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS | HEINEKEN

Anne Ollivier is the Corporate Affairs Director of HEINEKEN Cambodia for almost 2 years. She is a weathered Corporate Affairs professional with more than 15 years experience in that field across Europe, Africa Middle and Asia Pacific. Passionate by Sustainable Development, she will talk about HEINEKEN ambition to Brew a Better World and the group’s journey towards Carbon Neutrality. She will share the brewer’s experiences including initiatives already implemented by the group in Cambodia and its expectations for the future.



TASSILO BRINZER

CHAIRMAN | EUROCHAM

Living in Cambodia since 2001, Tassilo co-founded Southeastern Globe Communications, a regional media company based in the Kingdom with publications such as Southeastasiaglobe.com, Discover Cambodia, Focus Cambodia and since 2020, Focus - Ready for Tomorrow (Khmer). He is also the founder of Brains Communication, a PR & marketing consultancy, and Hops Craft Brewery, both in Phnom Penh. Tassilo has been leading the German Business Group in Cambodia (ADW) since 2010, and is co-founder of the European Chamber of Commerce in Cambodia, of which he became Chairman in 2020.



OLIVIA SNOW

**SUSTAINABLE FINANCE ADVISOR | USAID GREEN INVEST ASIA
SENIOR FINANCIAL ANALYST | MEKONG STRATEGIC PARTNERS**

Olivia has nearly 7 years of experience working in and consulting for, commercial banks in New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Cambodia. Prior to joining Mekong Strategic Partners in 2021, she held roles with the Bank of New Zealand and Pricewaterhouse Coopers. Olivia holds a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Auckland. Olivia serves as the Sustainable Finance Advisor for USAID Green Invest Asia's Cambodia activities.



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RAYMOND SIA SAY GUAN

CEO | CANADIA BANK

Mr. Raymond Sia is the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Board Director of Canadia Bank. Prior to joining Canadia Bank, Raymond served in various senior management and leadership roles with international and regional banks in Malaysia and Vietnam namely, Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia, Standard Chartered Bank Vietnam and Hong Leong Bank Vietnam where he was the CEO/General Director.



SOCHINDA CHAN

**HEAD OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
THE ASSOCIATION OF BANKS IN CAMBODIA**

Ms. Sochinda Chan is currently the Head of Business Development at The Association of Banks in Cambodia. She is in charge of the Cambodian Sustainable Finance Initiative (CSFI). She focuses on promoting Sustainable Finance Principles in Cambodia, and developing recommendations for managing the environmental and social risks in the banking industry.



SENG YOURADEN

**DIRECTOR OF BANKING SUPERVISION
DEPARTMENT II NATIONAL BANK OF CAMBODIA**

Mr. Seng Youraden is currently serving as the Director of Banking Supervision Department II at the National Bank of Cambodia. He has over a decade of experiences in banking and microfinance sector in Cambodia. Mr. Seng holds a Masters of Science at Asian Institute of Technology, a Masters of Business from Charles Sturt University & Masters of Public Administration at Grand Valley State University



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RICHARD CHEN

OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR THE SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH OFFICE | USAID

Richard Chen joined USAID Cambodia in August 2019 and serves as the Office Director for the Sustainable Economic Growth Office. He previously served with the USAID/West Africa Regional Mission as the Regional Economic Growth Office Director managing programs across 21 countries in Agriculture, Trade, Environment, Energy, and Water and Sanitation. He has experience working in Ghana, Mongolia, Afghanistan, and Indonesia. Richard received his M.A. in Economics from Tufts University and is a published author in the National Journal of Economics and Finance on capital markets.



SOENG PHORN

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT | ACLEDA BANK

Mr. Soeng Phorn is the Senior Vice President and Head of Credit Division as well as the Chairman of the Management Credit Committee of ACLEDA Bank Plc. He also serves the Credit Bureau Cambodia, as a Member of the Board Product Committee and Board Audit Committee. In addition he serves ACLEDA Bank Lao Ltd., as a Member of the Board Risk & IT Management Committee and Board Audit Committee.



JOHN MCGINLEY

STRATEGIC ADVISOR | USAID GREEN INVEST ASIA FOUNDER | MEKONG STRATEGIC PARTNERS

John is a founder and Managing Partner at MSP, an advisory & investment management firm, specializing in financial institutions, climate financing and technology. MSP is a partner in USAID Green Invest Asia, the US Government's flag ship climate finance program for Asia, in which John serves as its senior strategic advisor. MSP is currently mandated by GCF & the Cambodian Government, to develop and launch and an innovative climate financing vehicle for Cambodia. The catalytic financing vehicle will enable the development of a more adaptable, resilient and greener economy for Cambodia.



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OPHELIE BOURHIS

COUNTRY DIRECTOR | AFD

Ophélie BOURHIS has over 15-years experience in financing infrastructure, agriculture and access to essential services development projects.

She started her career in a French commercial bank, SocGen in the soft commodity sector. She joined the French Development Agency headquarters in Paris in 2013 as a senior analyst for non-sovereign activities. She was assigned Deputy Head of the Structured Finance and SOE Division in 2017, in charge of developing innovative and climate finance in the infrastructure sector. In September 2019, Ophélie BOURHIS was appointed AFD Country Director for Cambodia.



COLIN MOORE

CARBON ADVISOR | WCS

Colin is the Regional Carbon Advisor for WCS overseeing the management and buildout of the organization's NbS projects in the Mekong region and wider South East Asia. Over the last 14 years, Colin has engaged at multiple levels in the carbon markets and REDD+ space: policy advice to governments, consulting on early-stage projects, project development, securing project investment, and sales and marketing. Colin is currently deeply involved in channeling the increasing interest of private capital in NbS to high quality projects with multiple climate, biodiversity and community benefits.



FENELLA AOUANE

DEPUTY DIRECTOR | GGGI

Fenella heads GGGI's Carbon Pricing Global Practice. As a deputy director she is a carbon market expert with extensive experience as both a buyer and structurer of carbon transactions. She leads several programs on carbon investigating how to open up the carbon markets under Article 6, with the aim of enabling finance flows to help meet the Paris targets. Used to working in frontier markets she was previously a Director with Standard Bank, Africa's largest investment bank.



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BAN LIM

DEPUTY DIRECTOR | ARDB

Mr. Ban Lim joins ARDB as a Deputy Director in 2021. He had been working as a legal adviser, an internal auditor and a banking supervisor in the National Bank of Cambodia for more than 20 years. Mr. Lim holds a Master of Business Administration from the National University of Management where he graduated in 2005 and a Bachelor of Law from the Royal University of Law and Economics in 1998. For many years, he was also a lecturer in the field of banking law and regulation at Center for Banking Studies of the National Bank of Cambodia and Institute of Banking and Finance.



H.E VICTOR JONA

**UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
MINISTRY OF MINES & ENERGY**

Victor Jona has taken up the position of Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Mines and Energy from August 2021. Prior to this, he was Director General of Energy at the Ministry from April 2014 - August 2021, and Deputy Director General of Energy and in-Charge of Renewable Energy, Rural Electrification, Energy Efficiency and Conversation from 2006 - 2014. His Excellency is also the senior officer of Cambodia's Energy leader in the Framework of ASEAN Energy Cooperation and Head of Regional Power Trade Coordination Committee in Greater Mekong Sub-Region.



RICHARD PULLEN

MANAGER | TOTAL ENERGIES SOLAR

Richard has extensive knowledge of appropriate and renewable energy technologies, linked to business creation, development, and operational management. He has over 25 years of international project management experience, working in over 30 countries covering 6 continents. Richard focus is to manage and direct the TotalEnergies Solar team in India, Myanmar and Cambodia, and develop markets and strategic opportunities within the commercial and industrial rooftop solar sector.



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BRIDGET MCINTOSH

COUNTRY DIRECTOR | ENERGY LAB

Bridget McIntosh has 20 years of experience working to support sustainable energy in Australia, Asia and the Pacific. She has diverse experience having worked in business, multilaterals, startups, government consulting and research institutes. Most recently, Bridget is Country Director of EnergyLab Cambodia, an organisation established to support the growth of clean energy in Cambodia, with a particular focus on advocacy, innovation and startups. Prior to that, she worked at the University of Technology, Cambodian Climate Change Office and the World Bank and Carbon Bridge advisory business.



NATHAROUN NGO

CO-FOUNDER | PLATFORM IMPACT

Natharoun Ngo holds more than 18 years of private sector development and inclusive business experience, working with Ernst and Young Consulting and Cap Gemini in Europe early 2000; and in Asia since 2005 consulting for the IFC, The Asia Foundation, and working in leadership position for more than 10 years with the UNDP. He co-founded Platform-Impact. He is also the director of the Center for Khmer Studies. He holds an MBA from Paris XII University and an MPA from the Harvard Kennedy School. He is a member of the Asia Society.



WISAL HIN

CO-FOUNDER | PLATFORM IMPACT

Wisal is the Co-Founder and Director of Innovation at Platform-Impact and serves also as a Partnership Advisor at UNDP, leading strategic engagement with public and private sector leaders to address the most pressing development challenges in Asia Pacific. As an “Artisan of Impact” for over 20 years, he has forged unique ability in crafting partnership and financing models to accelerate structural changes for a more inclusive and sustainable society. Wisal holds a Master degree in International Project Management and a M.Sc. in Development Economics from Paris Pantheon-Sorbonne University.



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MICHAEL TSE

CEO | GREEN LEADER HOLDINGS

Mr. Tse has previously worked at the Asian Development bank stationed in many Asian countries. Mr. Tse has extensive experience in the Hong Kong capital market. Successfully leading companies like Asia Aluminum Holdings, Green Global Resources, North Asia Resources Limited, etc. He also held positions as Chairman, CEO and Executive Director of these companies. Mr. Tse is also the CEO & Executive Director of Green Leader Holdings, developing a fully integrated cassava processing project in Cambodia. The project is fully supported by the Cambodian government and the UNDP



MARC EBERLE

FOUNDER | SMARTAGRO

Marc has been living in Southeast Asia since 2000. He studied Argoecology and in 2018 founded SmartAgro Sustainable Innovations Co. Ltd. to create a driver for change. SmartAgro's mission is to re-design agricultural practices and change the paradigm of how we add long term value to people, smallholder communities and the ecosystem in the farming sector.



YANNICK MILEV

CEO | CHAMROEUN MICROFINANCE PLC

Yannick Milev is CEO for Chamroeun Microfinance Plc since 2017, and was Chairperson four years prior to that. He has been involved in social microfinance for close to 20 years, within the NGO sector initially, with a first posting in Ghana for six years in support to reproductive health and livelihoods for youth. He thereafter worked for development funds, with postings in Europe and in the Philippines, and with active work in over 15 countries in both Africa and Asia.



DAVID TAN

SENIOR ADVISOR | PLATFORM IMPACT

Entrepreneur & Trailblazer in PPP in Cambodia, adept also at Government Relations Advisory Services.



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SIVVEN OUNG

Sivven Oung is a student majoring in International Studies at the Royal University of Phnom Penh. Her interest in advocating for social issues began in my freshman high when she engaged in extracurricular activities and volunteer works. She believes that the art of delivering precise and practical messages through public relations is among the great way to raise awareness of her surroundings. The opportunity to be a member of the U.S. Ambassador's Youth Council further expanded her horizons and equipped her with the precise blend of knowledge to fulfill her passion for community services.



TOEM MOV

Toem Moev is currently senior student at Department of International Studies, Institute of Foreign Language and an active member of the U.S. Ambassador's Youth Council (AYC).



CHANSOMANITA MEUNG

Chansomanita is a senior at the Institute of Foreign Languages majoring in International Studies. She developed her interest in social and community work after she did her volunteering work with various youth-led organizations. She's a firm believer in making positive changes through constructive and respectful dialogue. She's also the batch 8 member at the U.S. Ambassador's Youth Council, where she grows personally and professionally.





YOUTH SUMMIT

BY US AMASSADOR'S
YOUTH COUNCIL



Ms. Sivven Oung
Representative of
The U.S. Ambassador's
Youth Council Cambodia



Ms. Chansomanita Meung
Representative of
The U.S. Ambassador's
Youth Council Cambodia



Mr. Toem Mov
Representative of
The U.S. Ambassador's
Youth Council Cambodia



YOUTH SUMMIT



BY US AMASSADOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL

The Ambassadors Youth Council presented the findings of the CCCS21 Youth Summit, held as a pre-conference event. The Youth Summit facilitated civic engagement and participation of young leaders across Cambodia in a democratic process to identify and highlight the key priorities of young people in taking on climate action. The summit highlighted how youth in Cambodia are not only the ones that will inherit the greatest challenges from climate impact across all sectors they are already leading and initiating new dynamic and innovative solutions to climate change prevention and mitigation.

Ms Sivven Oung, Ms Chansomanita Meung and Ms Toem Mov led a dynamic presentation including a vox pop video presentation that directly captures the voices and concerns of young Khmer young people. Their presentation stressed the necessity of ongoing consultation, civic participation and engagement of Khmer youth in key decision-making processes are pivotal to achieving societal change and accessing the entrepreneurial and innovative capacity of the national youth.

Key themes that emerged from the summit included:

Youth Driving Ambition: The need to formalise the empowerment of young people to have direct dialogue with businesses and governments and be involved in decision making. Developing and encouraging youth climate summits, forums and networks to enable young Khmer a platform for a collective voice and action.

Sustainable Recovery: The need for youth engagement and consultation in the development of government policy on climate change. This extended to specific policy priority areas such as attracting foreign investment in sustainable technology, finance policies that encourage the transformation of carbon-intensive industries and developing ecotourism as a pillar of a sustainable economic recovery.

Building a Climate Conscious Society: The need to build social awareness, particularly through the development of free and accessible educational resources for rural communities to understand climate issues and opportunities that relate directly to them. This discussion brought to the forefront concerns that rural communities will experience first-hand the most severe impacts of climate change and should be a priority for capacity building and engagement.



OXFAM YOUTH PANEL

BY OXFAM CAMBODIA



Ms. San Sar

Impact SME Project
Manager of Oxfam



Mr. Soknak Por

Natural Resource
Management Program
Coordinator of Oxfam



Ms. Sophary Ou

Member of Coalition of
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Chnok Trou, Kampong
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Ms. Sivven Oung

Moderator of the Oxfam
Youth Panel Session



Ms. Veng Many

Youth Leader from Sesan
River, 3S region



Mr. Somony Pen

Executive Director of
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Ms. Choeun Sreymom

Leader of Cambodia
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BY OXFAM CAMBODIA

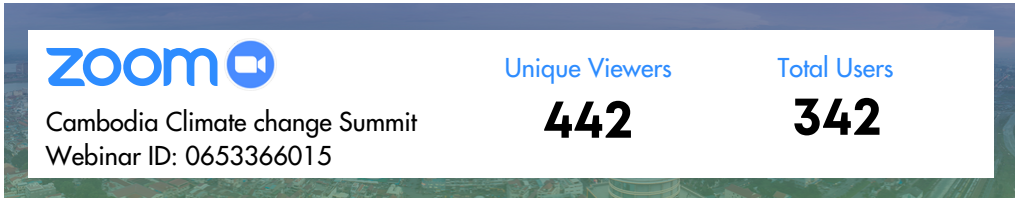
The climate crisis will fall heaviest on future generations, and any attempt to mitigate and adapt to its impact must include the active participation of the young people who will live with the consequences of a warming world for decades. In these panel discussions, Cambodian youth from across the country supported by Oxfam spoke about their disparate experience working to protect and manage the nation's natural resources to help mitigate climate change and promote green community-led growth.

Sreymom Choeurn, from the Cambodia Indigenous Women Association, spoke about the role of women youth leaders in protecting and managing natural resources. Veng Many and Ou Sophary spoke about the importance of safeguarding the lands around Cambodia's Mekong and Tonlé Sap rivers. And Pen Somany, Executive Director of Cambodian Volunteer for Society, spoke about the urgency of youth-led action against the impending climate crisis.

Panelists from Oxfam included Natural Resource Management Program Coordinator Por Soknak and Impact SME Project Manager San Sar, who spoke about ways that they support youth leaders and the private sector to promote a transition to a green economy.



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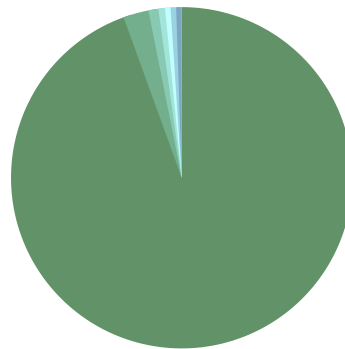
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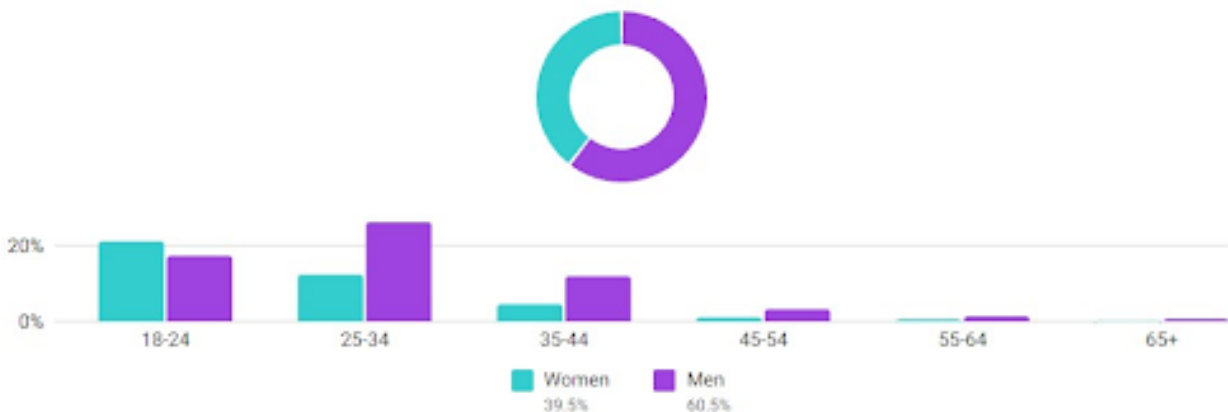
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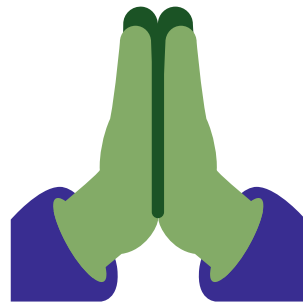


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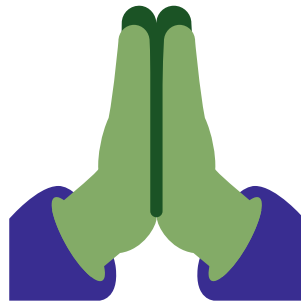
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"We welcome this very first Climate Change Summit in Cambodia and are very honored to be a sponsor and part of it," mentioned Anne Ollivier, Corporate Affairs Director for HEINEKEN Cambodia. "Carbon neutrality is not new for HEINEKEN. We are reducing our brewery energy consumption in Cambodia for a few decades already, and we have started to invest in Renewable Energy solutions a few years ago as part of our Sustainable Development strategy – Brew a Better World - launched in 2010. I look forward to exchanging with experts and thought leaders in order to join forces to tackle Climate emergency."

- Anne Ollivier
Head of Corporate Affairs
HEINEKEN Cambodia



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"At Smart, sustainability stays at the center of our business operation. We understand the immense responsibility we have towards protecting our environment while continuing to deliver connectivity services to our customers. Therefore, we have focused on mitigating our environmental impacts by implementing and supporting both internal and external sustainability initiatives to address climate change. That's why we support the Climate Change Cambodia Summit 2021, where leaders and practitioners gather to discuss and lay out their visions for innovative solutions to some of the most pressing environmental issues in the Kingdom and beyond."

-Thomas Hundt
CEO
Smart-Axiata