



Minutes

WP2 - Professional Committee

First Meeting

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National University of Management

Phnom Penh, Cambodia

The meeting started with welcome remark by Dr. LY Sok Heng, Vice-Rector of the National University of Management. The Vice-Rector started by greeting the professional committee and stating the objectives of GREENCAP project. Then he insisted on environmental concerns in Cambodia; moreover, green skills and knowledge of Cambodian youth are limited that is the concerned point on Sustainable Development in Cambodia.

Because of Covid-2019 crisis, representatives of EU Partner Universities were not able to join. In order to still get their voice and to enable Professional Committee Members to discover EU Partners, opening videos were recorded by the 3 EU partner universities (University of Nantes - France, University of Southern Denmark and University of Vigo - Spain) and were played to the audience.

Opening remark was then made by H.E. Dr. SANN Vathana, Under-Secretary of State at the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports. He mentioned four points.

First, he asked all universities partners to take the GREENCAP project as an opportunity to create and improve the green growth skills curriculum and make it more practical as competency-based curriculum.

Secondly, he wanted to see more exchange mobilities in which students could have opportunities to gain more green knowledge as well as certificates from the European partners.

Thirdly, he asked private and civil sectors to have internship opportunities for students to join and to earn an equivalent credit.

Finally, he announced the launching of a 1 million USD Research project of Ministry of Education Youth and Sport. He encourages students as well as stakeholders themselves to conduct research for SDGs and also for the development in Cambodia.

After that, each member introduced themselves.

Mrs. LY Sokunthy, National University of Management, presented:



- A brief description of the GREENCAP Project.
- Professional Committee Terms of Reference and described the expected roles of its members.
- Green Conference, its objective, its target and the role devoted to the PC members in selecting a topic.

Mrs. LY Sokunthy introduced the three proposed topics to the PC for deep discussion:

1. Focus on Education and Universities
2. Focus on the collaboration Stakeholders – Universities (HEI) and Green Jobs
3. Focus on the Green and Blue Growth philosophy

Mr. Thomas Vallée, French Embassy, started to ask for ideas for the first topic about Green University. He asked whether we needed to have general green courses or specific master program of green course. He also added that, if we want the green curriculum in each institution (NUM, RULE or ITC) or collaborative green course among the institutions.

Mr Gilbert Palaoro from Happy Chandara NGO (focusing on young girls' empowerment in the society) mentioned on what we should do and create job market for the green skills labor for the next 10 or 15 years since now the problem of students is why they should learn green skills and knowledge.

Mr. Nicholas Spencer (Ibis Rice) and Mrs. Clarisse Kehler Siebert (Nexus for Development) went on by describing their respective experience working with Cambodian universities such as NUM (for Nick) or working in the field of sustainable development at different positions (for Clarisse) to give us their specific perspective on GREENCAP Project and the topic of green job and how it could be introduced to students.

H.E. E Vuthy, Deputy Secretary General of the National Council for Sustainable Development, Cambodia, said the 1st topic was quite large if we talk about SDGs, so he suggested Green Universities to make green course more specific with only some SDGs, not for all 17 goals of SDGs. He suggested the 7th SDG about clean energy (Sustainable energy) which is more related to the environmental sector. He added that the Royal University of Phnom Penh (RUPP) also has environmental science major, but they're quite too general, so he wanted the green course to be specific and research-based. Mainly, he suggested to narrow down the green course and knowledge to be more specific and concrete like clean energy or circular economy.

Mrs Karolien Casaer-Diez, GGGI's country Representative in Cambodia emphasized the specific interest of GGGI's in the "Green Jobs" topic. She suggested dedicating a first conference to a discussion about the economic sectors with the strongest potential for green jobs, as this will allow to determine focus areas for the rest of the program. She also proposed to share with us the expertise and documentation GGGI has gathered over the years on green jobs.



Mr. Antoine Denizard from Energy Lab, reminded the members that Energy Lab was particularly interested by the internships program dimension of GreenCap Project and the research projects which could involve students and companies.

Mr. Andeol Cadin, Chairman of the Green Business Committee from Eurocham, said that the network dimension of any of the proposed topics would be a huge added value to the common debate in Cambodia as it would allow to gather different actors and to exchange perspectives so as to increase awareness raising on green jobs for the students to come.

Then Sajith Edirisuriya from Chip Mong Cie, Ecocycle Project Manager (private sector) said there would be huge demand in green job in the next 10 years because when industry grows, the government would be worried about environment as well. He focused on practical action in green skill, like waste management, so as a private company, he could have opportunities of internship for students.

It was then said that intern students from Europe conducted survey on students' awareness on green skill, knowledge and interest as part of the GREENCAP Project. GREENCAP Project also intended to reach private sector to know skills needed in their firm. He added GREENCAP website will be established by September for green jobs, internship or other opportunities for students.

It was then mentioned that we could have project-based for students from Cambodian universities partner to raise awareness of green skill, knowledge and other green topics via online platforms. He supported the idea of student internship and earning credit from practical based learning.

Private Sector's representative added that there should be at least one green subject in every class of study or have specific green programs for student, like Waste Management, Clean Energy...

At the end, it was agreed that all the three topics could be suitable for a green conference. For the second topic, we'd need to have stakeholders' involvement in the conference as speakers, while the third topic needs to have representatives from relevant ministries to join as speakers.

We finally concluded that we will further discuss this with PMB members and finalize the topic selection for the pre-conference.

The meeting starts at 8 am and ends with photo session at 12pm.



List of Participants

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