

**VSR WORKING GROUP
MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2023
ECCC RESIDUAL OFFICE**

Meeting Minutes - FINAL

1. Minutes of meeting of December 13, 2022

Falguni stated that the draft Minutes had been sent to the members earlier that day. Given the short amount of time, she asked members to send any comments or corrections to her by Friday, January 27, 2023. If no comments or corrections are received the draft minutes will be approved as final.

Vannak made one clarification to the draft Minutes. He noted that regarding item 5a, 3 CPs from Battambang Province who were Khmer Krom had been invited to the December 9 ceremony. While additional names and contact numbers for Khmer Krom from Takeo Province had been suggested, that Province was already represented by other CPs. Given VSS's efforts to seek a wide geographical representation, no further CPs from Takeo were invited. Falguni stated that this clarification will be added to the December 13 minutes.

2. Update on Notification of Civil Parties

Falguni noted that formal notification required sending all Civil Party lawyers the final judgment that was rendered on December 23, 2022. This has been completed. However, the LCLs and VSS would also like to engage the CPs in a meaningful manner by meeting with them to discuss the significance of the final judgment as well as to tell them about the ECCC's continued work during the residual phase.

Ang described that the plan of notification would include giving each CP a certificate of appreciation. In response to a question, he also advised that in general, the majority of CPs are women.

Vannak updated the Group on the progress made to update the contact information for each Civil Party by calling them. He stated that the ECCC callers were unable to reach most of the CPs. However, VSS has updated the information by asking the Focal Persons in the various regions to reach out to CPs in their area. Of the approximately 3800 CPs, around 1000 people are deceased or have serious health challenges, preventing them from attending meetings.

The LCLs and VSS are proposing two notification meetings as a pilot to the Office of Administration. If the pilot proceeds, there will be an assessment of the meetings before deciding whether further meetings will be held.

Falguni advised that the LCLs would let TPO know if the pilot notification goes ahead and TPO's help is required.

Minea stated that while it's a good initiative to notify CPs, there are many other survivor-victims and they should not be forgotten. He noted that through the May workshop, we know what is important for victims-survivors after the judicial phase of the ECCC has ended. Paramount is health care and end of life care.

Ang responded that Minea makes an important point and that the VSR Working Group was created to work with Victims-Survivors during the Residual Phase. He clarified that notification is restricted as a legal requirement to the CPs who as such, are parties to the cases before the ECCC.

3. Handing over the ECCC premises to the Army – December 28, 2022

Vannak provided an update stating that General Hun Manet represented the Cambodian Army during the ceremony and that the ECCC premises have now been returned to the Army.

4. Meeting with SAUP/GIZ team regarding participation during the residual phase

Vannak advised that SAUP/GIZ are conducting a mission at the ECCC to determine whether it can work with the ECCC during the residual phase. In particular, it is interested in working in the area of education. Minea stated that SAUP/GIZ is working closely with Battambang University in developing a degree program.

5. Follow-up: Members' summary of current projects to be collected for the database

Vannak asked members to complete the table setting out the work their organizations are undertaking this year. So far, only Help Aid Cambodia and LDC had submitted the complete forms.

6. Other Items

a. International Law Fellowship Program

Monica advised that GD Alliance has commenced a fellowship program. The “International Law Fellowship Program in Cambodia” launched last week. LAC in partnership with the Amrin Law and Consultants Group is implementing the program, with the financial support of USAID through FHI 360. Ten selected Cambodians will participate. The program will enhance their knowledge and skills in international law, allowing them opportunities to pursue a career in international law in Cambodia or abroad.

b. Meeting with Donors – KDK

Minea informed the Working Group that the main donors for KDK will be in Cambodia soon and that it would be helpful to have the donors meet with the Group at the end of February/beginning of March.

c. Next Chair of the Secretariat

Monika will be the Chair of the Secretariat for the next two months in accordance with the VSR Terms of Reference.

7. Action Items

- NGOs to provide a summary of their projects to Vannak
- NGOs to provide reports on reparation projects to Sothie Keo

8. Next Meeting

Next Meeting February 16, 2023, 14:00-16:00

IN ATTENDANCE

NAME	ORGANIZATION/POSITION
PICH Ang	National Lead Co-Lawyer (LCL)
Falguni DEBNATH	International Lead Co-Lawyer (LCL)
HANG Vannak	Chief, VSS
SNGUON Sothearith	Office of LCLs
LY Bunthea	Youth Resource Development Program
NHOUN Sokhoun	Legal Documentation Centre related to the ECCC
CHHENG Sovanneo	Legal Documentation Centre related to the ECCC
KAING Monida	VSS
PICH Panha	TPO
SOK Sopheak Monica	GD Alliance
Yoeum Yet	WPM
Hut Dareth	YFP
TIENG Piseth	Bophana Center
AN Sopheaktra	Bophana Center
TIM Minea	KDK