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Meeting to Review the Achievements for August 2023 and Action Plans for September 2023

On the morning of Tuesday, 5 September 2023, **H.E. Nong Piseth**, Deputy Director General of the Trust Regulator (TR), chaired an inter-departmental meeting to review the achievements for August 2023 and action plans for September 2023 of the Department of Research, Training and Cooperation and Department of Legal Affairs and Inspection.

The meeting was attended by the Directors of Departments, Deputy Directors of Departments, Heads of Divisions, Deputy Heads of Divisions and all officials of both departments. In this meeting, His Excellency Deputy Director General highly appreciated the achievements made in August, as well as praised the efforts and responsibilities of the leaders and officials of both departments and also offered recommendations for the upcoming month. The meeting ended with fruitful results and a high sense of responsibility.

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Picture: Meeting to review the Achievements for August 2023 and Action Plans for September 2023.

The 15th FSA's Council Meeting for 1st Mandate

On Thursday morning, September 7, 2023, H.E. SOK Dara, Director General of the Trust Regulator (TR), and a member of the Non-Bank Financial Services Authority (FSA) council attended the 15th FSA's council meeting for its 1st mandate under the high presidency of H.E. Akka Pundit Sopheacha AUN PORNMO NIROTH, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Economy and Finance, and Chairman of the FSA's council; and participated by H.E., Lork Chumteav, Secretaries of State, and H.E. Director Generals, who are members of the FSA's council as well as the managements of line-entities under the FSA at the building of FSA and via Zoom.



Picture: The 15th FSA's Council Meeting for 1st Mandate.

Discussion Meeting with Banjaran Asset Management (Singapore) Plc. and Stronghold Trustee Co., Ltd

On Monday afternoon, September 11, 2023, H.E. SOK DARA, Director General of Trust Regulator (TR) accompanied by Mr. Hay Sovanna, Acting Director of Trust Registration Department and colleagues led a discussion meeting with Mr. Hon Yu Low, Director of Banjaran Asset Management (Singapore) Plc., Mr. Aaron Ng, CEO, and his management, and Mr. Chen, Han-En, CEO of Stronghold Trustee Co., Ltd. via Zoom Meeting in order to discuss the opportunities, the procedures, and structure of Family Trust, as well as some initiatives to promote the development of the trust sector in Cambodia.



Picture: Discussion Meeting with Banjaran Asset Management (Singapore) Plc. and Stronghold Trustee Co., Ltd.



Discussion Meeting with Shenzhen International Finance Research Association

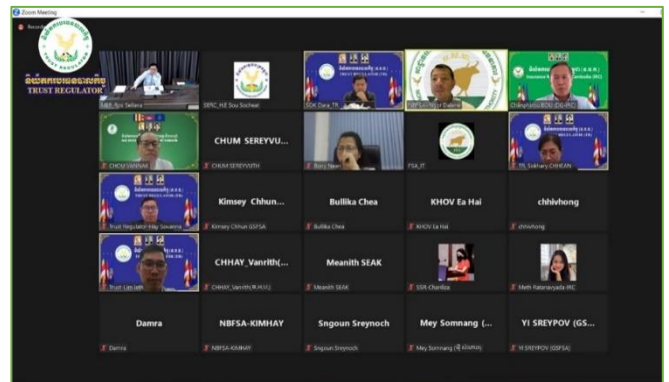
On Tuesday morning, September 12, 2023, **H.E. SOK DARA**, Director General of Trust Regulator (TR) accompanied by **Mr. Hay Sovanna**, Acting Director of Trust Registration Department and colleagues had a meeting with the Delegates coming from Shenzhen International Finance Research Association, a leading financial institution in China, in order to discuss the investment opportunities in Cambodia and to get insight of the trust market development as well as the initiatives for the Cambodian trust market development in the future.



Picture: Discussion Meeting with Shenzhen International Finance Research Association.

Technical Meeting of Non-bank Financial Services Authority (FSA)

On Tuesday afternoon, September 12, 2023, **H.E. SOK Dara**, Director General of Trust Regulator (TR), and his colleagues attended a technical meeting of Non-bank Financial Services Authority (FSA) to examine Draft Prakas on “Accreditation of Auditing Companies in the Trust Sector” and Draft Prakas on “Modality and Procedure of Administrative Sanction and Transitional Fines” of the TR, and Draft on “Three-Year-Rolling Action Plan 2023-2025” of Insurance Regulator of Cambodia under the presidency of **H.E. ROS Seilava**, Vice Chairman of the FSA through the coordination of the General Secretariat of the FSA via video conference (Zoom).

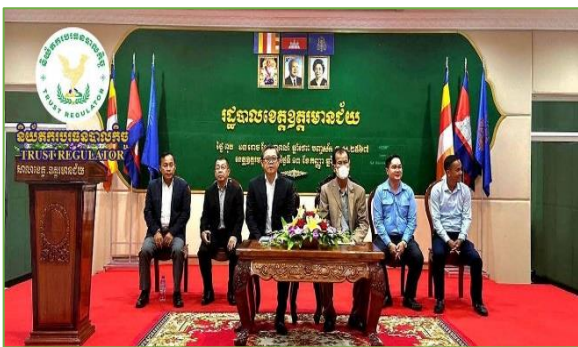


Picture: Technical Meeting of Non-bank Financial Services Authority (FSA).

Workshop on "Loan Matching Between Participating Financial Institutions and Sub-Borrowers" at Oddar Meanchey Provincial Hall

On Wednesday morning, September 13, 2023, **H.E. Ney Sakal**, Deputy Director General of the Trust Regulator, High Representative of H.E. Sok Dara, Director General of the Trust Regulator and Project Manager of the Agricultural Value Chain Competitiveness and Safety Enhancement Project Component 1 (ACSEP-PIU1) presided over the Regional Workshop on "Loan Matching Between Participating Financial Institutions and Sub-Borrowers" at Oddar Meanchey Provincial Hall. The workshop was also highly joined by **H.E. Khin Nhhan**, Acting Provincial Governor, TR-ACSEP-PIU1, key persons from MAFF-PMU-PIU2, FSCs, PIC consultant, PDAFF, Participating Financial Institutions (Agricultural and Rural Development Bank-ARDB, Sathapana Bank-SPNB), Agriculture Cooperative, Agribusiness and Commercial Native Chicken Farmers with total of 67 participants (15 females).

The main purpose of this regional workshop is to establish direct communication as well as provide detailed information on ACSEP's credit operations between the participating financial institutions which is the credit operator and the group of farmers and traders of agricultural communities, enterprises producing and processing agricultural products and potential domestic poultry farmers to promote access to favorable credit from the project to strengthen and improve their agricultural business.



 Picture: Workshop on "Loan Matching Between Participating Financial Institutions and Sub-Borrowers" at Oddar Meanchey Provincial Hall.

Workshop on "Loan Matching Between Participating Financial Institutions and Sub-Borrowers"

On Thursday morning, September 14, 2023, **H.E. NEY Sakal**, Deputy Director General of the Trust Regulator (TR), High Representative of H.E. SOK Dara, Director General of the TR, Project Manager of the Agricultural Value Chain Competitiveness and Safety Enhancement Project Component 1 (ACSEP-PIU1) presided over the Regional Workshop on "Loan Matching Between Participating Financial Institutions and Sub-Borrowers" at Preah Vihear Provincial Hall. The workshop was also highly joined by H.E. YUNG Kimhean, Deputy Provincial Governor, TR-ACSEP-PIU1, key persons from MAFF-PMU-PIU2, FSCs, PIC consultant, PDAFF, Participating Financial Institutions (Agricultural and Rural Development Bank-ARDB, Sathapana Bank-SPNB), Agriculture Cooperative, Agribusiness and Commercial Native Chicken Farmers with total of 65 participants (12 females).

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 Picture: Workshop on "Loan Matching Between Participating Financial Institutions and Sub-Borrowers" at Preah Vihear Provincial Hall.

Workshop on "Loan Matching Between Participating Financial Institutions and Sub-Borrowers" at Siem Reap Provincial Hall

On Friday morning, September 15, 2023, **H.E. NEY Sakal**, Deputy Director General of the Trust Regulator (TR), High Representative of H.E. SOK Dara, Director General of the TR, Project Manager of the Agricultural Value Chain Competitiveness and Safety Enhancement Project Component 1 (ACSEP-PIU1) presided over the Regional Workshop on "Loan Matching Between Participating Financial Institutions and Sub-Borrowers" at Siem Reap Provincial Hall. The workshop was also joined by TR-ACSEP-PIU1, key persons from MAFF-PMU-PIU2, FSCs, PIC consultant, PDAFF, Participating Financial Institutions (Agricultural and Rural Development Bank-ARDB, Sathapana Bank-SPNB), Agriculture Cooperative, Agribusiness and Commercial Native Chicken Farmers with total of 52 participants (8 females).

The main purpose of this regional workshop is to establish direct communication as well as provide detailed information on ACSEP's credit operations between the participating financial institutions which is the credit operator and the group of farmers and traders of agricultural communities, enterprises producing and processing agricultural products and potential domestic poultry farmers to promote access to favorable credit from the project to strengthen and improve their agricultural business.



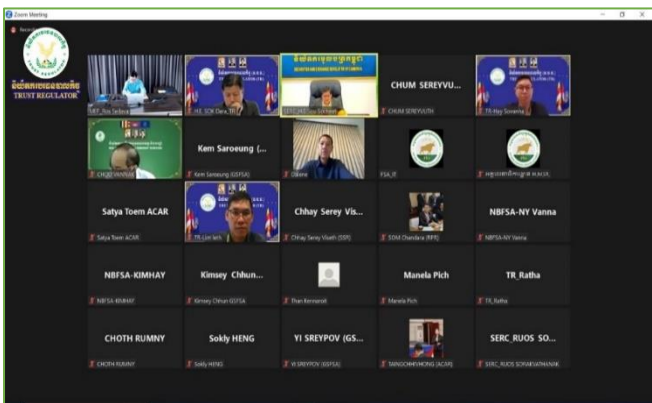


Picture: Workshop on "Loan Matching Between Participating Financial Institutions and Sub-Borrowers" at Siem Reap Provincial Hall.



Technical Meeting of Non-bank Financial Services Authority (FSA)

On Monday afternoon, September 18, 2023, H.E. SOK Dara, Director General of the Trust Regulator (TR), and his colleagues attended a technical meeting of Non-bank Financial Services Authority (FSA) to examine Draft Prakas on "The Financial Soundness Requirements for the Firms Conducting Collectives Investment Scheme Business" of Securities and Exchange Regulator of Cambodia (SERC) under the presidency of H.E. ROS Seilava, Vice Chairman of the FSA through the coordination of the General Secretariat of the FSA via video conference (Zoom).



Picture: Technical Meeting of Non-bank Financial Services Authority (FSA).

Meeting on Environmental and Social Safeguard

On Monday afternoon, 18th September 2023, with the permission granted by H.E. SOK Dara, Director General of Trust Regulator and the ACSEP PIU1 Project Manager, Mr. Po Sam Ang, Director of the Research, Training and Cooperation Department of Trust Regulator and the Head of Operation Unit of ACSEP PIU1, led the technical officials and the national advisors for the first component (PIU1) to facilitate and conduct a discuss meeting on Environmental and Social Safeguard at Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries in Siem Reap Province. The meeting is joined by ADB, AFD, MAFF-PMU-PIU2, MRD-PIU3, PIC, PSC and FSCs with total of 31 persons (8 females).

The mission team will also visit 3 sub-borrowers and 3 roads in 3 provinces (Siem Reap, Oddar Meanchey and Preah Vihear) from 19-21 September 2023.



Picture: Discuss Meeting on Environmental and Social Safeguard.

Discussion Meeting with GBRIDGE INVESTMENT Co., Ltd and Business Partners from Shinhan Capital of the Republic of Korea

On Tuesday morning, September 19, 2023, **H.E. SOK DARA**, Director General of Trust Regulator (TR) accompanied by **H.E. NEY SAKAL**, Deputy Director General of TR, **Mr. Hay Sovanna**, Acting Director of Trust Registration Department and colleagues had a meeting with the Korean Delegates coming from GBRIDGE INVESTMENT Co., Ltd and business partners from Shinhan Capital of the Republic of Korea, in order to discuss the investment opportunities, the development of trust market, and licensing requirements for trustee company as well as the potential of trust sector in the Kingdom of Cambodia.



Picture: Discussion Meeting with GBRIDGE INVESTMENT Co., Ltd and Business Partners from Shinhan Capital of the Republic of Korea.

Inter-department Meeting to Finalize the draft on “FinTech’s Regulatory Sandbox in the Trust Sector”

On the afternoon of Tuesday, September 19, 2023, **H.E.SOK Dara**, Director General of the Trust Regulator (TR) chaired an inter-department meeting to finalize the draft on “FinTech’s Regulatory Sandbox in the Trust Sector”, and participated by H.E. Deputies Director General, Managements and officials from all departments under the TR.



Picture: Inter-department Meeting to Finalize the draft on “FinTech’s Regulatory Sandbox in the Trust Sector”.

Field Visit on the Environmental and Social Safeguard Impact Assessment of Farmer Household in Siem Reap Province

On Tuesday 19th September 2023, with the permission granted by **H.E. SOK Dara**, Director General of Trust Regulator and the ACSEP PIU1 Project Manager, **Mr. Po Sam Ang**, Director of the Research, Training and Cooperation Department of Trust Regulator and the Head of Operation Unit of ACSEP PIU1, led the technical officials and the national advisors of ACSEP PIU1 to facilitate the ADB team to field visit on the Environmental and Social Safeguard impact assessment of farmer household, named **Mr. Cheav Hong**, located at

Samrong commune, Sonikum District, Siem Reap Province.

The field visit was joined by representatives of ADB, AFD, MEF-TR-PIU1, MAFF-PMU-PIU2, MRD-PIU3, PIC, PSC and FSCs with a total of 35 persons (8 females).



Picture: Field Visit on the Environmental and Social Safeguard Impact Assessment of Farmer Household in Siem Reap Province.

Workshop on "Understanding the Development Process of the Trust Sector in the Kingdom of Cambodia"

On Wednesday Morning, 20 September 2023, the Trust Regulator (TR) and BELTEI International University co-organized a workshop on "Understanding the Development Process of the Trust Sector in the Kingdom of Cambodia" presided over by H.E. Nong Piseth, Deputy Director General of Trust Regulator and MR. Phuong Phirum, Vice President of BELTEI International University at BELTEI International University campus.

The purpose of this workshop is to broaden the public awareness for university students on the mechanisms of trust sector, legal framework, and the benefits of the trust sector. The workshop also provided an opportunity for students to enhance more knowledge on the non-bank sector. The event was attended by senior management and officials of the Trust Regulator, Deputy Deans, Lecturers and Students of BELTEI International University.



Picture: Workshop on "Understanding the Development Process of the Trust Sector in the Kingdom of Cambodia".



Field Visit on the Environmental and Social Safeguard Impact in Oddar Meanchey Province

On Wednesday, 20th September 2023, with the permission granted by **H.E. SOK Dara**, Director General of Trust Regulator (TR) and the ACSEP PIU1 Project Manager, **Mr. PO Sam Ang**, Director of the Research, Training and Cooperation Department of the TR and the Head of Operation Unit of ACSEP PIU1, led the technical officials and the national advisors of ACSEP PIU1 to facilitate the ADB team to field visit on the Environmental and Social Safeguard impact on construction site for 27 Km of the road in Chongkal district, Oddar Meanchey province that construction is developing by ASCEP PIU3 of MAFF and examine productivity value chain and environmental impact on a trader in Anlong Veng and Trapeang Prasat districts, Oddar Meanchey province. The field visit was joined by representatives of ADB, AFD, MEF-TR-PIU1, MAFF-PMU-PIU2, MRD-PIU3, PIC, PSC and FSCs with a total of 35 persons (8 females), and finished at 18:30 PM in the same day.



 Picture: Field Visit on the Environmental and Social Safeguard Impact in Oddar Meanchey Province.

Field Visit on the Environmental and Social Safeguard Impact in Preah Vihear Province

On Thursday, 21 September 2023, with the permission granted by **H.E. SOK Dara**, Director General of Trust Regulator (TR) and the ACSEP PIU1 Project Manager, **Mr. PO Sam Ang**, Director of the Research, Training and Cooperation Department of the TR and the Head of Operation Unit of ACSEP PIU1, led technical officials and national advisors of ACSEP PIU1 to facilitate the ADB team to field visit on the Environmental and Social Safeguard impact on construction of 24 KM road in Sangkum Thmei district, Preah Vihear province which is developing by ASCEP PIU3 of MAFF and examine the production line and environmental impact of Santana Agro Products company which is a cashew processing factory in Roveang district, Preah Vihear province.

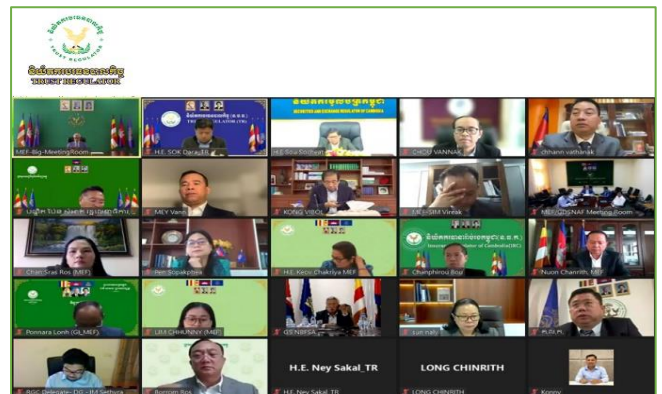
The field visit was joined by representatives of ADB, AFD, MEF-TR-PIU1, MAFF-PMU-PIU2, MRD-PIU3, PIC, PSC and FSCs with a total of 35 persons (8 females), and finished at 5:00 PM in the same day.



Picture: Field Visit on the Environmental and Social Safeguard Impact in Preah Vihear Province.

Result Summarizing Meeting of Budget Negotiations for The Preparation of The Draft Law on Finance for Management In 2024

In the morning of Friday, September 22, 2023. **H.E. SOK Dara**, Director General of Trust Regulator (TR) accompanied by **H.E. NEY Sakal**, Deputy Director General of the TR, **Mr. KHUN Veasna**, Director of General Affairs Department and colleagues attended the result summarizing meeting of budget negotiations for the preparation of the draft Law on Finance for Management in 2024 under the high presidency of **H.E. Akka Pundid Sopheacha AUN PORNMONIROTH**, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Economy and Finance with the participation of Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen who are managements of institutions, units and Sub-National Administration via Zoom.



Picture: The Result Summarizing Meeting of Budget Negotiations for The Preparation of The Draft Law on Finance for Management In 2024.



“Let’s Talk Trust” Training Program, Round 1 Covering “Trust Establishment and Registration Complying with the Law”

On Friday Morning, 22 September 2023, the Trust Regulator (TR) and Young Entrepreneurs Association Cambodia (YEAC) co-hosted the “Let’s Talk Trust” training program, Round 1 covering “Trust Establishment and Registration Complying with the Law” and the guest speaker was **Mr. HAY Sovanna**, Acting Director of Trust Registration Department.

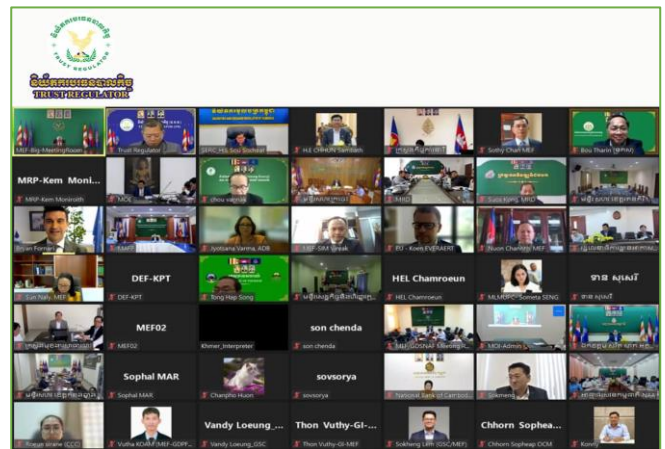
The purpose of this training is to promote understanding and raise awareness of the Trust sector, particularly Trust operation mechanism complying with the applicable law to a more comprehensive and in-depth extent to members of YEAC, as well as strengthening cooperation and execution of the signed MoU between the TR and YEAC.



Picture: “Let’s Talk Trust” Training Program, round 1 Covering “Trust Establishment and Registration Complying with the Law”.

Public Financial Management Reform Steering committee (GSC) and Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting to review and discuss the progress report for Q1 and Q2 of 2023

In the morning of Monday, September 25, 2023, highly representing **H.E. SOK Dara**, Director General of the Trust Regulator (TR), **H.E. NEY Sakal**, Deputy Director General of the TR, accompanied by **Mr. KHUN Veasna**, Director of General Affairs Department and colleagues attended the Public Financial Management Reform Steering committee (GSC) and Technical working Group (TWG) Meeting to review and discuss the progress report for Q1 and Q2 of 2023 under the high presidency of **H.E. Akka Pundid Sopheacha AUN PORNMONIROTH**, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Economy and Finance with the participation of Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen who are managements of institutions units, Development Partner, NGOs and Sub-National Administration via Zoom.



Picture: Public Financial Management Reform Steering committee (GSC) and Technical working Group (TWG) Meeting to review and discuss the progress report for Q1 and Q2 of 2023




Study Visit and To Discuss with Relevant Entities Concerning With The Development Process, Supervision Framework, The Operation, The Types Of Products, And Fintech In The Trust Sector In Singapore

On 25th-26th September 2023, **H.E. SOK DARA**, Director General of Trust Regulator (TR) led his colleagues to conduct a study visit and to discuss with relevant entities concerning with the development process, supervision framework, the operation, the types of products, and Fintech in the trust sector in Singapore.

With the permission from **H.E. Akka Pundid Sopheacha**, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Economy and Finance, and the Chairman of Non-bank Financial Services Authority (FSA), **H.E. SOK DARA**, Director General of the TR led his colleagues to conduct a study visit in Singapore from 25th to 26th September 2023 through the coordination of Phillip Trustee (Cambodia) Co, Ltd. With this study visit, the TR's Management has met with Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), Singapore Trustees Association (STA), and some leading trustee companies in order to discuss the trust market development process, supervision framework, operation, types of products, and Fintech in the trust sector in Singapore. The TR's Delegates has also shared the opportunities and the potential of the trust market in Cambodia with all the relevant parties.



 **Picture:** Study Visit and To Discuss with Relevant Entities Concerning With The Development Process, Supervision Framework, The Operation, The Types Of Products, And Fintech In The Trust Sector In Singapore.

Workshop on "Loan Matching Between Participating Financial Institutions and Sub-Borrowers" at Kompong Thom Provincial Hall

On Wednesday morning, September 27, 2023, **H.E. NEY Sakal**, Deputy Director General of the Trust Regulator (TR), High Representative of **H.E. SOK Dara**, Director General of the TR, Project Manager of the Agricultural Value Chain Competitiveness and Safety Enhancement Project Component 1 (ACSEP-PIU1) presided over the Regional Workshop on "Loan Matching Between Participating Financial Institutions and Sub-Borrowers" at Kompong Thom Provincial Hall. The workshop was also joined by TR-ACSEP-PIU1, key persons from MAFF-PMU-PIU2, FSCs, PIC consultant, PDAFF, Participating Financial Institutions (Agricultural and Rural Development Bank-ARDB, Sathapana Bank-SPNB), Agriculture Cooperative, Agribusiness and Commercial Native Chicken Farmers with total of 59 participants (16 females).

provide detailed information on ACSEP's credit operations between the participating financial institutions which is the credit operator and the group of farmers and traders of agricultural communities, enterprises producing and processing agricultural products and potential domestic poultry farmers to promote access to favorable credit from the project to strengthen and improve their agricultural business and closed on 12:00 pm at the same date with success and fruitfully.



Picture: Workshop on "Loan Matching Between Participating Financial Institutions and Sub-Borrowers" at Kompong Thom Provincial Hall.

Meeting on "Budget Implementation Review of Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) for the 1st Semester of 2023 " at the Phnom Penh Hotel

In the afternoon of Wednesday, September 27, 2023, H.E. SOK Dara, Director General of the Trust Regulator (TR), accompanied by Mr. KHUN Veasna, Director of General Affairs Department, and colleagues attended the Meeting on "Budget Implementation Review of Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) for the 1st Semester of 2023 " led by H.E. Dr. HEAN Sahip, Secretary of State of the MEF and Chairman of the Budget Working Group at the Leader Level of Budget Units of MEF with the participation of Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, representatives of all budget units under the MEF, as well as relevant officials under the MEF at the Phnom Penh Hotel.



Picture: Meeting on "Budget Implementation Review of Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) for the 1st Semester of 2023 " at the Phnom Penh Hotel.

Workshop on "Loan Matching Between Participating Financial Institutions and Sub-Borrowers" at Tbong Khmoum Provincial Hall

On Thursday morning, September 28, 2023, **H.E. NEY Sakal**, Deputy Director General of the Trust Regulator (TR), High Representative of **H.E. SOK Dara**, Director General of the TR, Project Manager of the Agricultural Value Chain Competitiveness and Safety Enhancement Project Component 1 (ACSEP-PIU1) presided over the Regional Workshop on "Loan Matching Between Participating Financial Institutions and Sub-Borrowers" at Tbong Khmoum Provincial Hall (A), and honor participated by **H.E. MATT Gofod**, Deputy Governor of Tbong Khmoum Province. The workshop was also joined by TR-ACSEP-PIU1, key persons from MAFF-PMU-PIU2, FSCs, PIC consultant, PDAFF, Participating Financial Institutions (Agricultural and Rural Development Bank-ARDB, Sathapana Bank-SPNB), Agriculture Cooperative, Agribusiness and Commercial Native Chicken Farmers with total of 56 participants (12 females).

The main purpose of this regional workshop is to establish direct communication as well as provide detailed information on ACSEP's credit operations between the participating financial institutions which is the credit operator and the group of farmers and traders of agricultural communities, enterprises producing and processing agricultural products and potential domestic poultry farmers to promote access to favorable credit from the project to strengthen and improve their agricultural business and closed on 12:00 pm at the same date with success and fruitfully.



 Picture: Workshop on "Loan Matching Between Participating Financial Institutions and Sub-Borrowers" at Tbong Khmoum Provincial Hall.

Workshop on "Loan Matching Between Participating Financial Institutions and Sub-Borrowers" at the Hall of Provincial Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery (PDAFF)

On Friday morning, September 29, 2023, **H.E. NEY Sakal**, Deputy Director General of the Trust Regulator (TR), High Representative of **H.E. SOK Dara**, Director General of the TR, Project Manager of the Agricultural Value Chain Competitiveness and Safety Enhancement Project Component 1 (ACSEP-PIU1) presided over the Regional Workshop on "Loan Matching Between Participating Financial Institutions and Sub-Borrowers" at the Hall of Provincial Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery (PDAFF), with honor participated by **Mr. SIM Thavireak**, Head of PDAFF, high representative of **H.E. UN Chanda**, Governor of Kompong Cham Province. The workshop was also joined by TR-ACSEP-PIU1, key persons from MAFF-PMU-PIU2, FSCs, PIC consultant, PDAFF, Participating Financial Institutions (Agricultural and Rural Development Bank-ARDB, Sathapana Bank-SPNB), Agriculture Cooperative, Agribusiness and Commercial Native Chicken Farmers with total of 35 participants (6 females).

The main purpose of this regional workshop is to establish direct communication as well as provide detailed information on ACSEP's credit operations between the participating financial institutions which is the credit operator and the group of farmers and traders of agricultural communities, enterprises producing and processing agricultural products and potential domestic poultry farmers to promote access to favorable credit from the project to strengthen and improve their agricultural business and closed on 12:00 pm at the same date with success and fruitfully.



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