


Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction



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PARALLEL PROGRAMME FOR VICTIM ASSISTANCE EXPERTS

MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER

Eleventh Meeting of the States Parties – official opening of the meeting

Opening of VA Experts meeting - Facilitators: Co-Chairs and ISU

> Welcome and introductions

1. The role of the State in victim assistance – opportunities and challenges

> Cambodia's experience

> H.E. Ith Sam Heng, Minister of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation (MoSVY)

> Chan Rotha, Deputy Secretary-General, Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority (CMAA)

> Ngin Saorath, Executive Director, Cambodian Disabled Persons Organisation (CDPO)

> Opportunity for discussion

VA Experts meeting continues - Facilitators: Co-Chairs and ISU

2. Community Based Rehabilitation: An exchange of experiences

> Cambodia's experience

> Lao Veng, Director of Department of Welfare for Persons with Disabilities and Director of the Disability Action Council Secretariat, MoSVY

> Yi Veasna, Executive Director, National Centre for Disabled Persons (NCDP)

> Ms Bouy Phal, Project Coordinator, Disability and Development Services Pursat (DDSP)

> Ms. Tith Davy, Organisation du Enfants Cambodia

> Mrs. Leng Moniphea and Ms. Phum Leakena, Cambodian Disabled Persons Organisation (CDPO)

> Experiences from other States Parties

> H.E. Mrs Soraya Paikan, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Martyrs and Disabled, Afghanistan

> Ms. Beatrice Kaggya, Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, Uganda

> Opportunity for discussion and updates from other States Parties on good practice or challenges

TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER

Eleventh Meeting of the States Parties – Assisting the Victims Plenary Session

Cocktail reception hosted by Australia

Australia hosted a reception which provided a showcase for inclusive artistic and cultural projects in Cambodia.

WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER

Field Visit to Ksach Kandal District, Kandal Province

Experts visited Veterans International's Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) project. The visit provided an opportunity to meet with self-help groups and with families undertaking small business or home garden activities to improve their livelihoods. The CBR project is implemented in collaboration with Kien Khleang National Rehabilitation Centre.

Eleventh Meeting of the States Parties – Informal Plenary Session

Experts participated in an informal session which reflected upon two decades of efforts to end the suffering and casualties caused by AP mines.

THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER

Field Visit to Banteay Prieb, Kandal Province

Banteay Prieb is a residential vocational training school for survivors and other persons with disabilities providing opportunities for economic inclusion and psychosocial support. During the visit experts viewed the various training programmes and talked with students.

VA Experts meeting continues - Facilitators: Co-Chairs and ISU

3. Economic Inclusion: An exchange of experiences

- > Cambodia's experience
- > Men Sinoeun, Executive Director, Artisans Association of Cambodia
- > Capacity Building of People with Disability in the Community Organisation (CABDICO)
- > Kan Sylong, Executive Director, Cambodian Volunteers for Community Development (CVCD)
- > Opportunity for discussion and updates from other States Parties on good practice or challenges in improving access to economic inclusion

4. Psychosocial support: An exchange of experiences

- > Cambodia's experience
- > Tun Channareth, Metta Karuna, Jesuit Services Cambodia
- > Dr Kim Savuon, Director of Mental Health Bureau, Department of Hospital Services, Ministry of Health
- > Christopher Minko, Cambodian National Volleyball League Disabled
- > Opportunity for discussion and updates from other States Parties on good practice or challenges in improving access to psychosocial support
- > Dr. Reykhan Muminova, Victim Assistance Officer, Tajikistan Mine Action Centre – regional cooperation on psychosocial support