

Victim Assistance



PARALLEL PROGRAMME FOR VICTIM ASSISTANCE EXPERTS

Sunday 27 November

07:30 – 12:00 Visit to Kien Khleang Rehabilitation Centre

The Royal Government of Cambodia has organised a visit for delegates to observe and understand how services for persons with disabilities including landmine survivors are provided at the Kien Khleang National Rehabilitation Centre. Refreshments will be served during the visit. Light and comfortable clothing is recommended. Transport will be provided from designated hotels.

16:30 – 21:00 Opening Ceremony and Reception

Location: Rumduol Hall, Ground Floor, Peace Palace

Experts are invited to attend the opening ceremony organised by the Royal Government of Cambodia, which will feature the participation of Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen. The ceremony will be followed by a cocktail reception and buffet on the fourth floor of the Peace Palace.

Monday 28 November

09:00 – 12:00 Eleventh Meeting of the States Parties – official opening of the meeting

Location: Nuonsrey Hall, 3rd Floor, Peace Palace

It is recommended that VA Experts sit in the overflow room (Yithon Hall, 3rd Floor, Peace Palace) for the official opening rather than with their delegation in the plenary room so that they can leave easily after the opening and move to Champey Hall for the start of the VA Experts meeting.

10:45 – 12:00 Opening of VA experts meeting

Location: Champey Hall, 3rd Floor, Peace Palace

Welcome and introductions

Session One - The role of the State in victim assistance – opportunities and challenges:

- Cambodia's experience
- Opportunity for discussion

12:00 – 14:00 The Cambodian model of victim assistance

Location: Champey Hall, 3rd Floor, Peace Palace

The Cambodia Trust will host a lunch event that will publicize the model of victim assistance in Cambodia, including by highlighting collaboration between the Royal Government of Cambodia, the Cambodia Trust, and various other leading victim assistance actors.

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14:00 – 14:30 **Break**

14:30 – 17:00 **VA experts meeting continues**

Location: Champey Hall, 3rd Floor, Peace Palace

Session Two - Community Based Rehabilitation: An exchange of experiences

- Cambodia's experience
- Experiences from other States Parties
- Opportunity for discussion and updates from other States Parties on good practice or challenges

Tuesday 29 November

09:00 – 12:00 **Eleventh Meeting of the States Parties – Assisting the Victims Plenary Session**

Location: Nuonsrey Hall, 3rd Floor, Peace Palace

Experts should be in the Plenary from 09:00 for the session on “Assisting the Victims”. This session will include national presentations by experts in accordance with the suggestions provided to them by the Co-Chairs.

12:00 – 14:00 **Break for lunch and side events**

14:00 – 17:00 **Eleventh Meeting of the States Parties – Assisting the Victims Plenary Session continues**

Location: Nuonsrey Hall, 3rd Floor, Peace Palace

Experts should return to the Plenary hall from 14:00 as the session on “Assisting the Victims” could continue into the afternoon session.

18:00 **Cocktail Reception. Hosted by Australia.**

Location: Cambodiana Hotel

Australia will host a reception which will provide a showcase for inclusive artistic and cultural projects in Cambodia.¹

Wednesday 30 November

07:00 – 11:30 **Field Visit to Ksach Kandal District, Kandal Province**

Experts will visit Veterans International's Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) project. The visit provides 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.²

11:30 **Buses return delegates to the Peace Palace or the Phnom Penh hotel**

12:00 – 14:00 **Break for lunch and side events**

13.30 **Bus available from Phnom Penh hotel to the Peace Palace**

¹ Participants will have the opportunity to buy local handmade arts and crafts.

² Upon request of the Centre this visit will be limited to 30 participants.

14:00 – 17:00 Eleventh Meeting of the States Parties – Informal Plenary Session

Location: Nuonsrey Hall, 3rd Floor, Peace Palace

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

Thursday 1 December

07:30 – 11:30 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 will view the various training programmes and meet with students.

11:30 Buses return delegates to the Peace Palace or the Phnom Penh hotel

12:00 – 14:00 Break for lunch and side events

13.30 Bus available from Phnom Penh hotel to the Peace Palace

14:00 – 16:00 VA Experts meeting continues

Location: Champey Hall, 3rd Floor, Peace Palace

Session Three - Economic Inclusion: An exchange of experiences

- Cambodia's experience (presentations from various national stakeholders)
- Opportunity for discussion and updates from other States Parties on good practice or challenges in improving access to economic inclusion

16:00 – 17:00 Session Four - Psychosocial support: An exchange of experiences

- Cambodia's experience (presentations from survivors and other stakeholders)
- Opportunity for discussion

Friday 2 December

09:00 – 12:00 Eleventh Meeting of the States Parties continues

Location: Nuonsrey Hall, 3rd Floor, Peace Palace

Experts should attend the Plenary session on consideration of the general status and operation of the Convention.

12:00 – 14:00 VA experts meeting continues with side event hosted by the ICBL on Survivor Participation in Practice.

Location: Champey Hall, 3rd floor, Peace Palace

This event will feature a discussion on practical ways to enhance survivor participation in all aspects of the work of the Convention.

14:00 – 17:00 Closing of the Eleventh Meeting of the States Parties

Location: Nuonsrey Hall, 3rd Floor, Peace Palace

Experts should be present for the consideration and adoption of the final document of the 11MSP.