



National Committee
for Counter Trafficking



Concept note for the preparation of the Three Sending Country Meeting (Lao, Myanmar and Cambodia)

I. Background:

Cambodia, Lao and Myanmar have long history of relationship with each other as neighbours, by sharing borders with Thailand, and having similar religion, tradition and culture. People can learn and speak Thai fluently, and many of them who are living along the border are friends or relatives. Thailand is a destination country where absorbs a huge number of migrant workers from the three countries, but almost all, are unskilled or low skilled workers, having lack of legal documents, can earn less and pay more to survive... The three countries have the same situation and faced the similar problems such as, irregular migration management, victims protection and supports, and other impacts.

Although, there are efforts to solve migration issues by both sending and receiving countries, migrant workers still continue to face risks at all stage of migration, by crossing border illegally to seek or get employment in short or medium terms, some workers are exploited, trafficked and being abused with lack of protection.

The governments of the three countries tried to solve the problems with Thailand Government continuously, by having Memorandum of understanding to send and use legal migrant workers. However, huge number of migrants just cross border to Thailand and can seek for jobs or employment, especially for working seasonally or daily and tried to continue staying illegally for seeking other jobs in various places in Thailand. Some male workers are sent to work at fishing boats, in far reaching places, where there are abuses and exploitation the most.

II. The initiative of three sending country meeting:

At the meantime, the three sending country meeting was initiated by the National Committee for countering Trafficking, Cambodia, held in May 2018, in Siem Reap City, as technical level, to discuss on "Roles of sending countries to protect Migrant workers from all forms of Exploitations and Human Trafficking". The first meeting just only a gathering of the representatives from three countries to discuss common issues and exchanged experiences and best practices in solving some issues; however, it could not explore key responses, due to the lack of participation of relevant stakeholders in knowing issues and making decision¹.

This year, 2019, the second meeting will be organized on 30-31 October, by NCCT Cambodia again, at Sokhalay Angkor Hotel in Siem Reap, Cambodia. Participants will be the key Officials from the anti-trafficking bodies of the three countries, and will be presided over by **Samdech Krolahome Sar Kheng, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of the Ministry of Interior, Chairperson of the National Committee for Counter Trafficking in persons, NCCT, Cambodia.**

The main objectives of the meeting are:



¹ Myanmar, had sent a representative from its Embassy to Phnom Penh.

1. To learn the new incident and tendency of migration for exploring measures to eliminate irregular migration, trafficking in persons and all forms of exploitation in migration cycle, and to promote safe, regular and orderly migration.
2. To identify common key issues and exchange experiences in solving those problems by strengthening collaboration to respond the issues on prevention, law enforcement and victim protection, as well as in respective country and at the destination country.

III. Tentative Programme:

**Second Technical Consultative Meeting among three sending countries, CLM,
on the Roles of Sending Countries
For
Strengthening Protection of At-Risk Migrants Against Forced Labour and Human
Trafficking**

*On 30-31 October 2019
At Sokhalay Angkor Hotel, Siem Reap City, Cambodia*

Time	Description	Remarks
At 18:30 to 20:00, evening, on 29 th October 2019: Welcome Dinner for the three Country Delegations will be held at the Restaurant (Hosted by NCCT)		
Day 1: On 30 th October, 2019		
08:30 – 09:00	Registration	
09:00 – 9:45	<p>Session 1: Opening session of the Meeting at Sokhalay Angkor Hotel, Siem Reap.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome remarks by Her Excellency Chou Bun Eng, Permanent Vice Chairperson of the National Committee for Countering Trafficking in persons, NCCT), Cambodia - Key interests by EU Representative* - Key Interests by IOM Representative** - Opening Speech by Samdech Krolahome Sar Kheng, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of the Ministry of Interior, Chairperson of the National Committee for Counter Trafficking in persons, NCCT, Cambodia; - Adoption of the agenda 	*, ** need to be confirmed
09:45 – 10:15	<p>Group photos with Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of the Ministry of Interior, Chairperson of NCCT</p> <p>Tea break</p>	
10:15 - 12:00	<p>Session 2: Panels</p> <p>Panel 1 : Laws, policies and Collaboration</p> <p>Current migration situation in Thailand, provision of regularization process (legal documents provision, challenges and gaps, the rest of issues faced at risk migrants, and the impact of the law enforcement by Thai authority.</p> <p><i>Moderator – Representative from Lao PDR, ...</i></p> <p><i>Panellists</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ministry of Labor and Vocational Training, Cambodia 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lao PDR Representative - Myanmar Representative <p>Moderated by the ministry of Women's Affairs, Cambodia.</p> <p>Panel/Open discussion among members</p> <p>Documentation</p> <p>NCCT, UN-ACT</p>	confirmed all resource persons.
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch break	Sokhalay Angkor
13:30 – 15:30	<p>Session 2</p> <p>Panel 2: Experiences or best practices in prevention and management of irregular flow of migration:</p> <p>Gaps and challenges of Protection Mechanisms, Policy and Labour Migration Governance Frameworks in responding to at-risk migration, with particular among unskilled and low skilled workers, for seasonal and daily work and beyond.</p> <p><i>Moderator – Representative from Cambodia,</i></p> <p><i>Panellists</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - COMMIT Taskforce, Lao PDR - COMMIT Taskforce, Myanmar - UN-ACT <p>Panel/Open discussion among members</p> <p>Documentation</p> <p>NCCT, ILO</p>	To be confirmed
15:30 – 15:45	Tea break	
15:45: - 17:15	<p>Session 3: Group discussions (1)</p> <p>Divide participants by groups for discussing on:</p> <p>key challenges/issues faced:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protection of at-risk migrant mechanism or system 2. Prevention 3. Law Enforcement and justice procedures 4. Victims Protection <p>Presentation key results by group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify common key challenges and issues to be solved collectively among three countries; <p>Co-facilitated by Lao PDR representative and Her Excellency Hou Samith, Head of COMMIT Taskforce Cambodia.</p> <p>Documentation:</p> <p>NCCT, IOM</p>	
17:00 – 19:00	<p>Appoint a Special group for drafting minutes.</p> <p>Key persons from NCCT Cambodia, and appointees of other 2 countries</p>	



	And voluntary partners.	
Day 2: On 31th October, 2019		
8:30 – 8:45	Recap the day 1 Mr. Ek Sam Ol, IOM Cambodia	
8:45 – 10:00	<p>Session 3: Group discussions (2):</p> <p>To identify common key solutions to be responded collectively to address the roles of sending and receiving countries on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protection of at-risk migrant mechanism or system 2. Prevention 3. Law enforcement and justice 4. Victims Protection <p>Presentations by group and discuss,</p> <p>Co-facilitated by Myanmar Representative and Her Excellency Chou Bun Eng, Permanent Vice Chairperson of NCCT, Cambodia.</p> <p>Documentation: NCCT, IOM</p>	
10:00 – 10:15	Tea break	
10:15 – 11:15	<p>Special group for drafting minutes and draft joint solutions.</p> <p>Submit to the Heads of delegations to review in advance;</p> <p>Session 5: Adoption and signing</p> <p>Chair's Summary</p> <p>Sharing draft joint resolutions,</p> <p>Adoption the meeting minutes, and signing session, by the Heads of the Three Delegations.</p>	
11.15 – 11.45	<p>Session 6: Closing session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remarks of the Representative of Lao PDR Delegation - Remarks of the Representative of Myanmar Delegation - Closing remarks by Her Excellency Chou Bun Eng, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Interior, Vice Chairperson of the National Committee for Counter Trafficking in persons, Cambodia 	
11.45	Lunch break	Sokhalay Angkor
Afternoon	<p>Private business:</p> <p>Sightseeing/visit/Own business</p>	
	Farewell dinner, hosted by the National Committee for Counter Trafficking in persons (NCCT).	Sokhalay Angkor

(This tentative agenda will be improved as requested or required.)

IV. Logistic info.:

On behalf of the National Committee for Countering Trafficking in persons, NCCT, Cambodia, and co-organizers, I wish to highlight some practical information regarding your upcoming trip to Siemreap, Cambodia, the wonderful cultural City where located Angkor Wat, World Heritage Temple and other marvellous cultural heritages, where the Meeting is organized :

1. Entry Visa

As we are from the ASEAN countries, the entry visa is not required for the short- time stay.

Please inform us the travel agenda, our staff will welcome you at the airport upon arrival and accompany you to the Hotel.

If you need assistance at this stage, please contact us by calling (855) 12 771158; or (855) 92 818145.

2. Cost expenses:

Please remember that, organizers will cover expenses only for meeting arrangement including logistic, venues, hotel rooms, welcome and farewell dinners for delegates, 2 time lunches during meeting, snacks, sight visit arrangement,...etc; however the air tickets, travel outside of Cambodia, and other extra costs will be requested to be covered by participants.

3. Hotel Information

A room (bed and breakfast) has been reserved for you at the [Sokhalay Angkor Hotel](#) for the three nights of 29, 30 and 31 October 2019, to be paid by National Committee for Counter Trafficking in persons, NCCT. Check-in time is from 14:00 to 23:00 and check-out is no later than 12:00 (noon). Simply present your passport at the reception desk when you check-in.

If you need to know more about the hotel arrangement, please contact us by calling (855) 77 377 500, or via email: vanna.chheng@gmail.com

Note:

- Please inform us the list of participants or resource persons prior the meeting day so that we can arrange services for you properly, by email: vanna.chheng@gmail.com
- The Head of Delegation, resource persons or presenters appointed and delegates shall be required the brief biography (2 or 3 paragraph) and his or her photo for keeping as documentation.

(Your participation is very important and valued)

