

Making the most of migration in Cambodia: What role for public policies?

Launch of the report,
Interrelations between Public Policies, Migration and Development in Cambodia

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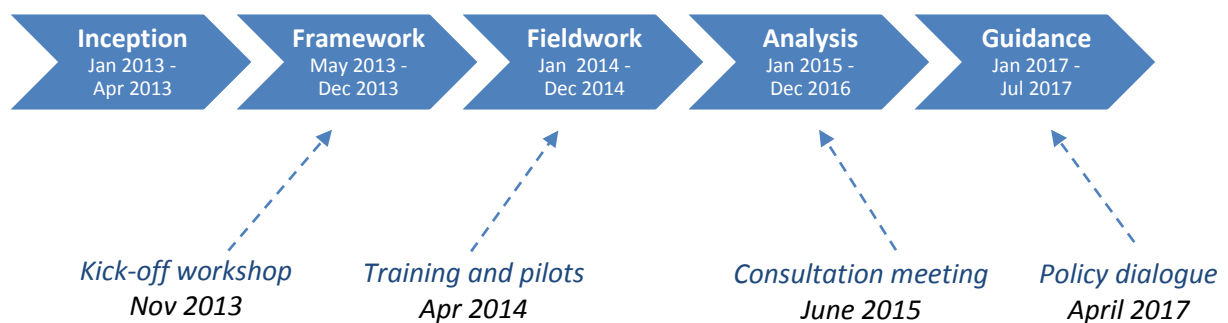
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The *Interrelations between Public Policies, Migration and Development (IPPMD) in Cambodia* is the result of a project co-financed by the EU Thematic Programme on Migration and Asylum and carried out by the OECD Development Centre in ten partner countries: Armenia, Burkina Faso, **Cambodia**, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, the Dominican Republic, Georgia, Haiti, Morocco and the Philippines.

The project in Cambodia aims to provide policy makers with empirical evidence on the way migration influences specific policy sectors – the labour market, agriculture, education, investment and financial services – and, in turn, how sectoral policies affect migration. The report on Cambodia addresses three dimensions of the migration cycle: emigration, remittances and return.

The IPPMD project in Cambodia was carried out in close collaboration with the Ministry of Interior and the CDRI. It provides **empirical evidence** on the interrelations between public policies and migration based on **quantitative and qualitative fieldwork**.

Project timeline in Cambodia



This event will serve as a platform for a dialogue between policy makers and representatives from academia, civil society and international organisations. The launch specifically aims to:

- Share and discuss the findings and policy recommendations of the IPPMD project with a focus on Cambodia, but in a comparative perspective. This will highlight what lessons other countries can gain from the Cambodian experience and what Cambodia can learn from other countries;
- Explore how the findings and recommendations of the research project can be translated into concrete action plans that integrate migration into key sectoral policies in Cambodia and its national development strategies.

Agenda

Thursday, 27 April 2017

08:00 – 08:30	Registration
08:30 – 09:00	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Fiona Ramsey, Head of Cooperation, European Union to the Kingdom of Cambodia - Dr. Chhem Rethy, Executive Director, CDRI - H.E. Ngy Chanphal, Secretary of State, Ministry of Interior
09:00 – 10:00	<p>Session 1: Official launch of the IPPMD reports in Cambodia</p> <p><i>Chair : H.E. Ngy Chanphal</i>, Secretary of State, Ministry of Interior</p> <p><i>Presenter :</i> Dr. David Khoudour, Head of Migration and Skills Unit, OECD Development Centre</p> <p><u><i>Focus of the session :</i></u> <i>This session marks the official launch of the IPPMD comparative report and Cambodia report. The reports aim to provide policy makers with evidence on the untapped development potential embodied in migration and the role of a range of sectoral policies in realising this potential. Three dimensions of migration, namely emigration, remittances and return migration, will be discussed.</i></p>
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee break

<p>10:30 – 12:00</p>	<p>Session 2: Public policies, migration and development in Cambodia: What have we learnt?</p> <p><i>Chair</i> : Mr. Hay Younell, Ministry of Interior</p> <p><i>Presenter</i> :</p> <p>Mr. Vutha Hing, CDRI Ms. Hyeslin Park, OECD Development Centre</p> <p><i>Discussants</i> :</p> <p>H.E. San Vathana, Council for Agriculture and Rural Development Mr. Chan Sophal, Director, Centre for Policy Studies Mr. Veth Vorn, National Project Coordinator, International Labour Organization</p> <p><i>Focus of the session</i> :</p> <p><i>This session will focus on the interrelations between migration and sectoral policies by looking closely at four sectors: labour market, agriculture, education and investment and financial services. The IPPMD findings demonstrate that, while migration influences each sector in different ways (through emigration, remittances and return migration), policies in those sectors can enable or deter emigration, change remittance patterns and create conditions that bring back migrants to the country.</i></p>
<p>12:00 – 13:30</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>13:30 – 14:45</p>	<p>Session 3: Integrating migration into Cambodia’s development planning: What priorities?</p> <p><i>Moderator</i> : Mr. Vathana Roth, CDRI</p> <p><i>Break-out session</i></p> <p>Group 1 : Active labour market policies and migration Group 2 : Education programmes and migration Group 3 : Agricultural subsidies and migration Group 4 : Investment policies and migration</p>
<p>14:45 – 15:00</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>

<p>15:00 – 16:15</p>	<p>Session 4: High-level panel – Moving towards action</p> <p><i>Moderator : Ms. Fiona Ramsey, Head of Cooperation, European Union to the Kingdom of Cambodia</i></p> <p><u>Reporting from the break-out session</u></p> <p><i>Panel :</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Senior representative from the Ministry of Agriculture</i> <i>Senior representative from the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training</i> <i>High-level representative from the Ministry of Rural Development</i> <p><u><i>Focus of the session :</i></u></p> <p><i>This session will report concrete actions that are recommended by each group from the previous breakout session. The panel members are invited to react and respond to the proposed actions and outline what they consider to be the policy priority in Cambodia and their take-away messages from the IPPMD launch event.</i></p>
<p>16:15 – 16:30</p>	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. David Khoudour, OECD Development Centre - H.E. Chou Bun Eng, the Permanence Vice Chair of National Committee for Counter Trafficking and the Secretary of State of The Ministry of Interior
<p>16:30 –</p>	<p>Cocktail</p>