



## **PONLOK CHOMNES: DATA AND DIALOGUE FOR DEVELOPMENT IN CAMBODIA**

### **Ponlok Chomnes National Policy Forum (NPF)**

Meaningful Dialogue, Inclusive Policymaking

### **Call for Abstract of a Policy Brief**

#### **ABOUT PONLOK CHOMNES**

The Asia Foundation, with the support from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, is implementing a four-year program (2019-2023), Ponlok Chomnes: Data and Dialogue for Development in Cambodia. The program aims to strengthen the capacity of knowledge sector institutions to broaden their networks and undertake quality research that informs public policy analysis and dialogue in Cambodia.

#### **ABOUT PONLOK CHOMNES NATIONAL POLICY FORUM**

In Cambodia, various research studies have been produced by local research institutes/think tanks, non-government organizations, and government institutions to inform decisions and policies that respond to the country's needs, particularly in the context of COVID-19. This crisis has made the task of developing highly effective public policies and government programs even more critical than ever. Timely data, evidence, and analysis are vital in this situation. They can enable policymakers and development partners to make better decisions and achieve better outcomes on health security, social stability and inclusion, and economic resilience. The government has demonstrated an openness to evidence-informed approaches during the pandemic, a trend that the Ponlok Chomnes: Data and Dialogue for Development in Cambodia program aims to support.

Subsequently, Ponlok Chomnes' Core Partners and Emerging Research Partners have conducted various pieces of research that examine the impacts of Covid-19 on various sectors in Cambodia, including education, tourism, urban issue, garment, economic, and others. The research provides on-the-ground and timely data and contributes towards an increased and deeper understanding of the actual impacts of the pandemic on citizens as well as vulnerable groups.

In late November 2021, The Asia Foundation will organize the Ponlok Chomnes National Policy Forum. This forum will be a platform for knowledge producers such as think tanks, academia, researchers and other non-traditional research organizations to showcase their findings, discuss,

exchange knowledge and network with knowledge users, including policy makers and policy practitioners from state and non-state organizations who need knowledge to inform their policymaking.

### **CALL FOR ABSTRACT OF A POLICY BRIEF**

The National Policy Forum invites *young policy researchers, academicians, and analysts from government and non-government institutions* to submit an abstract of a policy brief discussing a policy issue and solutions in Cambodia. The submitted abstract will be reviewed and selected to be presented at the Ponlok Chomnes' National Policy Forum.

Topic: the topic for the abstract must be related to several themes below:

- Cambodia's post-COVID-19 recovery;
- Cambodia's foreign policy and/or international relations;
- ASEAN and regional issues;
- Social protection challenges; and other emerging issues.

Call for Abstract Instructions:

- The abstract must be between 300 to 500 words that contains the following information:
  - Title
  - Author's name
  - Contact information
  - Keywords
  - The Abstract
- The abstract must present a brief analysis and policy recommendation that addresses the themes mentioned above.

Submission of the Policy Brief:

- Once shortlisted, the applicant must submit a 1,500-2,000 word policy brief, excluding footnotes, graphs, tables, and references.
- The policy brief must contain the following sections such as:
  - Title
  - Background and objectives
  - Significance of the policy brief
  - Analysis method
  - Findings
  - Policy implications/options/recommendations
  - Conclusion
  - References
  - The author might also consider including tables, graphics, and pictures in the policy brief.
- The language of the policy brief can be written either in English or Khmer.

*\*Policy briefs which are in draft form, or unpublished, are acceptable.*

Benefits:

- The applicants will have the opportunity to present their policy brief and engage with policymakers, policy practitioners, and researchers in Ponlok Chomnes National Policy Forum;
- The applicants will have a chance to receive feedback from a technical expert and editor on their policy brief;
- The applicants' policy brief will be published as part of a collection of papers published for the National Policy Forum.

#### How to Apply:

- Interested candidates may submit their abstract, CV, and kindly fill this form, using this link: <https://forms.gle/jMZYWx9yAy7iQXzA6>.
- For more questions, please contact us at #59, Oknha Peich (Street 242) Phnom Penh, Cambodia; Email: [ponlokchomnes@asiafoundation.org](mailto:ponlokchomnes@asiafoundation.org); Tel: +855 (0)23 210 431.
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  - Twitter Page: <https://twitter.com/PonlokChomnes>
  - LinkedIn Page: <https://bit.ly/2UVJiYO>
- Please submit your application no later than 17 October 2021 at 23:59 (Cambodia Time). Only shortlisted applicants be notified.

#### **TIMELINE**

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
Call for Abstract Submission	24 September 2021 – 17 October 2021
Applications Review	18 October 2021 – 22 October 2021
Successful applicants notified	22 October 2021
Policy Brief Submission	25-31 October 2021
1 <sup>st</sup> Round of Feedback	1-10 November 2021
Submission of Presentation Slides and Revised Policy Brief	10-17 November 2021
Policy Brief Presentation	24 November 2021
2 <sup>nd</sup> Round of Feedback and Language Editing	18 November 2021 – 2 December 2021
Final Publication	3 December 2021