

NEWSLETTER SECOND QUARTER APRIL - JUNE 2025

Ponlok Chomnes' Events

The **Ponlok Chomnes Sharing Session #2** on the Overview of Cambodia's Nationally Determined Contribution 3.0 (NDC 3.0), held on 9 May 2025, enhanced stakeholders' understanding of Cambodia's NDC 3.0 process while gathering inputs to inform climate policy. Bringing together government officials, development partners, researchers, and civil society, the session fostered collaboration and opportunities for more inclusive, evidence-based engagement in climate action.



Ponlok Chomnes Learning Event, held on 21 May 2025, brought together a broad range of relevant stakeholders, including program partners, Technical Steering Committee, GEDSI Consortium, and marginalised communities, to reflect on progress and identify ways to strengthen the program. Through Ignite Talks, an interactive exhibition fair, real-time surveys, and thematic deep-dive discussions, participants shared achievements, challenges, and effective strategies for evidence-based, inclusive policy engagement. Feedback gathered during the event will inform program adaptation and guide future collaboration, advancing the goal of making evidence-informed and inclusive policymaking in Cambodia.



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Ponlok Chomnes Sharing Session #3: Australia's International Development Landscape in 2025, held on 30 May 2025, convened program partners to discuss Australia's updated international development priorities and their impact on Cambodia. Partners gained insights into the new Development Partnership Plan and explored ways for Cambodian organisations to align with its focus on locally led development, GEDSI, and climate action. The session's outcomes will guide future collaboration to maximise Australia's aid effectiveness in Cambodia.



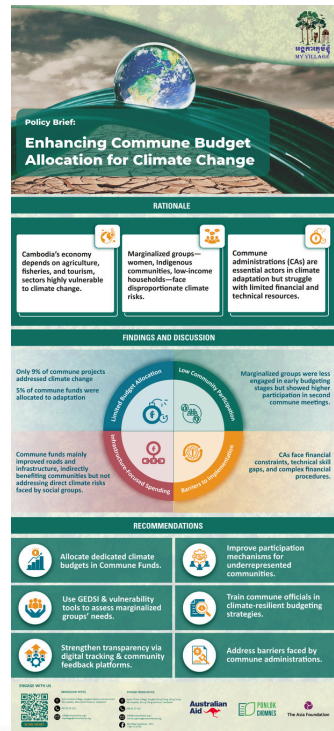
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Publication

Ponlok Chomnes Program is delighted to share the newly released policy brief on **“Enhancing Commune Budget Allocation for Climate Change”**, developed by My Village Organization, Ponlok Chomnes Innovation Partner.

This policy brief is grounded in research conducted in Stung Treng Province, which analyses current commune budget allocation practices, the participation of underrepresented groups in budgeting processes, and the impacts of climate change on these communities. It also identifies key challenges faced by local administrations in allocating funds for climate initiatives. The findings offer practical insights for strengthening inclusive and climate-responsive local governance.

View the full policy brief [here](#).

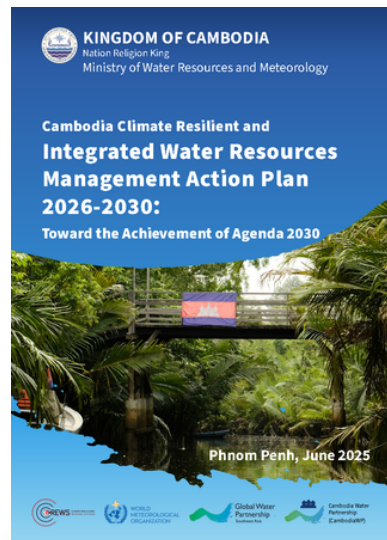


Policy Updates from Ministries

The Ministry of Environment released a declaration on the classification of development projects for environmental impact assessment, dated 06 May 2025. (Source: Ministry of Environment)

Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology launched the Cambodia Climate Resilient and Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) Action Plan 2026-2030, dated 19 June 2025. (Source: Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology)

Royal Government of Cambodia released the Law on Fisheries, dated 28 June 2025. (Source: Royal Government of Cambodia)



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